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By Henry Mwangonde

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday caught many travelers by surprise after she unexpectedly entered MV Kilimanjaro IV, a passenger boat, ready for the Dar es Salaam trip from Zanzibar.

The move has been described as surprising taking into account that it was the first time for a sitting Head of State to make the channel via passenger boat rather than quick transit by air.

President Samia left the Isles aboard the vessel at Malindi port where she was seen greeting fellow passengers before the boat took off. Those on board were soon overwhelmed with excitement for the unique experience of

travelling with the president.

In the boat, the president was seen exchanging views with passengers, including tourists transiting to sightseeing on the Mainland.

Some passengers had earlier noticed that there was tight security in the boat when it was getting prepared for the trip, a few minutes before the president boarded the vessel.

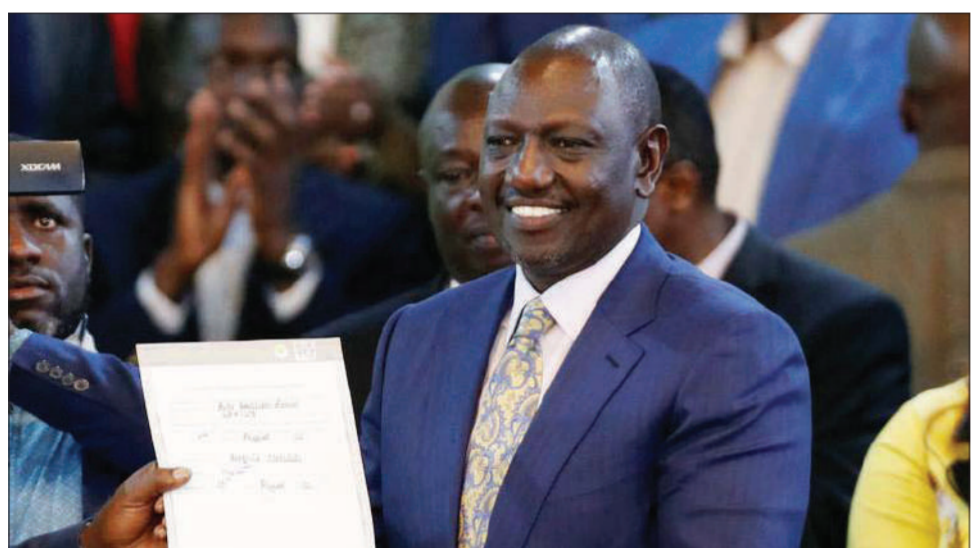
One of the youthful passengers narrated this perplexity which was followed by relief. "I never expected this to happen in my life," he enthused.

Ally Mohammed Abeid, manager for the Azam Marine transport firm, said the booking was done early last week, on Monday, August 29 seeking a ticket for a top level official they did not name, and



President Samia Suluhu Hassan exchanges greetings with other passengers at Malindi Port in Zanzibar yesterday upon departure for Dar es Salaam by MV Kilimanjaro 4. Photo: State House

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Ruto vows goodwill to Kenyatta, Odinga

Rejects 'handshake' politics, wants accountable government

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HOURS after Kenya's Supreme Court upheld the victory of former Deputy President William Ruto (pictured) in the August 9 presidential election, the president elect was fulsome in a goodwill gesture to his two adversaries in a rally cum press conference at his Karen rural home.

Rejecting a number of petitions brought by challenger Raila Odinga, the top court was unanimous in delivering its verdict at midday yesterday, pronounced by Chief Justice Martha Koome, heading the seven-member court panel.

"We declare the election of the president-elect to be valid," she said.

On August 15, Ruto was declared the winner of the ballot by Wafula Chebukati, the head of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC), quoting his poll margin as 50.4 percent of the vote, with Odinga earning 48.8 percent.

In a dramatic split just before the announcement of the results, four of the seven commissioners disowned the result.

The chief justice affirmed that apart from their eleventh-hour denunciation of the verification process, "the four

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Mwinyi decries looting of funds, ZAECA deficiencies

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has expressed his dismay over the billions of shillings stolen from the government, pledging to appoint a new director for the Zanzibar Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Authority (ZAECA).

In a press conference at the State House here yesterday, the president praised outgoing director Ahmed Makarani who tendered his resignation a few days ago.

He said the former ZAECA director demonstrated accountability by moving to resign his position in view of the deep weaknesses exhibited by the anti-graft agency.

After appointing the new director, he will entrust him with a specific assignment which includes handing him the annual report of

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Zanzibar Controller and Auditor General (CAG) to take appropriate measures, he said.

The government has lost a lot of money which has to be returned and legal steps be taken against all the culprits named in the CAG Report, the president intoned.

What contained in the CAG report was entirely true, he stated, underlining that there are things that contribute to routine embezzlement of funds.

Some of the factors are the nondisclosure of CAG reports in the past, in which case transparency will now be the rule in the submission of annual reports from the CAG, he stated.

Other factors include weaknesses on the part of government officials, he further noted, pointing at this element that "this is why the

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Nine to appear before Ethics Tribunal today

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

AT LEAST nine government officials are scheduled to appear before the Ethics Tribunal today over allegations of misuse of office and misconduct breaching the code of ethics for civil servants.

Justice Sivangilwa Mwangesi (pictured), the head of the Ethics Commission, said in a statement yesterday that the nine submitted the complaints to the tribunal for open hearing and investigations over the listed allegations.

The Ethics Secretariat is an autonomous department of the government under the



President's Office, established under Article 132 of the 1977 Constitution, to oversee observance of the Public Leadership Code of Ethics Act, No. 13 of 1995 touching on ethical behavior and conduct of public officials.

Such declarations, made at the end of each year, are supposed to be a good indicator of a leader's integrity despite arguments by critics that the legal precepts are flawed in many ways.

They argue that the law does not oblige leaders to publicly declare their wealth in which case what is contained in the forms remains as secret of the secretariat.

Members of the public are welcome to sit in the open ethics tribunal investigations hearing scheduled for September 6 to 12, at the regional secretariat conference hall, to hear the rare proceedings as the last time the Ethics Commission lodged allegations to the Ethics Tribunal was back in 2015.

The Ethics Secretariat is charged with

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then paid for the ticket on Saturday. "They booked for VIP royal seats and economy class but at the entrance, the president and her team went through normal screening and later requested to visit other passengers," he said. "We're happy to be the first boat to transport the president, this is a big credit."

He said other leaders ought to embrace what the president has done and shun from using flights all the time. Veteran journalist and blogger Majid Mjengwa said the decision by the president to use passenger boat transport translates as trying to understand the challenges that people encounter on the ground.

"We understand a leader on a platform but president Samia is telling us something different about herself via the photos we have seen today," the blogger noted.

Soon after the State House posted the photos twitter page, various internet enthusiasts were gushing with appreciation on the gesture by President Samia, noting that its being emulated by government officials would cut costs of their routine between Zanzibar and Dar es Salaam.

"This is the way to go," said Abel Makunga, one of the commentators, urging others to follow what the president has done

'Chollo Master,' another commentator, said the move by the president Samia to take a boat to Dar shows the kind of attachment she has for the people, ready to share with them their daily environment, indicating sympathy for the challenges they face.

"The president is acting as a mother, showing love to the people she is leading, this is commendable. Let us

support our president to deliver what she has for Tanzanians," he said.

Most of those who commented on the photo looked surprised by the move, saying the president has gone beyond the standards set by previous Heads of State who never crossed the Zanzibar Channel by boat.

Record shows the only foreign president who has ever traveled to Zanzibar using a boat was German President Joachim Gauck, on a one day tour in the Isles during an official visit to Tanzania in 2015.

At that time the boat trip sparked debate among a section of concerned people, with approval sentiments clearly registered, that the German leader's gesture was worth emulating by our leaders.

The president has just officiated at the climax of the Kizimkazi Festival Week, her birthplace and immediate community who were overjoyed to spend the day with the president.

She promoted the event as a major annual tourism promotion event that offers abundant opportunities for investments and networking.

Kizimkazi village is now a centre of attraction in the wake of 'The Royal Tour' documentary, and is among various spots countrywide reveling with sixth phase hospitality and scaling up the potential for investments especially in the blue economy sector.



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commissioners have not shown any evidence that the election was compromised."

The court found no evidence that the results had been tampered via hacking of the IEBC servers, as alleged by advocates of the losing candidate.

The decision paves the way for Ruto, 55, to be sworn in as Kenya's fifth

president in the coming days.

Ruto was running mate in the 2013 and 2017 general elections to outgoing President Uhuru Kenyatta, but the duo fell out in 2018 after an unexpected truce between the president and his erstwhile archrival Odinga, after the latter was in a surreptitious manner 'sworn in' by his followers as 'alternative president of the people of Kenya,' signaling potential unrest.

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funds get lost," elaborating that the tax collection system is defective due to the lack of accountability.

He vowed to make sure he finds a solution to these deficiencies given their prevalence as shown in the CAG report, as well as taking steps against

all those involved.

Those touched in relation to all the money embezzled should be held to account, he said, tasking the Director of Public Prosecution to be firm and take them to court to mete out justice.

All queries raised by the CAG must be followed up in-depth and appropriate steps taken, the president added.

Makamba in Netherlands for the Africa Adaptation Summit

By Guardian Reporter

ENERGY Minister January Makamba yesterday represented President Samia Suluhu Hassan at the Africa Adaptation Summit hosted by the Global Center on Adaptation in Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

The Global Center on Adaptation is hosting the summit in collaboration with the African Union, the African Development Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the Africa Adaptation Initiative, and the Climate Vulnerable Forum.

The meeting aims to persuade development partners, financial institutions and the private sector, and friends of Africa to contribute funds to the African Program which requires \$25 billion by 2025. The African Development Bank has contributed \$12.5 billion

This meeting is being held as part of the preparations for the meeting of the 27 member countries of the

Convention on the Change of Country Behavior, which is expected to be held in November this year in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, where the issue of supporting changes in the Country's Behavior for Africa is one of the important agenda of the meeting.

In the Meeting, Makamba met with world leaders, heads of institutions, and various organizations and discussed with them various opportunities including the best way for Tanzania to benefit from the Africa adaptation acceleration program (AAAP) which will speed up the country's plans in response to disasters including uviko19, drought, hunger, youth employment, and floods.

The meeting was led by the President of the Republic of Senegal and the Chairman of the African Union together with Hon. Macky Sally, and the retired Secretary General of the United Nations, also the Chairman of the Climate Change Center (GCA) Ban Ki-Moon.



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi holds talks at Zanzibar State House yesterday with delegations led by Controller and Auditor General Charles Kichere (4th-L, seated - front row) and Zanzibar Controller and Auditor General Dr Othman Abass Ali (3rd-L, seated - front row) . Photo: Zanzibar State House

ACT to establish unit to strengthen accountability in Z'bar - committee

By Guardian Reporter

THE National Executive Committee of the opposition ACT-Wazalendo has reached a resolution to establish a special department within the party so as to monitor and supervise accountability of the Zanzibar government.

The party's deputy secretary for Ideology, Publicity and Public Communications, Janeth Rithe said this in Dar es Salaam yesterday when speaking to reporters on various resolutions reached by the party's

national executive committee at its meeting conducted on September 4.

According to her, the committee has agreed to create an alternative policy so as to improve efficiency of the government.

She said the meeting aimed to go through and approve the party's internal elections schedule at branch, ward, constituency, regional and national level which is set to be conducted in March 2023 to 2024.

"The committee also instructed the party's sectoral spokespersons to continue raising voices on

several areas that affects people's development which include multi-levies, human rights violation acts in prisons, the ongoing challenges of the national health insurance as well as the importance of social security and transformation in the Police Force," she said.

Rithe said the party has also approved a policy for petty traders (Machingas) which focuses on working on several challenges facing the group and policy measures needed to overcome the same.

She said the committee also

emphasised on the importance of the party to invest in digital systems as well as construction of offices in the regions of Tabora, Katavi, Kigoma, Shinyanga, Pwani, Lindi, Mtwara, and all party's regions in Zanzibar.

Rithe further informed that the committee approved the appointment of six members of the council including: Ally Abdullah Saleh, Mkunga Hamad Sadalla, Suleiman Said Bungara, Nyangaki Shilungushela, Rehema Khamis Haji and Pendo Dominick Manyanya.

The committee also approved the appointment of two members of the national ethics committee, including Chairman-Ussi Khamis Haji and Juma Khamis Juma who is a member. Others are the deputy secretary of the Zanzibar Youth Wing, Mohamed Khamis Bussara.



Vice President Dr Philip Mpango (L) exchanges greetings with Rwandan Foreign Affairs minister Vincent Biruta yesterday shortly after jetting into Kigali International Airport to represent President Samia Suluhu Hassan at the four-day (Sept 5 to 9) Africa Green Revolution Forum (AGRF) 22. AGRF is the world's premier forum for African agriculture, bringing together stakeholders in the agricultural landscape to take practical actions and share lessons designed to move African agriculture forward. This 12th annual summit is held in the Rwandan under the theme 'Grow, Nourish, Reward - Bold Actions for Resilient Food Systems'. Photo: VPO

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promoting and enforcement of ethical principles and ethics as obligatory requirements for all government officials in the course

of duty as per the Public Leadership Code.

The principles are meant to enhance public confidence in the integrity of public officials in the course of government decision making

processes, with the need to declare assets and liabilities being stipulated in the Public Leadership Code enshrined in the Ethics Act.

The Union President is embedded with the power to take disciplinary

measures against public officials failing to submit their forms, including severe reprimand, demotion, suspension, summary dismissal, prosecution or any other measure deemed fit.



Internews Tanzania senior programmes officer Victoria Rowan (R) makes a presentation on gender issues at a seminar for journalists held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

The Benjamin Mkapa Hospital vows to continue fighting violence based on gender

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE Benjamin Mkapa hospital in Dodoma (BMH) has vowed to continue to building its capacity to tackle gender based violence, it has been revealed.

The BMH's Assistant Director of Training and Research, Hindu Ibrahim made the remarks at the hospital yesterday, noting that matters of gender-based violence should be advocated at all the times.

She was briefing journalists on a just ended training workshop on GBV for BMH's health practitioners, noting that the training would help BMH's medics to serve better victims of GBV while seeking medication at the BMH.

"This is the second time this year, our medics get training on Gender Based Violence (GBV) to improve service to victims of GBV," she said.

The training, which was sponsored by the World Health Organisation (WHO) in conjunction with the Health Ministry, drew its participants from every directorate in the BMH, the Zonal Referral Hospital.

Ibrahim said the training helps BMH's medics to easily identify cases of Gender Based Violence and play a pivotal role in evidence, adding that the training helps to curb cases of GBV in the Central Zone.

Reproductive Health and Children Programme Officer, Notgera Ngaoponda, informed that the government came up with the idea of training of GBV because of the problem to become serious in Lake Zone and Central Zone.

"The government came up with the idea of a training workshop at the BMH

after a recent demographic survey to show that the problem has become serious in the Central Zone regions," she said.

Ngaoponda explained that the demographic survey found out that children were main victims of GBV and that the GBV stands at 78 per cent presently.

Focal Person of WHO, Marry Kessy, said WHO supports training programmes on GBV in order to curb the problem in the country, saying WHO supports such programmes to the countries that entered international agreement to protect children.

In Tanzania, 40 percent of all women aged 15-49 years have experienced physical violence, while 17 percent have experienced sexual violence, according World Bank Group report.

Of women aged 15-49, 44 percent have experienced either physical or sexual violence by an intimate partner. Spousal violence prevalence is highest in rural areas, averaging 52 percent while the prevalence in urban areas averages 45 percent. Almost 30 percent of girls experience sexual violence before the age of 18.



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Two-month window of amnesty to surrender weapons voluntarily

Jumanne Sagini, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs has called on Tanzanians who are in illegal possession of firearms to use the two-month window of amnesty provided by the government to surrender the weapons voluntarily at police stations, streets and villages governments' offices in rural areas.

Sagini made the remarks yesterday in Dodoma as he launched a special campaign for voluntarily surrendering illegal firearms within the two-month amnesty window provided under the Slogan "Silaha haramu sasa basi, Salimisha kwa hiari".

Sagini said the widespread of illegal firearms has been the cause of deaths

in various areas countrywide due to their bad use of owners thereof most of who do not know how to use them.

The Deputy Minister added that in the two-month period if no one surrenders his/her weapon will be arrested as the arrangement is backed by law and government has sanctioned it in order to collect weapons owned illegally.

For his part, IGP Camillus Wambura said Tanzania has signed various international protocols aimed at

stopping the widespread of small arms whereby every year every year it comes up with a procedure to provide amnesty to people owning them illegally.

IGP Wambura further said thereafter, the firearms will be collected and openly destroyed to make the community recognize government's efforts in collaboration with other stakeholders in controlling the widespread of small arms.

For his part, the Representative from

the Regional Centre on Small Arms (RECSA) for Great lakes countries, Dr Philip Ouma praised Tanzania for continuing implementing RECSA's resolutions for control of small and light weapons, which has made the area to continue being safe.

The launching was attended by various government officials, civil societies' organisations, religious leaders, street and Villages executives and the general public from various areas of Dodoma.

Z'bar govt inks agreement for Karume airport Terminal IV feasibility studies

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR Ministry of Works, Communications and Transport has signed an agreement with Bouygues, a French contracting firm to undertake feasibility studies for the construction of a new terminal building (Terminal 4) at Zanzibar Abeid Karume airport.

The signing even was held at the ministry's offices here at the weekend whereby the Ministry's Permanent Secretary, Khadija Khamis Rajabu represented the ministry while Bouygues managing director, Eric Fleurisson represented the firm

Speaking after the signing event, the Minister for

Works, Communications and Transport, Dr Khalid Salum Mohamed said the government decided to construct the new terminal building to solve the current passenger congestion at terminal 3.

The Minister said the cost of the feasibility studies to be done will not be met by the government, but will provide its experts who will collaborate with the French firm.

He added that the intention of the government is to have a terminal building to meet the volume of passengers for the next 20 years.

He said the Ministry plans to work on President Hussein Ali Mwinyi's advice in deeds in order to economically open up Zanzibar internationally through the infrastructure sector.

For his part, Bouygues Managing Director, Eric Fleurisson thanked the government for giving them the contract which displays the government trust on their firm.

He assured ministry's officials that they will work in haste and diligently in collaboration with ministry officials and those of the Zanzibar Airports Authority.



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The Minister said the cost of the feasibility studies to be done will not be met by the government, but will provide its experts who will collaborate with the French firm

Artisanal miners vow to cooperate in establishing their long-awaited bank

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

ARTISANAL miners in Tanzania said they are ready to cooperate with relevant authorities in establishment of the long-awaited bank for them.

Already the government has announced its plan to establish a bank for artisans and small scale miners which would provide affordable loans.

Speaking over the weekend, Salma Kundi, Executive Secretary Tanzania Women Miners Association (TAWOMA), said the decision by the government to establish the bank for them has come at the right time, calling for a speedy process.

She said many commercial banks provide a small amount of loans to small scale miners hence hinders development of the sector.

"The demand for loans is too high but the actual money that goes to the small-scale miners is not sufficient, hence the envisaged bank would act as a development bridge," she said.

Narrating she said many commercial banks do not clearly core activities of mining hence put less concern on the sector.

Elaborating, she said the number of borrowers from the mining sector who access loans in banks does not exceed five percent.

"There is a lot of cry on loans from the small-scale miners; most of them have failed to access it," she said.

She said most of the small scale miners do not have enough capital to run their activities which need expensive equipment.

The mining sector growth chart line is in ascendance with the industry's worth of revenues each year, according to the latest records.

The Ministry of Minerals reveals that the mining sector is currently leading in foreign currency generation while its contribution to the country's GDP has also been upped from 7% to nearly 8%.

Once established the bank would provide loans at affordable interest rates to a good number of small scale miners hence stimulate economic growth of the country.

Tanzania is estimated to have more than 800,000 people engaged in mining activities most of them are small-scale miners scattered across the country.

TAWOMA officials said that they believe that once procedures for establishment of the bank start, they would be involved.

"We have not started procedures within our organisation but I believe officials from the Ministry of Energy and Federation of Miners Association of Tanzania (FEMATA) have already embarked on the initial stage," she added.

She also said Tawoma is in the process of establishing its own savings and credit cooperative society (Saccos) in November this year.

In February this year Vice President of Tanzania, Dr Philip Mpango told a mining forum that the idea is to establish a financial institution that is tailored in providing loans and other funding services to groups of small

scale miners.

"While the government is working to bring in the Mineral Bank, all the industry players, including banks, artisans and small-scale miners, should work hand in hand with the State Mining Corporation (STAMICO) to facilitate loans for miners," he was quoted as telling participants.

Salma commended efforts by the government to formalize small scale mining licence adding that the move would eradicate from extreme poverty.

She also said that the association is happy with the way their complaints are being addressed by the government, but has also called on the same to further its support particularly in purchasing mining equipment for its members.

Despite these efforts, small-scale miners are still facing a lot of challenges including use of outdated mining equipment which denies income to its members.

However, she hailed the government for supporting them to make sure that they play under fairgrounds.

"We thank the government for enacting a law which requires large scale miners to support us, this has minimised hatred between two parties," she added.

Speaking during a meeting with artisanal and small scale miners in July this year, the Minister for Minerals Dr Doto Biteko was quoted as affirming intention to make the country a world mineral commercial hub to attract investors into the sector, thus opening up more opportunities in the mining business.

He urged them to get ready for tapping into envisaged opportunities.

He said the ministry is on the right track in realising the goal of making Tanzania the mineral commercial hub, attributing current inflow of foreigners coming into Tanzania to learn how the country has managed to regulate the extractive industry with special focus on small scale miners.

Establishment of the bank would enable provision of affordable loans to borrowers hence help the country to reach a mid-sized economy within a short period.



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Radio One/Capital Radio director Deogratus Rweyunga (R) addresses journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday during the launch of a brand new car that will go to the winner of Supa Lottery, run by Radio One. He is with the head of ITV's Information Technology department, Moses Fumbuka. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

Govt plans 28 urban water projects worth USD500m

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE government has said 28 urban water projects costing USD 500 million to be implemented in various areas in the country will help to solve challenges regarding water shortages in both urban and rural areas.

The towns to benefit by the projects include Handeni, Muheza, Pangani, Kilwa Masoko, Newala, Ifakara, Chunya, Songea, Njombe and Lujewa.

Other towns are Makambako, Wang'ombe, Mafinga, Nanyumbu, Mpanda, Sikonge, Urambo, Kaliua, Singida, Manyoni, Chemba, Chamwino,

Kasulu, Kayanga, Geita, Rorya, Tarime and Chato.

A statement from the Water ministry issued by the Head of the Public Communications Department, Florence Temba, showed that nearly six million Tanzanians stand to benefit from these projects. "The water

project for the 28 urban areas is among major projects implemented by the government and is being facilitated by the USD 500 million in soft loan from India through Exim Bank and is aimed at relieving water buckets from the heads of Tanzania women," he said in the statement.

However, he said the contract for the project has been awarded to various firms, hoping that the work will be completed much earlier.

"The government's aim is that by 2025 the availability of water in rural areas should reach 85 per cent and 95 per cent in urban areas," he said.



Simanjoro legislator Christopher ole Sendeka (L) pictured at Losoito village in Naisinyai ward at the weekend inspecting a water tank built meant to benefit 2,204 residents of the area. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

Magufuli bridge building progress satisfies Kinana

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

CCM vice chairperson, Abdulrahman Kinana has been satisfied with the progress of the construction of the JP Magufuli Bridge at Kigogo-Busisi area that connects Mwanza and Geita regions.

Kinana made the remarks yesterday when inspected the bridge's construction in his official tour to review the implementation of the CCM election manifesto.

The bridge construction is to be completed by 2024 and the nation will have a landmark bridge.

"I am trying to recall if there is any other African nation with a long bridge such as this one. If this infrastructure is not the first then it is probably in the top three. I therefore congratulate all people who take part in building the bridge," he said.

Kinana also acknowledged the

construction workers lauding them for their work on the bridge after he was briefed on the progress of the construction which was at 51 per cent.

"You are doing a great job, and President Samia Suluhu Hassan has sent me to pass her regards and to tell you that she is waiting to be invited as the guest of honour in the opening of the bridge once it's complete," he said.

Consulting Engineer, Abulkarika Majuto said more efforts will be put in place to ensure the construction is completed within the allocated time frame highlighting that the bridge is 51 per cent complete.

Once completed, JP Magufuli Bridge will also connect the 1.66-kilometre roads to Sengerema and Misungwi districts which are divided by Lake Victoria through a road that cuts through Usagara, Sengerema and Geita.

ZASCO to buy seaweed at good price to boost farmers' incomes

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR Agro-seaweed Company (ZASCO) is set to buy two varieties of seaweed—spinousum and cotton at a higher price for the farmers to increase their incomes.

ZASCO executive director Dr Masoud Rashid Mohammed said over the weekend here that the price will be high compared to the current price in order to implement the government's mission to lift its people economically through the blue economy sector.

He said President Dr Hussein Ali

Mwinyi in the campaign made a promise to the farmers to raise them economically and find markets for them, so increasing the price is one of his promises. About the production of the crop, he said that for the year 2021 more than 10,000 tonnes were cultivated where the production was the biggest in 2015/2016 and 15,000 tonnes were cultivated.

Dr Mohammed asked the farmers to continue cultivating the crop and assured them that the company will buy the seaweed at a better price after the factory is completed.

"Now that the government has stopped the construction of a seaweed factory in Chamanagwe, its capacity is to process more than 30,000 tonnes of seaweed per year, so they should strive to cultivate more seaweed so that their factory does not fail and can't get enough seaweed," he said.

Chairman of the Association of Seaweed Farmers, Pavu Mcha Khamis advised the company when it buys seaweed to make sure it is clean and in good condition and seaweed farmers with his experience are building hope.

"They can take seaweed from the sea

well and take care of its beauty, but the day he went to sell it, he put a stone weighing more than five kilograms and stuck it in the middle of the seaweed. Now that's an observation that I advise the company to be careful when buying seaweed so that they don't get sold another dirty seaweed and another one that wants waste and things that are not needed," he advised.

He also advised the government not to spend a long time buying seaweed and instead to plan and buy the seaweed at a good price and the seaweed farmers to benefit from the crop.

KCMC congratulates German govt on its continued support

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

KILIMANJARO Christian Medical Centre (KCMC) Zonal Referral Hospital has commended the German government for its continued support to the facility in various initiatives aimed to improve provision of health services at the facility.

Dr Gileard Masenga, KCMC executive director made the appreciation recently here during the visit to the hospital by the German's deputy minister of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development Dr Bärbel Kofler.

According to him, a number of German organisations have been supporting the development of the hospital by implementing various projects.

"Through the Good Samaritan Foundation which runs the KCMC hospital, organisations from Germany have been partnering in several projects including those related to cancer treatment and also training programmes to some of our staff inside and outside the country; may I take

this opportunity to thank you for your support," he said.

Commenting on the future plans of the hospital, Prof Masenga said, they are working to establish a State-of-the-Art Cardiovascular Centre which will be offering a full range of treatments for children and adults with heart disease.

"The construction of the centre is scheduled to commence in January, 2023 where it is expected to cost more than \$4 billion; so far we have already collected a little bit more than 40 percent of the funds needed for the project," he noted.

He said the establishment of the centre will curb the burden of cardiac patients, especially those from the Northern Zone regions of Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Manyara and Tanga, who face challenges to travel as far as Dar es Salaam to seek medical treatment.

The German Deputy Minister of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development commended the government under President Samia Suluhu Hassan for the

great strides increasing the uptake of vaccines to fight Covid-19 pandemic.

"President Samia has been so helpful to facilitate and promote uptake of Covid-19 vaccine, this is commendable because by improving vaccine coverage, we extend protection to the bigger population and thus completely get rid of the disease," she said.

She also hailed the government of Tanzania and its people through various organizations for their efforts meant to fight Gender Based Violence and Violence against Children (GBV-VAC).

"Violence against women and children are among most of the challenging issues affecting human beings, therefore efforts which Tanzania is taking are very commendable, so continue strengthening efforts to address the challenge," she noted.

Dr Kofler commended the relationship between German and Tanzania which she said has played a big role in serving the people of the two countries including in the health sector.



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa in a group photo in Dodoma yesterday with masons and technicians involved in the construction of buildings meant to accommodate the Attorney General's headquarters in the national capital. He had just completed a tour of the new offices of various ministries in the city's Mtumba suburb. Photo: PMO

By Guardian Correspondent, Geita

Kinana asks MPs, councillors to hold the govt accountable

CCM Vice Chairman Abdulrahman Kinana has advised his party's Members of Parliament and councillors to be uncompromising with the government to ensure it implements its pledges in regard to development projects for the people.

Kinana made the remarks yesterday as he addressed CCM members meeting held at party offices here.

He said there were development projects on whose funds were allocated but later the funds were diverted to other areas.

"I am among the people who like to have MPs to be austere in regard to holding it to account.

"This party goes to polls, asks for votes, but government officials are there, whether you are still in the party or not, they are there permanently," he said.

He said in case things do not go right, it will be the party that gets punished at the polls, hence he beseeched them to be a bit firm with the government.

"The president is working great

effort and she is not alone, Tanzania is not her property, and in leadership she has to utilise state institutions, procedures, laws and regulations and policies, hence we should all help the president to make her succeed. You have just said that here in Geita, she has provided a lot of funds for development.

"She alone cannot accomplish everything, she needs help - parliament, house committees, local councils, DCs RCs, ministers should work on their side, we have a great responsibility," stressed Kinana.

"In the circumstances, here in Geita in regard to the road construction issue I have learnt, and in my visits in other regions I have come across these stalling projects, as after funds are allocated, they are diverted to other areas," he said.

He said he will sit with the Works Minister and ask him about the project

funds issue.

He added: "I was in Rukwa, Katavi, and now here It is the same story, even if complete funds are not available, provide part of it, or at least say clearly that the funds allocated for this or that project have been diverted to other more pressing projects, but don't stay mum.

He said in some regions, there are tarmac roads virtually everywhere, while in other regions it is not so."

In regard to land conflicts in Geita Region after receiving the Regional Commissioner's report, he said the issue was quite challenging and the RC asked the party to intervene.

"Quite true, we have to find a solution to the teaser as in every region I have visited; the land conflict is one of the nagging issues.

But he said in solving the issue he will have to discuss with the house lands committee.

Horn of Africa faces another failed rainy season

By Special Correspondent

THE United Nations (UN)'s weather agency has alerted the dire consequences of a fifth consecutive failed rainy season in the Horn of Africa region.

Ethiopia, Somalia and Kenya are already experiencing the worst drought in 40 years as the effects of climate change take hold.

"The biggest challenge here is the drought, most of the pans here have

dried and that means water is a big challenge resulting from the lack of rain for the last three years and more. That has led to many animals dying, food insecurity because most of the households are not able to access water," said Simon Nzioka, country director in Kenya for the Danish Refugee Council.

African countries are among the nations that are least to blame for global warming, accounting for less than four percent of global emissions

of carbon dioxide.

But they are also among the countries that are most exposed to climate impacts, such as worsening drought, floods and cyclones.

Last week, African countries met in Libreville in Gabon for Africa Climate Week to agree on a common push to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius. Last week's meeting was one of a series of meetings ahead of the COP27 in Sharm el-Sheik, Egypt, taking place from November 6 to 18.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Advisor for Digital Innovation in Pandemic Control

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 'Improving Health Care Provision in Tanzania' (IHCP) is looking to fill the position of Advisor for Digital Innovation in Pandemic Control (DIPC) in Tanzania and Malawi in collaboration with Digital Square and the Ministries of Health (MOH).

Duty station: Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
Fixed term contract

Responsibilities and Tasks

The advisor is expected to carry out the following tasks and services:

1. Professional advice

- * Nodal officer for DIPC project till the end of 2024, based on the agreed job description.
- * Plan, organize and supervise the implementation of the DIPC activities in Tanzania and Malawi according to the objectives of the program, in alignment with local implementation partner(s).
- * Advise the component leader and the DIPC project team as well as facilitate reporting to wards the commissioning parties (e.g., BMZ).
- * Strategy development for the DIPC project, especially with regard to long term impact and sustainability.
- * Project documentation for monitoring as well as impact evaluation through studies and research with internal and external partners.
- * Actively contribute and participate in meetings or working groups of relevant national as well regional implementation partners of DIPC, wherever relevant for implementation
- * Organize implementation relevant events and workshops.

2. Management and coordination

- * Plan, implement and monitor the execution of the project and steering of implementation partners including conducting on-site visits and workshops with partner at the national level, ensuring activities executed are in line with pre-agreed scope to achieve compliance with the DIPC indicators that it foresees, in accordance with the guidelines of those in charge of the GIZ office in Tanzania and Malawi as well as the DIPC team.
- * Prepare financial plans for project activities and manage project activities according to approved budgets
- * As designated by the head of the component, manage the financial and contractual processes of the project regarding the procurement of supplies and services and the elaboration of the grant agreement, in accordance with GIZ and national standards.
- * Formulation of project action plans and synchronizing the planning and budgeting system and its counterparts

3. Networking and cooperation

- * Develop a cooperation network with key stakeholders, including the preparation of formal cooperation agreements with project partners (i.e. agreements)
- * In coordination with the leader of the GIZ health program/component of Tanzania and Malawi and DIPC team represent the GIZ project focal area or sector to clients, government agencies and political actors in the country, as well as in the DC community, and support the development of strategies when necessary.
- * Participate in the exchange between and ensure alignment with the other initiatives of the respective GIZ health programs and projects, DIPC and relevant projects in the digital sector in Tanzania (incl. the EAC portfolio) and Malawi
- * Regularly provide updates to the Sector Coordinator of the German Development Cooperation in Health

4. Public Relations for the DIPC project

- * Train, advise and monitor DIPC implementing partners on the appropriate use of corporate identity for program implementation and result reporting.
- * Support results communication across all available platforms including cooperation and communication with the relevant focal points of the implementing partners.
- * Ensure that the DIPC message is communicated clearly and uniformly.
- * Ensure cross-program knowledge management of project products
- * Maintain a resource repository at the DIPC Teams channel and websites as needed.

Required Qualifications, Competences and Experiences

- * Master's degree in computer science, health informatics, medical informatics, bioinformatics or similar
- * At least 3 years of experience in digital health/medical informatics implementation projects
- * At least 3 years' professional experience in a comparable position
- * High level of professional and personal integrity
- * Proven ability for team-work, co-creation and skill-transfer
- * Very good working knowledge of ICT (related software, phone, email, the internet) and computer applications (e.g. MS Office, Excel)
- * Fluent written and oral knowledge of the English, knowledge of German is an added advantage but not a requirement
- * Willingness to upskill as required by the tasks to be performed - corresponding measures are agreed with management

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 "the Digital Innovation in Pandemic Control".

Closing date for submission: 16.09.2022

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.

Over 500 stakeholders, partners to participate in CSO Week 2022

By Getrude Mbago

OVER 500 stakeholders from inside and outside the country including development partners and officials from the government and private sector are set to take part in this year's Civil Society Organizations-CSO Week expected to start in October 25 to 28 in Arusha Region.

In a statement issued yesterday by the coordinator of the CSO Week 2022, Dr Shirley Mushi stated that the online registration to attend the week-long event was now open to the public and called on participants to register early to book their seats.

Dr Mushi said the event aims at bringing together key civil society members and their respective organisations to effectively engage in in-depth discussions on their work, share experiences to further enhance relations and partnerships geared at bolstering civil society's engagement in Tanzania's development by forging new and strengthening existing collectives.

"We would like to inform the public that we have officially opened the CSO week online registration to register to attend the CSO Week. I urge everyone to book their seats for the conference early. CSO Week 2022 will place citizens at the centre of its activities and discussions. It will be one of a kind and will showcase the sector's ever evolving and innovative approaches as a key stakeholder in development," Dr Mushi said.

Themed: "People's Development, People's Stories" which underscores that the people are CSOs most integral

constituency, partners, and reason for existing", the event allows for critical reflection on the many approaches, systems, and processes used by CSOs to address the development challenges that Tanzanians confront, particularly those that are complex, deep-rooted, and long-standing. It also reaffirms CSOs' and development actors' commitment to transformative change.

She said that the agenda of the CSO Week 2022 will also be directed towards ensuring that multi-sectoral actors are made a critical part of new collectives geared towards delivering development in the country.

In a broader perspective, the CSO Week seeks to create and deepen a sustainable model for growth fuelled by civil societies effective engagement in efforts to achieve Tanzania's development vision through collaborations that can enable CSOs to effectively serve excluded, marginalised and vulnerable populations in the interest of development in Tanzania."



People's Development, People's Stories' which underscores that the people are CSOs most integral constituency, partners, and reason for existing

Tanzanians with sexual development disorders appeal for govt support

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

TANZANIANS with biological sex ambiguity (intersex) have urged the government to improve policies and regulations which will help to create friendly environment for them to access vital social services as well as fight stigma.

The group raised concerns of being denied access to important social services including education, health, birth certificates, traveling documents and VISA due to their gender ambiguity. They expressed their plights during the weekend here at a one-day seminar organised by the Tanzania Voice of Humanity (TVH), which attracted high profile medical specialists, teachers and representatives from the parliamentary committee on social services and community development.

Dr Edna Majaliwa, and Paediatric Endocrinologist from Muhimbili Hospital, said there are only eight medical specialists in Tanzania with knowledge to provide services to people with disorder of sexual development (DSD).

She said efforts are needed to improve the welfare of intersex people as including their rights, recognition of the same, economic empowerment, protection and treatment equally through health service, support, advocacy and awareness.

"DSD is congenital condition in which development of chromosomal gonadal or anatomical sex is typical," she said.

She however said that majority of the parents have been sending their children with the disorders to hospitals at early ages hoping that they can get support on it but professionally, they need to wait until the children reach 18 years for them to decide which gender to remain with.

Dr Edna added principally, the victims of the bi-sexual challenge are always experiencing activeness of one sexual organ than the other, the natural situation which often compels for the suppression of the weak organ and activation of the strong one.

According to her, most victims are however lack adequate access to medical treatment due to high prices set for operations, which ranges from 100,000/- to 900,000.

Director for finance and project planning at TVH, Frank Musamba

said it was very unfortunate that even the country has no proper statistics (record) on the number of Tanzanians who experience gender ambiguity.

"It is very disconcerting that we even tried to lobby for possibility for this year's Population and Housing Census (PHS) to include collection of numbers of people with sexual disorder but failed," he informed.

He detailed that according to a slim survey conducted by the NGO, by 2021 there were a total of 26 adults with gender ambiguity in Tanzania and 11 children, making a total of 37 people.

Baby Musamba, founder of the Tanzania Voice of Humanity, who is also victim of the problem, said people with sex disorders face a number of challenges including discrimination even at family level.

"I didn't initiate this NGO in order to seek public sympathy, but to help the majority of people who are mum, keeping secret to reveal their challenge due to stigma and lack of support, we want to ensure that all Tanzanians enjoy their rights," she said.

In experiencing more agonies, Musamba said the situation pulls the group into serious psychological effects.

The organisation was established with the major aim of helping people with disabilities including infants, children and adults with specific people who do not fit the typical definition for male and female bodies internal or external or both, those where reproductive organs are not well developed due to inborn malformation.



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Tanga regional commissioner Omari Mgunba (C) holds talks with members of the union of industrialists in Tanga Region who called on him at the weekend to introduce themselves and brief him on the growth of the industrial sector and how erratic supply of electricity affects their operations. Photo: Correspondent Hamida Kamchalla

Agricultural officer jailed 8 years for embezzlement

By Correspondent Ibrahim Yassin, Songwe

MOMBA District Court in Songwe Region has sentenced Noah Mwanjali, an agricultural officer, to eight years' imprisonment, or pay 4m/- fine after finding him guilty of abuse of office

and embezzlement of public funds.

The judgement was delivered here at the weekend in Economic Sabotage Case No 6/2021 by Momba District Magistrate Timothy Lion, after he found the accused guilty in two counts.

Lion named the counts as including abuse of office under economic sabotage and embezzlement of funds which he was collecting in his ward.

Magistrate Lion said he meted out a stiff sentence to act as deterrence to others.

The accused could not pay the fine, so he was taken to Ilembu Prison in Mbozi District to begin his jail term.

The case follows the issue of 52 public officials in Momba District who were arrested after involvement in embezzlement of council's revenue they were collecting totaling more than 800m/-.

Speaking to this paper in his office, Momba District Executive Director, Regina Bieda said the person who has been jailed eight years was the agricultural officer for Kamsamba Ward.



Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Land, Natural Resources and Tourism inspect a livestock dip at Msomera in Handeni District during a tour of the village at the weekend. The committee's chairman, Kondo Urban legislator Ally Makoa, said they were satisfied with developments at the village. Photo: Correspondent Hamida Kamchalla

Govt to integrate traditional healing services in hospitals

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

THE government is planning to establish an inclusive traditional and modern cure in some of its hospitals including referral services for trial.

The remarks were made by Health Minister Umyy Mwalimu at the apex of the Day of African Traditional Cure event held in Morogoro Region.

In her speech read on her behalf by Morogoro Regional Medical Officer, Dr Kusiryu Ukio, the minister said already the government has embarked on providing the services at Momela in Meru District, Arusha Region and Maibong-SukiDar Magomeni in Dar es Salaam.

The minister said the establishment of the traditional cure services is a great achievement since independence as "our country has done a lot in traditional cure development.

She mentioned some of the achievements as including its recognition in the health policy, enacting of the law on traditional and alternative cure and increase of research on traditional cure at state universities.

Others are the building of the National Institute of Medical Research (NIMR) traditional medicines factory, at Mabibo in Dar es Salaam.

In addition, the provision of inclusive traditional and modern cure

services at Momela in Meru District, Arusha Region and Maibong-SukiDar Magomeni in the City of Dar es Salaam.

Umyy said traditional cure contribution was more evident during the fight against Covid-19 and that government officials in African countries are responsible to recognise the importance in boosting the cure against various diseases.

She explained that the issue of traditional cure development is among priorities in the CCM election manifesto; hence she called on healers in traditional and alternative cure to produce quality medicines that should be verified by recognized authorities including the Chief Government

Chemist in regard to their safety.

She also cautioned the healers to stop mixing modern medicines and those they produce and added that the ministry in collaboration with research institutions at state universities will continue to monitor all such medicines in the market.

Meanwhile, Assistant Director of Traditional and Alternate Cure in the Health Ministry, Dr Paulo Mhame reminded traditional healers to abide by rules and regulations else legal measures would be taken against them. He also praised the Traditional and Alternative Cure Council for continuing to register healers at health centres in their regions.

Adam Simbeye's wife to be laid to rest in Dar today

By Guardian Reporter

THE wife of veteran broadcaster who is also retired TBC deputy director general, Adam Simbeye, Margaret Dorothy Simbeye (77), who died in Mumbai, India, last week will be buried this afternoon at Kondo cemetery in Dar es Salaam.

The deceased family's spokesman, Engineer Herbert Kashillah said in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the late mama Simbeye who flew to India with her daughter, Dr Yatiha Simbeye on August 3rd, died from abdominal and esophagus complications. During the course of her treatment in India, the late Simbeye who was due back home on September 1 suffered two serious strokes which ended her life instantly.

"Before her burial, prayers will be held for her at Azania Lutheran Church in the city centre where last respects will also be paid," Engineer Kashillah who is board chairman of Lake Rukwa Basin Water Board noted adding that last respects will also be paid at her home, Mbezi beach at the junction of Manyara and Kibo streets.

He said the body of the late Margaret Simbeye was expected to spend a night at her home yesterday after being collected from Lugalo Military Hospital and that on Tuesday morning neighbours will pay their last respects before going to Azania church.

"We expect that a small number of neighbours will pay their last respect before the body leaves home," Engineer Kashillah explained. Born Margaret Dorothy Simkoko on July 27, 1945 at Mvumi in Dodoma region, the deceased is survived by a husband, three children and four grand children.

The late Margaret Simbeye went to school at Loleza Girls Secondary School in Mbeya where she completed high school and did further education while accompanying her husband who worked at International Labour Organization in Geneva Switzerland for more than a decade.



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Mission to safeguard 30 million hectares of Africa's protected areas

JOHANNESBURG

AFTER raising US\$1.75 million for non-profit African Parks in the previous two print sales, Prints for Wildlife is back with an even larger mission: to protect and manage 30 parks by 2030. More than 100 photographers joined forces to sell limited numbers of wildlife photo prints for just one month on www.printsforwildlife.org for the benefit and conservation of non-profit African Parks.

With nearly 50% of Africa's landmass suffering degradation and the rapidly increasing affects biodiversity loss has on the climate crisis, Prints for Wildlife is setting out to help African Parks safeguard 30 million hectares of Africa's protected areas, contributing to the global target of protecting 30% of nature on Earth by 2030.

With the simple purchase of a fine art print, everyone can help support this vital work. Created by photographers Marion Payr and Pie Aerts, Prints for Wildlife launched for the first time in July 2020, as the devastating impacts of the global Covid-19 pandemic started to be seen across Africa's communities and wildlife areas.

Prints for Wildlife's 2020 and 2021 campaign sold more than 15 000 unique wildlife prints. To support the organisation's vision of securing more protected areas in Africa, a third edition of the successful print sale was launched on August 28 and will run for a limited period of just one month, closing on September 25.

This year's fundraiser will feature more than 100 photos from acclaimed wildlife photographers Will Burrard Lucas, Beverly Joubert, Drew Doggett, Marsel van Oosten, Ami Vitale, Joachim Schmeisser, Karim Illya and Gaël Ruboneka Vande Weghe.

Each of the photographers will donate one fine art print each to the fundraiser, which will be sold for US\$100 through the online shop Prints for Wildlife. All the proceeds after printing and handling are directly donated to African Parks to support their conservation efforts well into the future.

Prints for Wildlife Co-founder Marion Payr said buying limited edition art prints with one united goal would help grow safe spaces where people and wildlife could flourish.

"The incredible success of Prints for Wildlife came as a much-needed reminder that even in times of crisis, humanity can come together to spread hope and do good for our planet. Wildlife conservation, protecting valuable biomes and supporting communities has now found a place in the hearts and, with the stunning art of

all the generous photographers, on the walls of thousands of homes across the globe. Now it's time to support African Parks in their mission to grow to managing 30 parks by 2030," she said.

"The key to conservation is putting people at the heart of the solution. This is done through community programmes supporting health, education, job security, and sustainable livelihoods. African Parks, and their community-first approach to conservation, is ensuring that the protected areas under their management are safe places where wildlife and people can flourish. In safe places, magical things can happen. Therefore, choosing African Parks as our partner for this campaign was a no-brainer," said fellow co-founder, Pie Aerts.

African Parks chief marketing officer Carli Flemmer said they felt honoured to be entering into other Prints for Wildlife sale, engaging with world-renowned talent to help enhance the work they do at African Parks. "As part of our mission to manage 30 parks by 2030, we recently signed a long-term agreement with the government of Zambia for Kafue National Park, increasing our management portfolio to 20 parks in 11 countries across Africa. We continue to work hard to enter into long-term management agreements in partnership with governments for Luengue-Luiana and Mavinga National Parks in Angola and Boma and Badingilo National Parks in South Sudan. The 2022 Prints for Wildlife campaign is a step towards helping us achieve this goal," she said.

The goal of this year's fundraiser is to support the growth of African Parks and the addition of new parks to their portfolio. African Parks currently manages 20 parks in 11 countries across Africa, including Kafue (Zambia), Akagera (Rwanda) and Liwonde (Malawi) National Parks, in partnership with governments for the benefit of local communities and wildlife the largest and most ecologically diverse portfolio of protected areas in Africa under management by any one conservation organisation.

"African Parks is looking to sign a number of new parks within the coming months and years, including Luengue-Luiana and Mavinga National Parks in Angola and Boma and Badingilo National Parks in South Sudan, making sure that more exceptional ecosystems, endemic species, and natural habitats are being protected, while sustainably and holistically benefiting communities and wildlife."



Ruvuma regional commissioner Col Laban Thomas (2nd-L, in cap) makes remarks at the weekend after inspecting the construction of buildings at a girls' secondary school in the region. The government has provided 3bn/- for the implementation of the project. Photo: Correspondent Gideon Mwakanosya

By Beatrice Philemon

Temeke referral hospital in need of paediatric building

WORKERS at Temeke Regional Referral Hospital have asked development partners to build the paediatric building at the health facility that would be dispensing medical treatment services for the cadre.

Sister in-charge at the hospital's paediatric ward Jesca Marinya made the appeal at the facility over the weekend when she welcomed Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) volunteers who visited the ward to console children suffering from different diseases and donated assorted items to strengthen friendship between South Korea and Tanzania.

"We need support from KOICA because the space that we have is very small and overcrowded as compared to the patients that we receive for medical treatment every month," she said.

The ward is in need of additional rooms because every month they receive 280 children suffering from

different diseases.

The capacity of each ward is 26 patients but due to lack of enough space inside the children's ward now 45 patients are admitted in one ward illegally.

The new complex building will help children to be admitted in accordance with their condition and diseases.

Also it will provide medical services for children suffering from different diseases such as measles, cerebral palsy, severe malnutrition, TB, surgical patients, infectious conditions, medical conditions such as malaria, anemia, sickle cell and pneumonia.

Other diseases include orthopedic and burn patients, an Intensive Care Unit (ICU) to provide medical care to children who are unwell and require

critical medical care.

Also they called on KOICA to support them obtain different machines that includes radiant warmer device, five vein finder machines, ventilator, monitor, defibrillators device, digital baby weighing scale used for malnutrition babies, ten baby coats for resuscitations and for ICU patients.

Also five suction machines, 100 hospital beds with wheels, ten tablets for patient medical report and documentation, NIDO milk for malnutrition babies, round trolley for bed to bed round during services ward round.

Meanwhile, Rehema Abdallah from Mbagala-Mbande expressed thanks to KOICA for donating various items to children suffering from different

diseases inside the ward.

"As parents, we are very glad for what has been done to our children, this shows that South Korea and Tanzania are good friends, they share different things that have good benefits for both countries," she said.

She called on KOICA volunteers to look in education area to support children from poor households so that they can obtain best education.

"I was very happy to see Koreans face-to-face, I used to watch them through TV especially in movies, while in children's ward they get a chance to teach our children how to draw South Korea and Tanzanian flags and animal mask, may Lord bless them for what they did and continue to support more Tanzanians," she said.



Bishop Mahimbo Mndolwa (L) of the Anglican Church of Tanzania directs pastors carrying the casket bearing the body of Bishop George Chiteto of the church's Mpwapwa Diocese in Dodoma Region, who died suddenly only days ago in Muheza District. This was shortly after the paying of last respects to the latter yesterday before the body was transported to Mpwapwa for burial. Photo: Correspondent Steven William

AJISO provides three-day training on transformative leadership in Mwangwa

By Correspondent James Lanka, Mwangwa

THE Action for Justice in Society (AJISO) has provided three-day special training on transformative leadership to Mwangwa district's child and women protection committees and other key stakeholders.

The move is aimed at complementing government's efforts to eliminate violence against women and children in the country.

The three-day training that took place in Mwangwa township, attracted key stakeholders for the protection of women and children rights from Mwangwa

Township Ward in the district aiming at creating awareness to the community on good leadership using reflective approaches.

Mwangwa District Coordinator for the district's child and women protection committees, Raphia Koshuma said that, the training has opened up their eyes on how to protect women and children rights as well as how to deal with the victims of gender-based violence and sexual violence against women and children.

"The training from AJISO has opened our eyes on how to deal with the victims of GBVs as well as sexual abuses, and we learnt that, the cases

of GBVs against women and children including sexual violence against girls is alleged to have been perpetrated further by close family members, that's why most of the victims are not ready to disclose what happened to them," she said.

Raphia said that after attending a special capacity building on reflective training organised by AJISO under the sponsorship of the German-based charity organization-Probono, committee members, teachers, pupils and students themselves have developed into confident leaders, and transform their own lives and their communities, they found out through

their peers who have experienced the effects of sexual violence that most of their cases are from their close relatives including uncles and aunts.

"There is one of the victims from Mwangwa district who experienced sexual violence from her uncle when she asked for his help on some important school necessities when he used the problems of a school girl to perpetrate sexual violence," said Raphia.

She added that, the pupils from two schools in Mwangwa district named Reli Juu and Mramba Inclusion Primary schools have received AJISO's peer education through their special awareness clubs in their known as 'Tuwalinde Clubs' that has opened their eyes and minds on how to prevent from such gender and sexual harassments as well as spreading the knowledge to other young girls.

Ending violence against women good for all of us

THE United Nations General Assembly has designated international day for the elimination of violence against women. The premise of the day is to raise awareness of the fact that women around the world are subject to rape, domestic violence and other forms of violence; furthermore, one of the aims of the day is to highlight that the scale and true nature of the issue is often hidden.

Historically, the date is based on the date of the 1960 assassination of the three Mirabal sisters, political activists in the Dominican Republic; the killings were ordered by Dominican dictator Rafael Trujillo (1930-1961). On December 17, 1999, the date received its official United Nations (UN) resolution. The UN and the Inter-Parliamentary Union have encouraged governments, international organizations and NGOs to organize activities to support the day as an international observance. For example, UN Women (the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women) observes the day each year and offers suggestions for other organizations to observe it. For 2014, the focus is on how violence cuts across all 12 of the critical areas of concern of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, which turns 20 next year.

In her message for 25 November 2014, UN Women Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka said:

In 1995, close to 20 years ago, 189 governments came together in Beijing. They adopted a Platform for Action that spelled out key strategies to end violence against women, empower women, and achieve gender equality. ...

The promises from 20 years ago are still valid today. Together we must make 2015 the year that marks the beginning of the end of gender inequality. Now is the time for action.

In his message on the day in 2013, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon stated:

I welcome the chorus of voices calling for an end to the violence that affects an estimated one in three women in her lifetime. I applaud leaders who are helping to enact and enforce laws and change mindsets. And I pay tribute to all those heroes around the world who help victims to heal and to become agents of change.

Marches attracted hundreds of participants in Bogota, Paris, and Rome. Thousands marched in San José, Costa Rica and Lima. Over 1,000 Turkish protesters turned out for a banned march in Istanbul; police cut off the end of the march and dispersed the marchers peacefully.

A March 2013 article on "The Conversation" online media outlet featured an article entitled "Ending violence against women is good for everyone" in relation to the observance of International Women's Day on that year. The article claimed that, while a general Australian belief exists that violence against Australian women is less severe in comparison to other nations, the Australian Bureau of Statistics had revealed in a report that "one in three Australian women will experience physical violence in their lifetime, while 23 per cent to 28 per cent will experience sexual or emotional harm." The statistics were taken from a report, published in 2005 (reissue), entitled "Personal Safety Survey Australia".

Tourism, hospitality success stories will promote and boost the industry

THE hospitality industry is a broad category of fields within the service industry that includes lodging, food and drink service, event planning, theme parks, transportation, cruise line, traveling and additional fields within the tourism industry.

The hospitality industry is an industry that depends on the availability of leisure time and disposable income. A hospitality unit such as a restaurant, hotel, or an amusement park consists of multiple groups such as facility maintenance and direct operations (servers, housekeepers, porters, kitchen workers, bartenders, management, marketing, and human resources etc.).

Before structuring as an industry, the historical roots of hospitality was in the western world in the form of social assistance mainly for Christian pilgrims directed to Rome. For such a reason, the eldest public hospital in Europe was the Ospedale di Santo Spirito in Sassia founded in Rome in the VIII century A.D. on the model of the oriental world.

In the same vein, the government has established new regulations aimed at overseeing operations of service providers in the tourism and hospitality sector in the country.

According to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, the regulations have been established under the Tourism Act No 29 of 2008.

The regulations, according to the ministry, are aimed at ensuring that quality services that meet international standards are provided in the sector and in turn boost competitiveness. The established regulations will see provision and maintaining of employees with knowledge and appropriate skills that will enable them compete in both national and international markets.

Other benefits include provision of job safety and security to employees and to ensure efficiency and integrity in the delivery of hospitality and tourism services. The guidelines will also put in place a system that will

recognise tourism and hospitality professions in the country enabling the establishment of a professional institution to produce experts that fit the needs of the sector.

Against this background the need for professional ethics is a vital tool that will ensure provision of appropriate and international standard services. Efficiency is the only thing that matters in the sector and for that reason it needs employees who will adhere to professional ethics.

For if professional ethics were well observed by employees plus patriotism, there would be no need for special trainings to workers. On the other hand, we feel there should also be plans to conduct an assessment to establish shortfalls in the tourism and hospitality sector.

It is therefore of paramount importance that the need for all stakeholders in the sector, including the private sector, to cooperate and establish a better partnership to drive the sector. The private sector stands a better chance to take over and manage the sector as the government creates enabling environment.

There is a lot of misconception as far as people in China regard the African Continent, and the current entourage of more than 340 Sino tourists visiting Tanzania may help change that.

When they were setting out from China, many people in the team had little opinion of Africa. They thought they will only see wild animals and be attacked by insects, and were thus surprised to find an environment quite close to Europe, if not better.

They remarked: Tanzania has very good hotels and lodges. In fact some of the tourist facilities in the country match those in the United States or Europe, if not better.

She was speaking at Olduvai Gorge site museum in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, where more than 300 visitors from China were being taken around the legendary archaeological site dear to evolutionists around the world.

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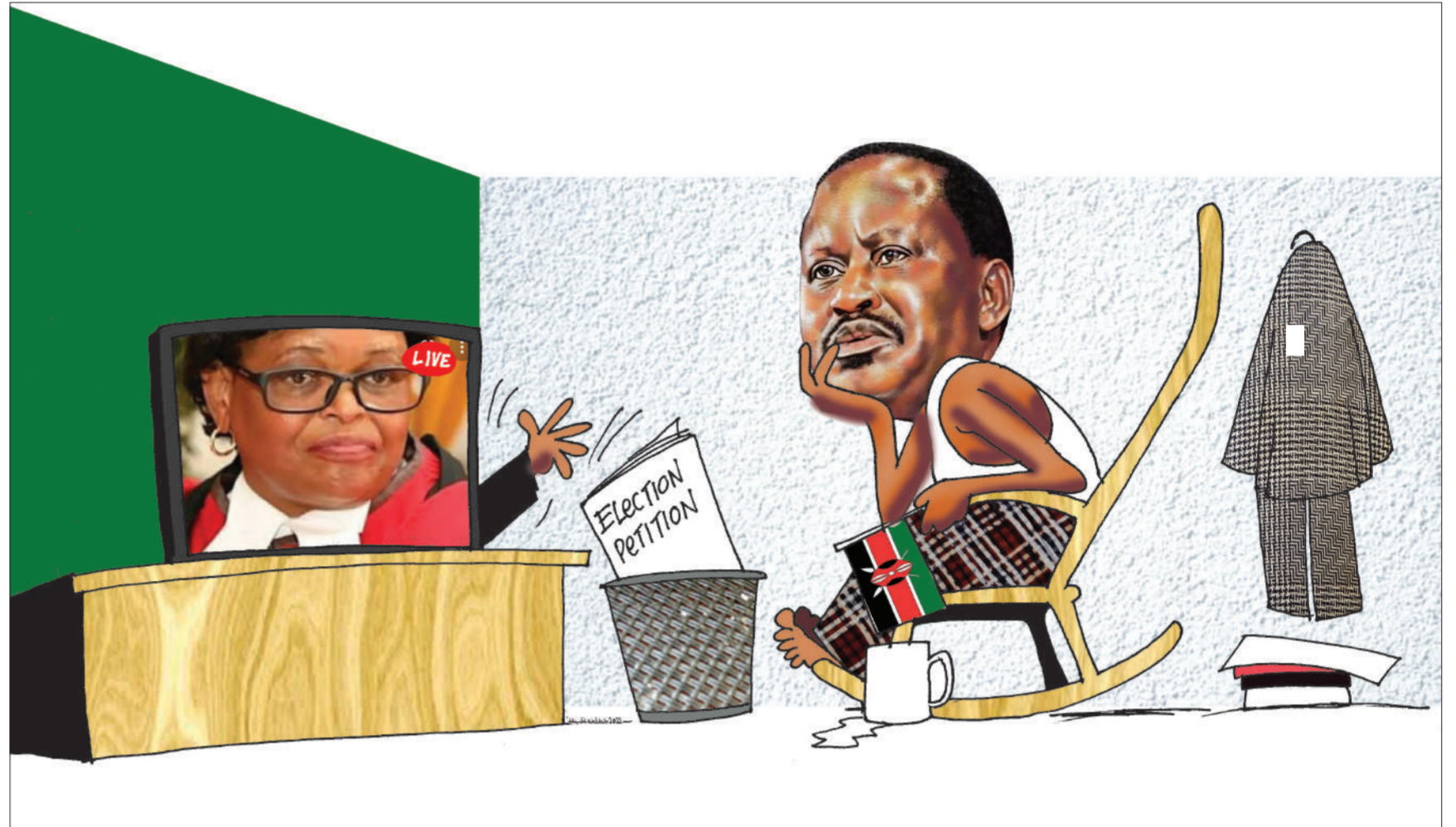
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By Amukelani Charmaine Matsilele

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken visited South Africa, The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Rwanda, from August 7 to 12, this year. It was an African visit primed with geopolitical agendas as the US strives to boost its influence on the continent amidst the resurgence of old powers and the entry of new powers all looking to garner the support of African states in global affairs. Blinken's visit followed junkets by the leaders of several global powers who have been strategising to create alliances in and with Africa. A review of some of the recent visits can help in understanding the crowded alliance-building developments that the US is attempting to respond to in an increasingly multipolar world.

In February, Turkey's President Tayyip Erdogan made a four-day tour to The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Senegal, and Guinea-Bissau. For nearly a decade now, Turkey's foreign policy towards the continent, dubbed "Strategic Africa", has focused on all aspects of bilateral relations and opportunities for improving cooperation. This has given Turkey a boost as its foreign policy strategy towards Africa speaks to collaboration and development. As a result, according to the US thinktank, Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Turkey has increased bilateral trade by over five folds between 2015 and 2018.

French President Emmanuel Macron has been a frequent visitor to the continent. In July this year, he visited Benin, Guinea-Bissau, and Cameroon. Macron's trip provided an opportunity to cement relations between France and Africa against the background of France colonial and neocolonial legacy in Africa. Coming That Macron's visit to Africa was his first international trip outside Europe since re-election in April signaled the continent as a political and economic priority.

The same month of July saw a dense itinerary of Chinese leaders to Africa. For instance, in early July, Yang Jiechi, former Chinese foreign minister and member of the Communist Party of China's Politburo visited Zimbabwe, a country that is treated as a pariah in the West. Shortly thereafter, Chinese special Representative on African affairs, Xu Jinghu visited eight African countries, namely, Burundi, Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Congo-Brazzaville, Namibia, Madagascar, Mauritius, and Seychelles. The running thread in these visits is that China is focused on helping Africa with economic development rather than focusing on political issues such as human rights and democracy.

While Macron's visit may eat into America's influence on the continent, it does not greatly threaten its interests as France and US have many shared

The battle to re-engage with Africa



United States Secretary of State Antony Blinken at the US Department of State in Washington, D.C.

values they seek to promote in Africa. It is with the visit in July by Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov that the stakes escalate with regards to geopolitical clashes on the continent. Lavrov's visit July 2022 took him to Egypt, Republic of Congo, Uganda, and Ethiopia. Throughout the trip, Lavrov framed the Russian message around the theme of Africa's support for Russia in its military action in Ukraine. The trip was meant to shower up Africa's support for Russia amidst sanctions by Western countries and their allies in Asia, Latin America, and Oceania. Emphasizing the alignment of Russian and African interests in the global system, Lavrov also used the trip to Africa as an opportunity to rally support for Russia's invasion of Ukraine and ensure that Russia is prepared for the Russia-Africa Summit in 2023.

These other high-level state visits to Africa speak to a changing geopolitical landscape in which Africa is being persuaded to take sides and in which global powers seek political and economic opportunities on the continent. Besides the visits, another strategy has emerged: summit diplomacy in which nations and regions fashion large events with African leaders.

In February 2022 for instance, the sixth European-Union Africa Summit took place in Dakar, Senegal with discussions revolving around the promotion of common principles, shared values, and international law. EU and AU leaders agreed on a joint vision for a renewed partnership to bring regions and organizations

together. A reading of the resolutions made during the Summit show that the EU is a keen on crafting continent-wide engagement strategy for a 55-nation region. This approach seems to be working for the EU as African leaders and AU officials attended the Summit in what is emerging as a continental diplomacy with Brussels, the EU headquarters, coordinating programs with Addis Ababa, the AU headquarters.

There are more examples of high-level visits by leaders of powerful countries making trips on the continent with an eye on influencing the continent on the global stage or seeking economic deals. It is thus evident that Blinken's visit will be watched closely by the foreign policy strategists in places such as Ankara, Moscow, Paris, Beijing, and Brussels. The question therefore is: what does Blinken's visit mean for the US, Africa, and the world?

First, the US' engagement with Africa over the years has witnessed ebbs and flows, with periods of high-level engagement alternating with periods of low-level engagement. For instance, the low priority of Africa during the presidency of Donald Trump means that the Joe Biden administration is starting almost from scratch in terms of building a diplomatic mechanism. Scholars and officials have often lamented the lack of a clear US policy towards Africa as a drawback to US' effective, consistent, and sustainable engagement with Africa. The fact that Blinken will be unveiling a new policy towards Africa will be one of the most

watched aspect of US "return" to Africa.

Second, it is apparent that the US is no longer the only global power with great interests in Africa. Officials and politicians in Africa are cognizant of this fact and have been trying to find means and ways of countering other powers, particularly the geopolitical rivals of Russia and China. The visit can therefore be read with competitive lenses. China has maximized its efforts in Africa by framing the relations as an equal partnership, with phrases such as "strengthening of mutual support", "community of shared future" and "all-round cooperation", often invoked. It will be interesting to watch and see if Blinken's message to Africa will be one of countering other powers or proposing new and direct ways of engaging with Africa bereft of the "competition" framing.

Third, it is in the interest of Africans to familiarize themselves with the anticipated US policy towards Africa. One can argue that Biden's foreign policy toward Africa should speak to Africa's concerns and needs as some of his crucial personnel had first-hand experience with African state and non-state member policymakers. Indeed, Blinken's visit, and the new policy come at a time when the Biden administration has announced a US-Africa Leaders' Summit to be held in Washington DC in December this year. It would be strategic for African countries to analyze the new policy once it is made available and respond substantively ahead of, and during the December Summit.

By Teniola Tayo and Akinola Olojo

Scope for industrial prosperity in Lake Chad Basin with firms navigating security threats

PROTRACTED conflicts cause far-reaching damage to the social, economic and political affairs of affected areas. They create a negative reinforcing loop because they make it difficult to deal with the underlying causes of the problem.

Violence in the Lake Chad Basin has been fed by the relative deprivation of communities that face insufficient jobs, low incomes and inadequate public services. Providing jobs through private sector investments in industrial activities could help resolve the conflict by depleting the recruitment pool of Boko Haram's factions.

But the ongoing clashes make this difficult to achieve. Violent extremism directly threatens the assets and operations of industrialists who do business in conflict zones. For instance, the factory of cement conglomerate Lafarge in north-east Nigeria was attacked by Boko Haram in November and December 2014.

Unsafe transport routes also make the movement of assets risky and may dampen demand for produced goods by customers too afraid to use certain roads. Problems of market access affect both the movement of raw materials and finished goods.

Emigration, death or displacement in conflict zones present another challenge by reducing the capacity of the labour force. Since the crisis started in 2009, 2.8 million people in the Lake Chad Basin have been forced to leave their homes. This means that industrialists may struggle to find locals to fill jobs at different skill levels, making it difficult to boost the incomes of communities.

The ongoing conflict also means governments may divert resources to military activities, often at the cost of public investment in infrastructure and development needed for private sector growth. This could affect spending on public education or the building and repair of roads, for example.

It is also true that businesses can fuel conflicts. They can create new tensions in the competition for jobs or resources such as land. Extractive commercial practices can have the same effect, adding another layer to the hostile environments that communities face. Companies can also inadvertently strengthen violent groups when their assets are captured during attacks. Boko Haram members procured dynamite and vehicles during the assault on the Lafarge plant.

These problems haven't prevented the establishment and running of large commercial enterprises in northeastern Nigeria and other parts of the Lake Chad Basin. Some have found ways to make their operations more resilient.

In November 2018, Coca-Cola opened a new bottling facility in Maiduguri, Borno State – an expansion of the production plant established in 1983. When the ongoing conflict threatened its distribution network, the company adapted by limiting distribution to Maiduguri, which is considered safer than other parts of Borno. Traders must travel to Maiduguri to receive supplies, which although not ideal, has enabled operations to continue without interruption. Coca-Cola has even indicated plans for expansion.



Unsafe transport routes through Lake Chad Basin have typically made the movement of assets risky and has dampened demand for produced goods by customers too afraid to use certain roads. File photo

A similar approach was employed by Unilever, a large fast-moving consumer goods company. It shifted from using a few large-scale distributors for its products to multiple smaller operators located in relatively stable areas in the north-east.

Many corporations operating in the Lake Chad Basin pay security escorts to protect people and goods in transit – pushing up operational costs. One member of the Nigerian Mobile Police (Mopol), the paramilitary arm of the Nigeria Police Force, is paid around N3,000 (\$7) a day for such services. Moving one person can take up to six Mopols, in a lead-and-follow formation. Armoured vehicles are also needed, which range from \$150,000 to \$450,000.

Some of these strategies mirror

tactics used by small businesses in the region. The increased costs don't always justify actualised revenue and may force companies to close. In other cases, the risky investment pays off. Unilever told the Financial Times in 2018 that the northeast was one of its fastest growing businesses in Nigeria. A recent report by Pierrine Consulting asserts that northern Nigerian consumers spend about N322-billion (\$761-million) on personal care products every month.

The Lake Chad Basin can be made more attractive to large businesses. One recommendation is to create secure industrial zones, where clusters of factories are safeguarded to enable uninterrupted operations. Industrial assets would be protected

via a partnership between government and the private sector.

Transport routes also need to be secured. Although the region's governments may not have the resources to secure all roads in and between their countries, identifying and focusing on those with higher trade traffic is worthwhile. This could boost cross-border trade, which has declined substantially due to the Boko Haram crisis.

Investment promotion efforts should be honest about the region's security risks but use examples of companies operating in the area to show that they are surmountable. Governments must also recognise the increased security costs for businesses and provide targeted relief through tax incentives.

There's no doubt that the private sector has a significant role in stabilising and reducing fragility. However, governments must create an enabling environment and ensure that all actors work together. If companies take their business elsewhere due to spiralling costs, the loss of jobs will heighten fragility

in already vulnerable areas.

Strategies for industrial development in the Lake Chad Basin should therefore be built on the lessons learned by existing companies. There should be a focus on sectors such as food processing that may have more immediate supply and can employ lower-skilled labour, which is abundant in the region. The high demand for fast-moving consumer goods is an opportunity to be used.

Another strategy is to work in more stable areas in the hope that by stimulating the local economy, the net of stability widens. And by treating businesses as peacebuilding actors, their operations can become more conflict-sensitive and won't worsen a bad situation. The Regional Strategy for the Stabilisation, Recovery and Resilience of the Boko Haram affected Areas of the Lake Chad Basin Region recognises the role of the private sector. Now the task is to leverage the benefit of business and industry to improve livelihoods.

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Share development opportunities with CIFTIS to jointly promote global recovery

By He Yin

CHINESE President Xi Jinping on Aug. 31 sent a congratulatory letter to the 2022 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS).

In the letter, he stressed the significance of the event, showed China's resolution to promote high-quality development by high-level opening-up, and expressed the country's aspiration to jointly promote the open and shared services economy to inject impetus into the recovery of the global economy.

Service trade is the most dynamic part of today's international trade. It is the source of global growth.

The CIFTIS is an international and comprehensive exhibition and platform at the state level established by China for service trade. It has constantly expanded its influence since its first session 10 years ago.

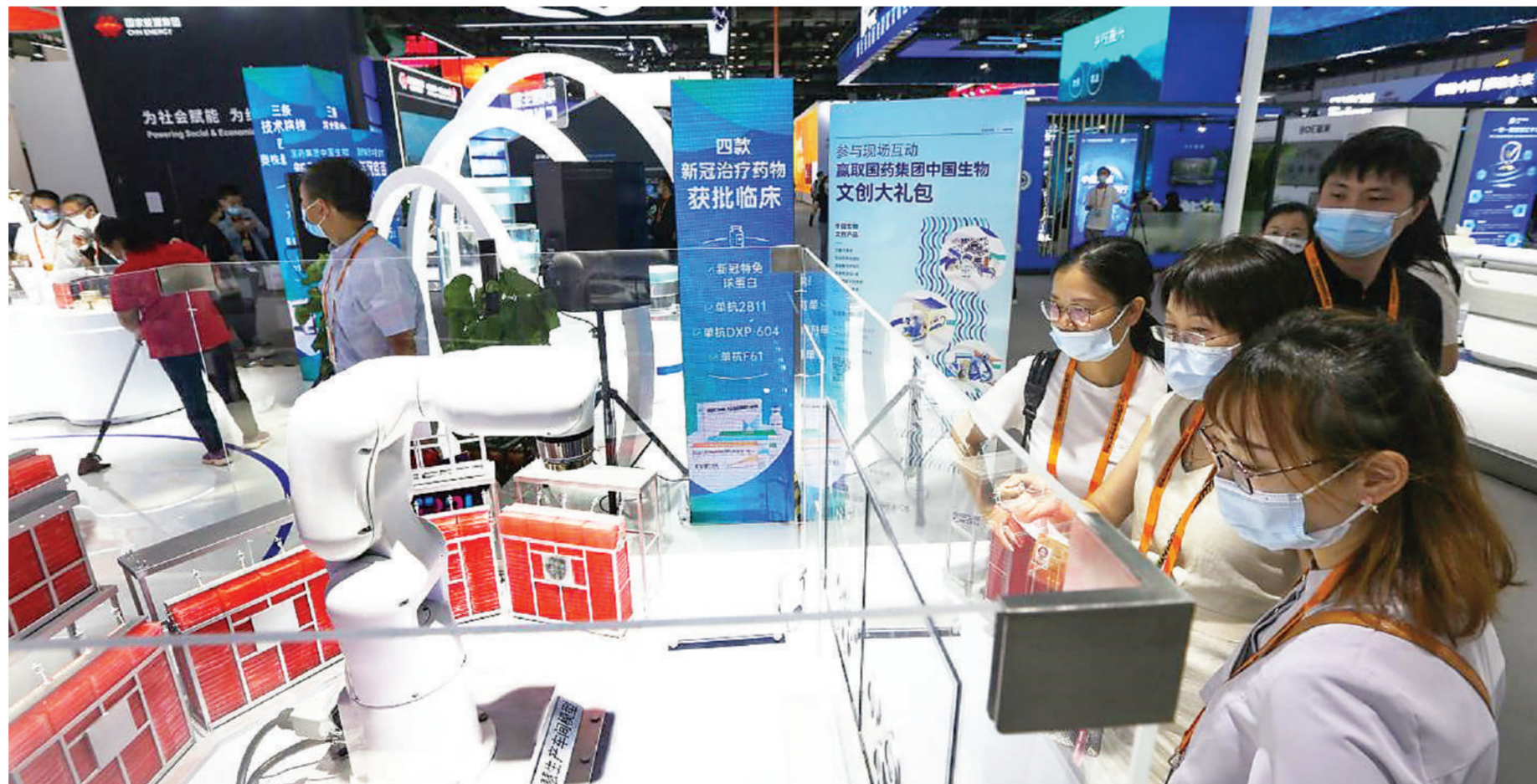
Themed "Cooperate for Better Development, Innovate for a Greener Future," the 2022 CIFTIS has attracted over 70 countries and international organizations, and is physically participated by more than 400 Global Fortune 500 companies and industry-leading enterprises.

Given COVID-19 resurgences, increasing uncertainties and instabilities of the international situation, as well as the sluggish world recovery, the on-schedule CIFTIS is of special significance.

Some said the event will make a sound atmosphere for promoting the growth of global trade, and will create favorable conditions for global countries in terms of economic development.

The constantly increasing influence of the CIFTIS comes from China's continuous efforts to expand opening up.

As one of China's three major open exhibition platforms, the CIFTIS highlights opening up. In a congratulatory letter to the 2019 CIFTIS, Xi stressed



A model of an intelligent COVID-19 vaccine manufacturing system of China National Biotec Group is displayed at the 2022 China International Fair for Trade in Services held in Beijing, Sept. 1, 2022. (Photo by Luo Wei/People's Daily Online)

that China is committed to promoting higher-standard opening up. A year later, he called on the world to work together to foster an open and inclusive environment for cooperation, unleash the power of innovation in driving cooperation forward, and promote mutually beneficial cooperation. Last year, the Chinese President promised that China would create more possibilities for cooperation, further improve rules for the services sector, and continue to support the innovation-driven development of small- and medium-sized enterprises. In the congratulatory letter to the event this year, he said China stays committed to broadening market access in the services sector, facilitating opening-up in cross-border services trade, expanding the function of opening-up platforms, and striving to establish a high-standard opening-up system for the services sector.

The CIFTIS, developing with China's expanding open-

ing up, is also driving China's opening up.

China's opening up measures, which are implemented as the country has promised, make the CIFTIS an appealing event.

When the world is facing an increase in de-globalization and trade protectionist rhetoric and actions, opening up and cooperation are even more precious. Only the countries that are able to open up and cooperate with others can grasp the opportunities in global development. The CIFTIS is a witness to China's expanding opening up over the recent years.

In 2019, Xi promised that China would expand market access for foreign capital in broader areas and create a first-class business environment. In 2020, he said the country would work on a negative list system for managing cross-border services trade and develop open platforms for the pilot program of innovative development

of the services sector. Last year, the Chinese President said China would implement across the country a negative list for cross-border services trade.

These new measures announced by Xi to expand high-level opening up have achieved fruitful results and benefited all relevant parties. They have contributed Chinese strength to deepening global cooperation on service trade and investment, and enhanced development dynamism.

It is under such active strategies that China's service trade has embraced prosperous development.

Last year, China's service trade hit a record high of 5.3 trillion yuan (about \$767.34 billion), and China has become the world's third largest exporter of services. In the first half of this year, the country's service trade maintained rapid growth, growing 21.6 per cent year on year to 2.9 trillion yuan.

Service trade has become an important part and a new area of growth of China's foreign economic and trade cooperation. In the future, China will definitely make greater contributions to the prosperity of global service trade, by establishing a high-standard opening-up system for the services sector, building national demonstration zones for innovative development of trade in services, fostering benchmark cities for global digital economy, and accelerating the new service economy with new digital business forms.

The 2022 CIFTIS chooses "Fuyan" as its mascot, which means "blessed swallow" in Chinese. Inspired by the Beijing swift, the mascot indicates the development of trade in services will benefit all the countries.

Just as the lively Beijing swifts that fly nearly 30,000 kilometers across over 30 countries during their migration each year, only by making long and tenacious efforts to foster opening up and cooperation can countries embrace development and prosperity.

China is willing to work with all parties relevant to implement the Global Development Initiative and promote healthy and sustainable development of service trade with the vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind, so as to and inject bigger impetus into global recovery.

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WASHINGTON

US dollar hegemony causes economic woes

AGGRESSIVE and irresponsible financial policies adopted by the United States have triggered significant inflation worldwide, causing widespread economic disruption and a significant rise in poverty, especially in the developing world, global experts say.

In battling to contain runaway US inflation, which topped 9 percent in June, the US Federal Reserve has raised interest rates four times to the current level of a range of 2.25 to 2.5 percent.

Benjamin Poghosyan, chairman of the Center for Political and Economic Strategic Studies in Yerevan, Armenia, told China Daily that the rises have disrupted global financial markets, with many developing countries facing record-high inflation, hobbling their attempts to find financial resilience in the face of various international challenges.

"It has already resulted in significant devaluation of the euro and some other currencies, and it will continue to stoke inflation," he said.

In Tunisia, a strong dollar and sharp rises in grain and energy prices are expected to widen the country's budget deficit to 9.7 percent of GDP this year from a previously forecast 6.7 percent, said the central bank governor Marouan Abassi.

By the end of this year the country's outstanding public debt is forecast to reach 114.1 billion dinars (US\$35.9 billion), or 82.6 percent of its GDP. Tunisia is heading for default if the current deterioration in its finances continues, the investment bank Morgan Stanley warned in March.

Türkiye's annual inflation reached a record high 79.6 percent in July, the highest in 24 years. One dollar was traded at 18.09 Turkish liras on Aug 21, marking a loss in value of 100 percent compared with a year ago, when the exchange rate was 8.45 liras to the dollar.

Despite government efforts including raising the minimum wage to protect people from financial woes



A man shops in a store in Manhattan in New York City on July 28, 2022. (PHOTO / AGENCIES)

sparked by high inflation, Turks are struggling to make ends meet.

Tuncay Yuksel, a thrift shop owner in Ankara, said his family had crossed food products such as meat and dairy off grocery lists because of soaring prices since the start of the year.

"Everything has become more expensive, and the purchasing power of citizens has dropped considerably," Xinhua News Agency quoted Yuksel as saying. "Some people cannot afford to buy basic needs."

The US Fed's interest rate rises have "definitely caused inflation in the developing world", and the move is irresponsible, Poghosyan said.

"The US is using dollar hegemony to pursue its geopolitical interests. The US should bear responsibility for its actions, especially as the US portrays itself as the global defender of human rights that cares about everyone."

"It makes the lives of tens of millions of people more miserable, but I believe the US simply doesn't care."

Jerome Powell, the chairman of the US Federal Reserve, warned on Aug 26 that the US is likely to

impose larger interest rate rises in coming months and is determined to tame the highest inflation in 40 years.

Tang Yao, associate professor in the Guanghua School of Management at Peking University, said reducing inflation is Washington's first priority so the Fed is expected to keep lifting rates for most of the coming year.

This would trigger a global liquidity crunch, stimulating a significant flow of capital from global markets into the US and devaluation of many other currencies, Tang said, adding that the policy would also cause the stock and bond market to decline and countries with weak economic and financial fundamentals to bear more risks such as increased debt defaults.

The International Monetary Fund has also warned that the Fed's attempts to combat price pressures could hit emerging markets loaded with foreign currency debt.

"A disorderly tightening of global financial conditions would be particularly challenging for countries with high financial vulnerabilities, unresolved

pandemic-related challenges and significant external financing needs," it said.

Spillover effect

Wu Haifeng, executive director of the Fintech Center of Shenzhen Institute of Data Economy, also raised concerns on the spillover effect of the Fed's policy, saying it brings uncertainties and chaos to international markets and hits many economies hard.

Raising interest rates has not reduced domestic inflation of the US effectively, nor eased the country's consumer prices, Wu said.

US consumer price inflation rose 9.1 percent over the 12 months to June, the fastest increase since November 1981, according to official figures.

However, the US is unwilling to acknowledge all this and work with other countries to boost globalization because it does not want to move against vested interests including the rich and the military-industrial complex, Wu said.

Tariffs imposed on China, for example, or any sanction on other countries, have no effect other than making US consumers spend more and threaten the US economy, Wu said.

Experts see imposing sanctions as another way for the US to shore up its dollar hegemony.

Since the establishment of the Bretton Woods system in 1944 the US dollar has assumed the role of the global reserve currency, and over the decades the US has retained its position as the world's number one economy.

However, the 2008 world financial crisis marked the beginning of the end of absolute US hegemony. US decline and "the rise of others", including China, Russia, India and Brazil, have challenged US primacy, Poghosyan said.

As the US started to face growing competition from other centers of power, it decided to exploit the role of the dollar as a global reserve currency in its efforts to contain the rise of others and preserve US hegemony.

Using the position of the dollar, the US threatened countries and companies, saying it would cut them from the international financial system if they did not follow the US policy, he said.

"The first victim of this policy was Iran, which was put under severe economic sanctions," Poghosyan said. "Then the US decided to use this policy of sanctions against China, particularly against Chinese telecommunications companies, such as Huawei and ZTE, which were significant competitors for the

American IT giants in areas such as 5G networks and artificial intelligence."

Geopolitical tool

The US government uses the dollar more and more as a primary tool to advance its geopolitical interests and contain the rise of others, trust in the dollar is declining, and many developing countries are keen to abandon it as the primary currency for trade, Poghosyan said.

"Those countries should elaborate mechanisms to decrease their dependency on the US dollar, otherwise they will be under constant US threat to destroy their economies."

Tang of the Guanghua School of Management suggested that developing economies should diversify in trade and finance by increasing the number of major trading partners and sources of financing and investment destinations, in an effort to reduce their dependence on the US economy.

The de-dollarization would be difficult in short- and medium-term but a vibrant and diversified global financial market and currency system could reduce reliance on the US dollar and stabilize the international financial order, Tang said.

Many countries have decreased the amount of US debt they hold and have started to diversify their foreign exchange reserves.

The Bank of Israel announced in April that it has added the currencies of Canada, Australia, Japan and China to its foreign exchange reserves, which were previously limited to the US dollar, the British pound and the euro.

US dollars account for 61 percent of the country's foreign reserve portfolio, compared with 66.5 percent previously.

Egypt's central bank has also maintained a diversified portfolio strategy by buying 44 metric tons of gold in the first quarter of this year, a 54-percent increase, the World Gold Council said.

Other countries such as India and Iran are discussing the possibility of using national currencies in their in-

The hunger factory: The modern Horsemen of the Apocalypse

By Baher Kamal

WHILE often too quickly attributing -quasi exclusively- the world unprecedented hunger tragedy to the current proxy war in Ukraine, other major causes remain hidden in plain sight.

Like the legend of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, the modern ones are a mix of combined causes: inequality; speculation; indebtedness, and the crushing impacts of climate emergency.

Inequality kills one person every four seconds, explaining how deadly inequality is and how it contributes to the deaths of at least 21,300 people each day-or one person every four seconds.

Billionaires have seen their fortunes increase as much in 24 months as they did in 23 years. Those in the food and energy sectors have seen their fortunes increase by a billion dollars every two days. Food and energy prices have increased to their highest levels in decades. And 62 new food billionaires have been created

And also to its story reporting on how inequality tightens its grip on the most vulnerable, a number of key facts emerge from the accurate findings of one of the major bodies devoted to the fight against inequality: Oxfam International.

Here are some of the major findings of its May 2022 report Profiting from Pain, elaborated by this global movement of people working together with more than 4,100 partner organisations, allies, and communities in over 90 countries:

Billionaires have seen their fortunes increase as much in 24 months as they did in 23 years. Those in the food and energy sectors have seen their fortunes increase by a billion dollars every two days. Food and energy prices have increased to their highest levels in decades. And 62 new food billionaires have been created.

The combined crises of COVID-19, rising inequality, and rising food prices could push as many as 263 million people into extreme poverty in 2022. This is the equivalent of one million people every 33 hours. At the same time a new billionaire has been minted on average every 30 hours during the pandemic.

Speculation is the likely engine moving the world's markets, which is driven by the dominating neoliberal economy.

COVID-19 hit a world that was already deeply unequal, adds Oxfam. Decades of neoliberal economic policies have ripped away public services into private ownership and have encouraged the move toward massive concentration of corporate power and tax avoidance on a huge scale.

"These policies have worked to deliberately erode workers' rights and reduce tax rates for corporations and the rich. They have also opened up the environment to levels of exploitation far beyond what our planet can bear."

As COVID-19 spread, Central Banks injected trillions of dollars into economies worldwide, aiming to keep the world economy afloat, the report goes on. This was essential because it prevented a total economic collapse.

"Nevertheless, in turn, it dramatically drove up the price of assets, and with this the net worth of billionaires and the asset-owning classes. An enormous increase in billionaire wealth has been the direct by-product of this cash injection."

On top of soaring billionaire wealth, during the pandemic there has also been a profits bonanza in the food, energy, pharmaceutical, and technology sectors, says Oxfam, adding that corporate monopolies are particularly prevalent in these sectors, and billionaires who own large stakes in companies within them have seen their wealth balloon even more.

"Meanwhile, excessive corporate profit and power are contributing to price rises; in the USA, for instance, it is estimated that expanding corporate profits are responsible for 60% of increases in inflation."

The UN Global Crisis Response Group has recently referred to the "blanket energy subsidies". In fact, Politicians Subsidise Fossil Fuel with Six Trillion Dollars in Just One Year. And they are set to increase the figure to nearly seven trillion by 2025.

"While blanket energy subsidies may help in the short term, in the longer term they drive inequality, further exacerbate the climate crisis, and do not soften the immediate blow of the cost-of-living increase as much as targeted cash transfers do," said the report's author George Gray Molina.

The report shows that "energy subsidies dis-

proportionately benefit wealthier people, with more than half of the benefits of a universal energy subsidy favouring the richest 20 per cent of the population."

"As the war in Ukraine continues to rage, skyrocketing energy prices are compounding an existential cost-of-living crisis for hundreds of millions of people," on 3 August 2022 warned the UN Secretary-General's Global Crisis Response Group (GCRG) on Food, Energy and Finance.

Despite this alarming situation, major oil and gas companies recently reported record profits, which UN chief António Guterres called "immoral." "The combined profits of the largest energy companies in the first quarter of this year are close to \$100 billion. I urge governments to tax these excessive profits, and use the funds to support the most vulnerable people through these difficult times," he said.

Global debt is borrowing by governments, businesses and people, and it's at dangerously high levels. In 2021, global debt reached a record \$303 trillion, according to the Institute of International Finance, a global financial industry association.

This is a further jump from record global debt in 2020 of 226 trillion US dollars, as reported by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in its Global Debt Database, which explains that this was the biggest one-year debt surge since the Second World War.

An article produced as part of: World Eco-

nomics Forum Annual Meeting specifies that low-income countries and households suffer the most from high debt levels, experts warn.

External debt is the portion of a country's debt that is borrowed from foreign lenders through commercial banks, governments, or international financial institutions, they explain.

The world's dangerous climate emergency did not start with the war in Ukraine on 24 February 2022.

In fact, it began long decades ago and has been the focus of the world's scientific community, whose strong and loud alerts did not have the required echo in the so many successive, highly expensive summits and meetings.

One of the harsh consequences of the human-made climate catastrophe is drought. In fact, drought is now pervasive in all regions, including the most industrialised ones, leading to a great loss of harvests, thus less food supplies, mounting markets' speculation.

All this in addition to the dominating profit-making system of intensive farming, industrial mono-cultures, distribution chains, forest depletion for more farming, livestock for meat business, etc.

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Platform for shareholders in blue economy promises to sustainably conserve Tanga-Pemba seascape

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu, Tanga

BLUE economy stakeholders from both mainland and Zanzibar have formed a special platform aimed to monitor, manage and conserve natural resources along the Tanga-Pemba seascape.

This was reached in Tanga Region recently during the meeting which was attended by top officials from the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries (Mainland) and the Ministry of Blue Economy and Fisheries of Zanzibar to discuss best ways to conserve the Tanga-Pemba seascape for sustainable development.

Led by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the Multi Stakeholders Platform (MSP) that brings together multiple conservation actors along the Seascape will also address challenges and identify various opportunities to generate income for sustainable development.

Dr Salim Mohamed Hamza, officer-in-charge at the Ministry of Blue Economy and Fisheries- Zanzibar said conservation issues along the Tanga-Pemba Seascape are marred by several challenges which require collaborative efforts from different stakeholders.

"Bringing together different players is a wise decision. We are going to have different ideas, knowledge, skills and experience on the table. This will help enhance conservation and management of our natural resources and the blue economy of both sides of Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar," he said.

He said without comprehensive plans, strategies to address conservation and social economic problems, the Tanga-Pemba Seascape will not be safe, and that will deny opportunities for the future generation.

Dr George Rushingisha from the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries said the platform is in line with the ministry's mandate of overall management and development of fisheries resources



Tanga district commissioner Hashim Mgandilwa speaks at the opening of the recent stakeholders meeting in Tanga. Photo: Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

for sustainable development.

"Coming up with innovations that provides local communities opportunities

while conserving the natural resources and the environment concurs with national strategy for growth and reduction

of poverty, improved livelihood," he said IUCN program manager- coastal and ocean resilience, Dr Elinasi Monga said

the formation of the multi-stakeholders platform is aimed at enhancing collaborations and joint actions between various actors at the seascape to support development of sustainable blue economy.

"There are multiple conservation actors operating at the Tanga-Pemba Seascape area at the moment but their overall contributions to conservation and community development is still very little, the platform aims to promote collaborations and enhance our impact to conservation and community development," he said.

The establishment of the platform is financed through a project called "Towards a Blue Future in the Tanga-Pemba seascape area". This project is implemented in partnership between IUCN, WIOMSA and ocean hub Africa - under funding from the embassy of Ireland - Dar es Salaam (Irish Aid).

Earlier, in his opening remarks, Tanga District Commissioner Hashim Mgandilwa urged the stakeholders to find solutions that will help accelerate poverty reduction to coastal local communities.

He said the majority of the local communities living along the coast are poor despite endowment and vast natural resources.

"We must identify challenges and opportunities for the coastal people and unearth all problems hindering sustainable fisheries. There are many and unique resources that could be used to improve people's livelihoods," he added.

UK urges hunger-stricken African nations to cultivate insects farms

By Mark Tovey

UK aid spending is encouraging hunger-stricken Africans to eat insects, with projects aiming to develop the practice in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Zimbabwe.

Edible insects have long been touted as a resource-efficient source of protein, requiring less land and water than conventional livestock. However, taste and cultural resistance have proved to be stumbling blocks in extending the practice in many parts of the world.

In a move to realise the substantial on-paper benefits of insect-eating, a £50,000 UK aid project in the DRC is putting African caterpillars, migratory locusts and black soldier flies on the menu.

The initiative is being spearheaded in the North and South Kivu provinces of the DRC, where cattle's farming is one of the few ways to make a liv-

ing for rural inhabitants. But as the population in these regions grows, space for animal husbandry is dwindling and beef farming is putting a strain on water supplies.

Twenty-three species of insect are already consumed in the South Kivu region, although the Congolese do not usually farm them, instead opportunistically gathering them depending on the season. Edible insects commonly eaten in the region include the African palm weevil, the litter beetle, termites and crickets.

The project is listed on the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's development tracker website as seeking "to promote the production of insects for human food and for use in the manufacture of animal feeds". The initiative is said to run from March to December 2022 with funds provided by the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (Cafod), a charity



in England and Wales. Cafod did not respond to a Guardian inquiry about how it intended to use the money. [However, after publication Cafod said it was "completely wrong to claim the programme is encouraging people to eat insects" and that this was a local project to grow insects to feed fish, ensuring they would be more protein-rich when consumed.]

Meanwhile, in Zimbabwe, another development project is under way to use mopane worms in porridge served in schools. The slimy green caterpillars, which turn into emperor moths, are already commonly picked for consumption from vegetation during the rainy seasons in rural parts of Zimbabwe.

With £300,000 from the aid budget, officials are planning to

feed poor children aged seven to 11 in the southern town of Gwanda and in the capital, Harare, a bug-laced gruel, which, they say, has the benefits of being rich in crucial vitamins and minerals, including phosphorus, potassium, iron, copper, zinc, manganese, sodium, vitamins B1 and B2, and niacin.

The project's lead, Dr Alberto Fiore, a professor of food chemistry and technology at Abertay University in Dundee, said Zimbabweans rely heavily on maize, which is low in protein, essential minerals, amino acids and fatty acids.

Fiore said he and his team concocted a formula that combines locally farmed mopane worms with cereals and fruits that do not need to be imported - a significant benefit as the war in Ukraine and the strong US dollar make foreign-grown foods increasingly inaccessible.

Although unwilling to disclose his recipe before the pub-

lication of the study's data, Fiore did say his insect-based porridge contained grains including sorghum and millets. He said he was sure the dish was palatable, with his research team having conducted consumer taste tests in Scotland, a country long associated with porridge.

Whipping up the bug-based meal is only the first stage of the project. A randomised control trial will be conducted to see if children who eat the breakfast perform better at school, and if their weight becomes healthier.

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Dr Sarah Beynon, the founder of the Bug Farm in Pembrokeshire and an academic entomologist, said aid projects promoting edible insects were "a sure way to save lives and improve nutrition of the poorest people on planet Earth".

She said: "We are also actively

encouraging people in the developed world to include insects in their diets.

"With a population that has an appetite set to far exceed the planetary limits, and with current agriculture decimating biodiversity and changing the climate, we have no option but to change how we produce and consume food ... and our views on the topic too."

Both aid projects were funded through UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), an arms-length body of the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

A UKRI spokesperson said: "We support specific research projects with funding, but we anticipate that the learning and knowledge gleaned will benefit citizens around the world irrespective of their economic status. The protein and environmental benefits of consuming insects have been widely reported globally."

Abu Dhabi's restoration efforts bring hope for dugongs prone to extinction

By Special Correspondent

ABU Dhabi's plan to restore another 12,000 ha of mangroves, coral reefs and seagrass meadows could give respite to what is believed to be the world's second-largest population of the ocean's only herbivorous mammal, say experts. While sea turtles and local communities also stand to benefit from the revival of fisheries and tourism.

The dugong is a marine mammal. It is one of four living species of the order sirenia, which also includes three species of manatees. It is the only living representative of the once-diverse family dugongidae; its closest modern relative, Steller's sea cow (*Hydrodamalis gigas*), was hunted to extinction in the 18th century.

The dugong is the only sirenian in its range, which spans the waters of some 40 countries and territories throughout the Indo-West Pacific. The dugong is largely dependent on seagrass communities for subsistence and is thus restricted to the coastal habitats which support seagrass meadows, with the largest dugong concentrations typically occurring in wide, shallow, protected areas such as bays, mangrove channels, the waters of large inshore islands and inter-reefal waters. The northern waters of Australia between Shark Bay and Moreton Bay are believed to be the dugong's contemporary stronghold.

The dugong has been hunted for thousands of years for its meat and oil. Traditional hunting still has great cultural significance in several countries in its modern range, particularly northern Australia and the Pacific Islands. The dugong's current distribution is fragmented, and many populations are believed to be close to extinction. The IUCN lists the dugong as a species vulnerable to extinction, while the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species limits or bans the trade of derived products. Despite being legally protected in many countries, the main causes of population decline remain anthropogenic and include fishing-related fatalities, habitat degradation and hunting. With its long lifespan of 70 years or more and slow rate of reproduction, the dugong is especially vulnerable to extinction.

"The presence or absence of dugong tells us a lot about the health of an ecosystem, its diversity and levels of pollution," said Mirey Atallah, Head of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Climate for Nature Branch.

"The Abu Dhabi initiative is a model in that it targets restoration both on land and at sea, therefore benefiting not only dugongs but also people living in that area," adds Atallah. "With climate change, pollution and other stressors, dugongs would risk starving to death as their cousin the



Manatee in Florida. This is a laudable initiative that we hope to see replicated in other seagrass beds."

The ocean's only herbivorous mammal, dugongs, resembles dolphins but with a wider nose and a whale-like tail. With their gentle expression, slow movements and liking for shallow water, storm-tossed sailors mistook them for mermaids in centuries past.

Once reported regularly across tropical and sub-tropical waters from East Africa to Vanuatu, dugongs have been hard hit by hunting, habitat loss, and entanglement in deadly fishing gear. They have already died out in some regions and are considered vulnerable to extinction globally.

In the latest setback, scientists concluded this week that the species has gone "functionally extinct" in China, meaning that if there are any left, they are too few to survive for long. Among nearly 800 Chinese fishers interviewed, only three reported seeing a dugong in the past five years. The last verified field observation was in 2000, the study said.

Dugong populations are declining sharply in many other countries, including Kenya, Japan and Indonesia. But the Abu Dhabi project hopes to buck that trend by restoring coastal ecosystems that encompass the all-important seagrass beds on which the dugong graze.

Situated in the southwest of the Arabian Gulf, the Emirate's coastal ecosystems and traditional fishing industry face numerous pressures, from dredging to reclaiming land for housing and industrial development, and pollution from the region's oil industry.

Mirey Atallah, Head of the UNEP's Climate for Nature Branch

To safeguard key areas for biodiversity, Abu Dhabi's Environment Agency has developed plans to ensure the recovery of fisheries, the restoration of mangroves and seagrass beds, and the rehabilitation of coral reefs.

Scientists will be hoping the project yields positive results for the regional dugong population, which in the past were recorded in their thousands off Abu Dhabi and other Gulf countries (only Australia is believed to have a larger population). Also likely to benefit are four species of turtle, three kinds of dolphin, and many of the 500 fish species present around Abu Dhabi's coasts and islands.

The restored ecosystems are expected to sequester large amounts of carbon and provide economic benefits through jobs, food supplies and ecotourism.

In 2017, a massive coral bleaching event killed more than 70 per cent of the corals in Abu Dhabi's Sea but now the country is dedicating its efforts to restoring mangroves, corals, and seagrass so that dugongs, sea turtles and our coastal communities can thrive.

Some 7,500 ha of mangroves have already been restored under the project, which authorities aim to

complete by 2030. This date marks the conclusion of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration and when countries aim to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals as well as the targets of the Paris Agreement on climate change.

The role of ecosystem restoration in tackling the climate and biodiversity crises and reducing the risk of extinctions will be on the agenda when world leaders gather in Montreal in December to adopt the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

Healthy, biodiversity ecosystems sustain life on Earth. Despite the value nature provides, it is deteriorating worldwide - a decline projected to worsen under business-as-usual scenarios. From December 7-19, the world will gather for the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP15) in Montreal to strike a landmark agreement to guide global actions on biodiversity through 2030. The framework will need to lay out an ambitious plan that implements broad-based action across sectors addressing the key drivers of nature loss and ensure that by 2050, the shared vision of living in harmony with nature is fulfilled.

The UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030, led by the United Nations Environment Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and partners covers terrestrial as well as coastal and marine ecosystems. A global call to action, it will draw together political support, scientific research and financial muscle to massively scale up restoration.

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Malawian farmers reap more from sunflower, chillies

HAVING harvested and graded their sunflower crop instead of taking it to market, every member of Zikometso Productive and Innovation Centre (IPC) brings their produce to the factory for cooking oil production. The IPC falls under the National Smallholder Farmers Association of Malawi (Nasfarm).

The rising cost of cooking oil in the country and the world, mainly due to the Russia and Ukraine war, means they are fetching more than twice what they could get by selling it to vendors.

According to the factory's production manager Regina Nothale, three kilograms of sunflower produces one litre of cooking oil.

Currently, one litre of cooking oil in Malawi is sold at an average of K3 000, equivalent to three US dollars.

"The price of sunflower seed on the market per kilogram is at K300 (0.3dollars) hence more money after processing it into cooking oil and more money to the farmers as well," she said.

Apart from sunflowers, these farmers also grow chillies and take these to the chilli sauce factory in Mulanje district, under the same Zikometso IPC.

The two enterprises benefit 3,726 farmer members from Phalombe, Mulanje and Thyolo districts situated in the southern region of Malawi.

Before she became a member, Annie Muchawa of the Phalombe association said she faced challenges with her chilli and sun-



A factory worker pressing sunflower oil. Credit: Esmie Komwa Eneya/IPS

flower production. that the cooking oil factory has not yet been certified by the Malawi Bureau of Standards (MBS); therefore, the product is only available locally despite its quality.

She said the organisation was working hard to ensure the factory gets certified by the end of the year and increase its capacity to over 40 000 litres per year.

"We started piloting value addition at farmers level hence the establishment of two factories, one in Phalombe district for cooking oil production and another in Mulanje district for chilli sauce production. This was done with aid from the government of Norway because we saw that if the processing takes place within the vicinity of the farmers, they will benefit a lot.

"We are happy to see that both factories have grown significantly, and by next year, the production will increase as well," she said

Struggling to get certified is one of the challenges that cooperatives and associations meet in the country.

Peter Ngoma, President of the Oil Seed and Processors Association, said many cooperatives and associations face low production levels due to limited access to productivity-enhancing technologies such as certified seeds, equipment and materials.

"Zikometso is lucky to have the funders. The body does the production process and guides and provides quality seed for farmers. Their part is to produce the crop and deliver it to the factory. Other groups do not even have access to affordable credit facilities to invest in the business."

"This, in the end, leads to poor compliance to quality standards and consistent qualities required by the buyers," he said

However, Ngoma said while the association offers off-take agreements, which include providing inputs to farmers, this was negatively affected by the lack of contract enforcement laws. As a result, there is a lot of side selling, farmers not supplying agreed quantities, and poor-quality commodities.

The president added that the Oil Seed and Processors Association supported farmers with extension services which assist with good agricultural practices.

During his tour to review the progress of reforms two months ago, Malawi's Vice President Saulos Chilima visited the Kasenge cooperative of Chitipa district in the northern region of Malawi, which produces cooking oil from sunflower.

He noted that the time had come to invest in local industry because the country has been wasting foreign exchange on the importation of cooking oil instead of empowering local production.

"Local cooking oil production is a good story, and we need to boost their capacity.

"Personally, I will engage other potential investors to look at this," he promised.

The challenges included a lack of access to good seeds making her production low and the quality poor.

And if this is not enough, she sold her products at a low price. "Now we have access to quality seed, and each and every year, we are assured of good prices, and we are no longer the same.

"I am able to pay school fees for my two children, I have managed to construct a modern electrified house, and I have bought livestock for agriculture diversification and nutrition security," she explained.

At the association, the farmers are trained with better husbandry practices to harvest better yields of high-quality fit for cooking oil and chilli sauce production.

Instead of getting less than 1 US dollar per kilogram after selling her chilli to vendors, the same weight fetches Rose Ndalama of the Mulanje association 2.5 US dollars at the factory.

"At the association, we also have adult literacy education; we learn about conservation agriculture, composite manure making and gender issues. We are benefiting a lot," she said.

Nasfam's chief executive officer Betty Chinyamunyanu said chilli sauce is the "most trending" product because all big chain stores stock it year-round. Chinyamunyanu highlighted

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

WORD-FIT

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SOLUTIONS

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CLUES: Across

1 fail to impress

5 a memorandum

7 accumulate over time

8 a corner

10 heaven

11 known about by many people

13 the refuse of grapes that have been pressed for winemaking

15 out of the way

17 Kuala Lumpur is her capital city

19 one as a quantity

20 a small stone made smooth and round by the action of water

Down:

1 Muslims bound together

2 a legislative body in the ruling assembly of Russia

3 a house

4 Zambia's capital

6 on to

7 Largest state in U.S.A

9 vehicle equipped for living in

12 the holding of an office

14 a slatted wooden case used for transporting goods

16 an accomplice of a hawk

17 Mother

18 labium

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Macadamia raises new hope for household economies in Iringa

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Kilolo

IRINGA farmers have been encouraged to venture into macadamia nuts farming, which its demand in the global market is currently growing fast, and is expected to pass the demand for cashew nuts, the government has advised.

Speaking during her visit at the macadamia farm owned by the Farm for the Future Tanzania Limited (FFF) based in Ilula Ward, Kilolo district over the weekend, the Iringa Regional Commissioner Halima Dendego said the government is ready to start looking for large investors to invest in macadamia nuts cultivation, while emphasis is put to encourage small farmers to benefit from this economic opportunity.

Data have shown that for the year 2021, global macadamia production was foreseen to reach 38,500 MT once the short crop expected in the last quarter comes in.

With increased market confidence for the upcoming season, data show, a resurgence of the industry is expected and crop 2022 is anticipated to hit a high of over 40,000 MT as new plantings are coming to fruition.

Macadamia is currently most expensive nut in the world sold at \$20 per kilo. The largest importer of the nut is United States, with an import value of \$133 million in 2021, followed by Germany.

Today the largest producers of macadamia nuts are Australia and South Africa, representing about 50 percent of the total production, followed by Kenya, China, USA, Guatemala, Brazil, Malawi, Vietnam, Colombia, New Zealand and Swaziland.

Macadamia growing is appealing to new growers be-



Iringa Regional Commissioner Halima Dendego (C) plants a macadamia seedling at the Farm for the Future Limited farm to inaugurate planting season. Left is FFF's Field Agronomist Nancy Myinga and right is the project manager Osmund Ueland. (Photo by Friday Simbaya)

cause the industry is perceived to have a more secure, assured and profitable future than many other tree crops.

Dendego said the macadamia farming is also important in increasing employment opportunities, as the FFF project has also employed fresh graduates from

universities in different technical capacities.

Dendego visited the FFF to see how macadamia farming is conducted at the project area, and speak to the managers on their future plans and opportunities.

For his part, Farm for the Future's

Project Manager Mr. Osmund Ueland said full macadamia seedlings planting planned for 2022 and 2023, consisting of 69 hectares of land.

An acre of land can accommodate up to 70 macadamia trees on a spacing of ten by ten meters.

After sprouting, the macadamia Tree has a juvenile life span of approximately 6 years and reaches maturity at approximately 10 years and the life span is 100 years.

Mr. Ueland said once the macadamia trees mature and start producing nuts, the revenue and gross profit from these will quickly surpasses that of seed crops such as maize and will eventually dominates the economy due to its high value.

"We are in the middle of 16 villages and they can easily see what we are doing. Following the baseline survey conducted in the 16 villages surrounding the farm, FFF developed 3 key programs which empower the community.

FFF is working closely with the government of Kilolo District and the office of the regional commissioner to ensure the young single mothers are financially empowered, the farmers are well trained on good agricultural practices, and children are sponsored on their education while 20 families have been sponsored, with 44

milk goats for boosting their economies. "FFF has long-term thinking, we have invested in building a 400 Mega litres water dam for rain water harvesting to be used for irrigation of high value crops", Ueland elaborated.

He has asked the government to solve the challenge of reliable electricity.

They are now constructing a pump house which will contain 3 water pumps for irrigation purposes, however the challenge is accessibility to reliable power and asked the power utility company (TANESCO) to install a big transformer at the pump station to ensure reliability of enough power to run 2 pivots and Macadamia irrigation system, since irrigation is key to the future of FFF.

Ueland explained that they have so far invested \$2.3 million, most of the funds comes from Norway, adding that they have also invested \$400,000 in irrigation scheme for maize seed production.

FFF is planning to plant Macadamia tree seedlings at 1.4 hectares this year and next year they will plant 68 hectares of macadamia to make a total of 69 Ha of macadamia.

"We have decided to move to irrigation farming and next year we plan for 225 ha to be planted maize seeds and the 69 Ha macadamia ..." he note

Mobile money shaping Africa's payments landscape

By Mariam Cassim

AFRICA has undoubtedly developed an appetite for mobile payments – a trend accelerated by the global pandemic. In the space of a few years, the continent's payments landscape has shifted dramatically as mobile transactions eclipse traditional payment processes.

According to the World Economic Forum (WEF), in 2021, 84 percent of internet users in Kenya and 60 percent in Nigeria made payments regularly by mobile phone.

With 57 percent of people across the continent not holding a bank account and 75 percent of sub-Saharan Africans predicted to own a smartphone by 2025, the future of payments is certainly mobile.

This growth in mobile money will help to advance financial inclusion, especially for women-owned small-, medium-, and micro-sized enterprises (SMMEs).

In Sub-Saharan Africa, almost one in three business owners are women, but this vital sector of the economy faces unique barriers to accessing traditional finance, because many women are unbanked and excluded from lending opportunities, says the WEF.

South Africa's contactless transactions have grown due to pandemic-induced hygiene concerns, as well as greater smartphone penetration. Contactless payments for daily essentials were 13 times higher in March 2020 than March 2019.

Vodacom South Africa now has 26.2 million smart devices on its network, a 13 percent increase on last year. But the country still has some catching up to do, with only 21 percent of internet users utilising mobile money.

And, according to a 2022 Financial Sector Outlook study, almost 90 percent of South Africans still prefer cash because it is anonymous, does not require mobile connectivity or a bank account, and there are no hidden fees.

One of the greatest challenges in accelerating the uptake of mobile money is moving from a cash-based ecosystem to a non-cash world.

I believe that creating awareness to change negative perceptions around digital transacting, which is viewed as ei-



Mobile payment platforms will ultimately be a game-changer in how consumers conduct financial transactions and access money FILE PHOTO

ther complicated or "unsafe" (due to a lack of digital literacy), can go a long way.

Ultimately, we need to demystify the technology and demonstrate its benefits to consumers and businesses to ensure that people trust digital financial services – including mobile money and contactless payments.

Mobile payment platforms will ultimately be a game-changer in how consumers conduct financial transactions and access money. For example, digital wallets now allow people to send money to recipients with valid South African cellphone numbers, even if they don't have bank accounts.

They also enable safe and cashless, peer-to-peer remittances with no transaction fees.

The digital wallet removes the reams of paperwork typically involved in opening a

bank account and makes it less cumbersome and more convenient for those who need to send and receive money, shop, and pay bills.

The digital nature of this type of payment means even those unable to access traditional banking services can do so in a digital wallet already available on an app.

Over the past few years, Vodacom Financial Services has identified opportunities to provide innovative products for those who struggle to access the traditional banking sector.

This has driven the development and introduction of the VodaPay super app, which has completely reshaped the way people interact with their money and live their lives.

The super app has 2.8 million downloads, with 1.9 million customers registered as

published in the Vodacom Group trading update for the quarter ended 30 June 2022.

Through its digital wallet, VodaPay can be used to do everything from sending money to a loved one to paying utility bills, all in a single, consolidated app.

VodaPay also features micro-lending facilities that unbanked female entrepreneurs can take advantage of because it does not require a bank account or formal credit history.

Through a partnership programme, it breaks down the barriers to entry for SMMEs looking to grow and expand their businesses. Since its launch 10 months ago, VodaPay already features over 90 mini apps.

Looking ahead The mobile money market is undergoing significant change, with new players constantly offering innovative solutions, and in Africa, digital wallets and super apps are driving that change.

This new status quo provides businesses of all sizes with an extraordinary opportunity to offer mobile-first ways of transacting. Im-

Italy leads rise in euro zone bond yields

LONDON

ITALIAN government bond yields led a rise in borrowing costs across the single currency bloc on Monday after Russia's decision to keep its main gas pipeline to Germany shut exacerbated inflation and ECB rate-hike fears.

Russia's latest halt to gas supplies down its main pipeline to Europe, which came after Friday's bond market close, comes just days before the European Central Bank is expected to deliver a second big rate hike to tame record-high inflation.

The European benchmark gas contract soared 30% at the open, while the euro sank to a 20-year low below 99 cents – adding to price pressures since a weak currency lifts the cost of imports.

Against this backdrop, Italian 10-year bond yields headed back towards 4% and German Bund yields also rose, having dipped in early trade.

"The primary focus is the inflationary impact with the ECB increasingly focused on realised inflation rather than relying on its forecast," said ING senior rates strategist Antoine Bouvet, referring to the gas pipeline shutdown.

"This means higher bond yields and a curve flattening. Even if measures mullied by Germany and the European Union are going to ease the blow for energy consumers, I expect markets to read this as hawkish, as it would clear the way for more ECB hikes."

Italy's 10-year bond yield was last up 10 basis points (bps) at 3.94%, approaching more than two-month highs hit last week above 4%.

Germany's benchmark 10-year Bund yield was 2 bps higher at 1.54%, having fallen at the open.

Euro area money markets meanwhile were pricing in roughly 88% chance of a 75 bps ECB rate hike on Thursday when the central bank meets, up from roughly 80% at the end of last week.

The euro was down 0.5%, having hit a new two-decade low and European stock markets were deep in the red.

Germany will spend at least 65 billion euros (\$64.7 billion) on shielding customers and businesses from soaring inflation, Chancellor Olaf Scholz said on Sunday, as the standoff over Russian gas and oil exports ramped up.

Kenya financial markets remain strong amid poll case verdict

NAIROBI

INVESTORS remained cagey ahead of the Supreme Court verdict Monday, with foreigners appearing to have put on hold their activities on the financial markets.

Key economic indicators closed Friday – the last day of the hearing of the petition challenging the declaration of William Ruto as the winner of the August 9 presidential election at the apex court – with mixed signals.

The stock market gained Sh10 billion while the shilling continued on its downward spiral to end the week at an exchange of 120.1 units against the dollar.

Some investors appeared to be waiting on the Supreme Court decision today to make decisions

on when they would reopen their purse strings as Kenya goes through another disputed presidential election.

The chairperson of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC), Mr Wafu-la Chebukati, declared Dr Ruto the winner after polling 7.1 million votes against Raila Odinga's 6.9 million votes. Odinga challenged the outcome claiming that the election was rigged in favour of his main competitor.

The announcement that he will challenge the outcome saw the NSE shed Sh43 billion on August 22 to close trading at Sh2.23 trillion, which was the lowest since Kenya went to the polls on August 9.

The NSE shed Sh150.9 billion



The stock market gained Sh10 billion while the shilling continued on its downward spiral to end the week at an exchange of 120.1 units against the dollar FILE PHOTO

from August 15, when the IEBC chairperson made the declaration and Friday when the court concluded the hearing.

Yields to Eurobond also increased last week. The 10-year Eurobond whose maturity is 2024 increased by 0.6 percent to 15.2

percent. Among the grounds for Mr Odinga seeking the nullification of the election is that the IEBC postponed gubernatorial elections in Mombasa and Kakamega and four constituencies to suppress his votes, a claim dismissed by the electoral body.

If the seven judges of the court are convinced that there are sufficient grounds to support claims of rigging, the court will call for a fresh election within 60 days.

Funding a repeat presidential election will set taxpayers another Sh10 billion.

The seven judges can also dismiss the petition and uphold Dr Ruto's win and their decision can be unanimous or by majority vote.

In 2017, the court led by former Chief Justice David Maraga over-

turned President Kenyatta's win in a majority of four against two.

The nullification of the presidential election will send the country into an election mode and anxiety as to who will conduct the repeat poll after Mr Odinga argued for the indictment of Mr Chebukati by the Supreme Court.

If the apex court upholds Dr Ruto's win, the President-elect will be sworn into office as the country's fifth President seven days after the Supreme Court renders its decision. The judges framed nine issues for determination among them whether the technology deployed by the electoral commission met the standards of integrity, verifiability, security and transparency to guarantee accurate and verifiable results.

Mr Odinga and 11 other petitioners alleged that the technology was infiltrated and that it is the 'machines that voted and not Kenyans'. "In this case, we have demonstrated that the technology deployed in the election, even this Supreme Court cannot access it," Mr Willis Otieno, who represented activist Khelef Khalifa, said, claiming that the IEBC refused to grant the court access after an order.

The court will also determine whether there was interference with the uploading and transmission of Forms 34A from the polling stations to the IEBC portal and whether there was a difference between Forms 34A uploaded on the portal and the forms that were presented at the national tallying centre at the Bomas of Kenya.

EU strives to support industry as Russian gas cut affects markets

LONDON/OSLO

EUROPEAN gas prices surged, share prices slid and the euro sank on Monday after Russia stopped pumping gas to Europe via a major supply route, sending a new tsunami through the European Union economy that has yet to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

EU governments are racing through packages worth billions of dollars to prevent power companies being crushed by a liquidity crunch and to protect households from soaring bills, after Russia's state-controlled Gazprom said it would stop pumping gas via the Nord Stream 1 pipeline due to a fault.

Europe has accused Russia of weaponising energy supplies in retaliation for Western sanctions imposed on Moscow over its invasion of Ukraine. Russia says the West has launched an economic war and sanctions have hampered pipeline operations.

A host of European power distributors have already collapsed and some major generators could be at risk, hit by caps that limit prices rises they can pass on to consumers or caught out by hedging bets with gas prices now 400% more than a year ago.

"This has had the ingredients for a kind of a Lehman Brothers of energy industry," Finnish Economic Affairs Minister Mika Lintila said on Sunday, referring to the U.S. bank that collapsed in 2008 and heralded the global financial crash.

Finland aims to offer 10 billion euros (\$10 billion) and Sweden 250 billion Swedish crowns (\$23 billion) in liquidity guarantees to their power companies. Germany, more reliant than most EU states on Russian gas, has offered a multibillion-euro bailout to power utility Uniper.

"The government's programme is a last-resort financing option for companies that would otherwise be threatened with insolvency," Finland's Prime Minister Sanna Marin said.

The benchmark gas price surged 35% on the day on Monday to 284 euros per megawatt hour (MWh), after Russia said on Friday a leak in Nord Stream 1 equipment meant it would stay shut beyond last week's three-day maintenance halt.

European financial markets were reeling from the news. The euro sank to a



Figures show own-label sales rising 7 per cent in the 12 weeks to August 7 PHOTO/AGENCIES

20-year low and European shares tumbled.

Nord Stream 1, which runs under the Baltic Sea to Germany, historically supplied about a third of the gas Russia exported to Europe, although it was already running at just 20% of capacity before last week's maintenance outage.

EU politicians say Russia has been creating pretexts to halt supplies. The Kremlin said on Monday anger in the EU over rising energy prices was the result of "harmful" decisions by EU governments.

EMERGENCY PLANS

Russia also sends gas to Europe via pipeline across Ukraine, another major route. But those supplies have also been reduced during the crisis, leaving the EU racing to find alternative supplies to refill gas storage facilities for winter.

Several EU states have triggered emergency plans that could lead to energy rationing and fuelling recession fears, with inflation soaring and interest rates on the rise.

Some energy-intensive industries in Europe, such as fertiliser makers and aluminium producers, have already scaled back production. Other industries, already grappling with chip shortages and logistics logjams, face rocketing fuel bills.

"Supply is hard to come by, and it becomes harder and harder to replace every bit of gas that doesn't come from Russia," said Jacob Mandel, senior associate for commodities at Aurora Energy Research.

EU countries' energy ministers are due to meet on Sept. 9 to discuss options to rein in soaring energy prices including gas price caps

and emergency credit lines for energy market participants, a document seen by Reuters showed.

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said on Sunday that Germany, the EU's economic powerhouse, had been preparing for a total halt in gas deliveries.

Germany is at phase two of a three-stage emergency gas plan. Phase three would see some industry rationing.

In the race for alternative supplies, Germany is installing temporary liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminals as a stopgap while it builds permanent facilities, so it can ship in gas from further afield.

"There's plenty of scope to replace that (Russian) gas with LNG imports for now, but when the weather turns cold and demand starts to pick up in the winter in Europe and Asia, there's only so much LNG out there that Europe can import," Mandel said.

The global market for LNG was already tight as the world economy sucked up supplies in the recovery from the pandemic. The Ukraine crisis has added further demand.

Norway, a major European producer, has been pumping more gas into European markets but cannot fill the gap left by Russia.

Klaus Mueller, president of Germany's Federal Network Agency energy regulator, said in August that even if Germany's gas stores were 100% full, they would be empty in 2-1/2 months if Russian gas flows were halted completely.

Germany's storage facilities are now about 85% full, while facilities across Europe hit an 80% target last week.

Truss plans would give big banks a tax break, charges Labour

LONDON

LABOUR has claimed Liz Truss (pictured) will push through a "huge stealth tax cut for banks" if she becomes the UK's next prime minister on Monday, as the opposition party prepares to do battle with her on the economy.

Labour has argued that the foreign secretary's intention to scrap a planned corporation tax rise next year, should she become leader, would be particularly beneficial to big banks, which would see a net 5 percentage point cut in their tax bills.

Pat McFadden, shadow Treasury minister, said: "Is Liz Truss's priority to support the families, pensioners and small businesses that are struggling to make ends meet, or is it to provide extra tax breaks for big banks?"

Allies of Rishi Sunak, former chancellor and leadership contender, have also noted the potential political bear trap in Truss's plans, relating to the special tax treatment given to banks after the bailouts the sector received following the 2008 financial crash.

George Osborne, former chancellor, introduced an 8 per cent surcharge on bank profits in 2015, which is levied in addition to the current 19 per cent corporation tax rate, making in effect a tax rate of 27 per cent.

However, in his October 2021 Budget, Sunak announced that from April 2023 the surcharge would be cut from 8 per cent to 3 per cent, to try to keep the City of London competitive. The is was offset by the chancellor's announcement that he would simultaneously increase the corporation tax rate for all businesses from 19 per cent to 25 per cent.

At the same time Sunak, expecting a



public backlash over his cut in the bank charge, told MPs that banks would end up paying a combined rate of 28 per cent, slightly more than they are at present.

Labour pointed out that if Truss scraps Sunak's corporation tax rise – but keeps the 5 percentage point cut in the bank surcharge – the net effect would be a big tax cut for big banks in the midst of an economic crisis.

Truss has committed to scrapping Sunak's corporation tax rise – at an estimated £17bn cost to the exchequer – as part of a drive to boost Britain's competitiveness and growth.

A Truss campaign spokesperson said: "Liz's bold plan to cut taxes, boost investment and drive growth will ensure we get the economy moving and restore Britain's

competitiveness on the world stage."

However Truss has not said whether she would continue with the planned cut to the bank surcharge. An ally of the foreign secretary said that "nothing is ruled in or out at the moment".

Banking executives argue that the sector is already overtaxed compared to other parts of the UK economy.

Sarah Boon, managing director of corporate affairs at UK Finance, which represents the large lenders in the UK, said that the "banking sector specific taxes make the UK uncompetitive when compared to other global financial centres".

She added: "We believe the tax system should treat all sectors equally. At present the bank corporation tax surcharge and the bank levy mean that,

whatever the headline rate of corporation tax is, the banking sector is subject to a higher rate of tax than other sectors."

One banking executive said that London was losing out to lower taxed rival cities. "We'd be looking at further tax cuts," they said. "Compared to New York, Frankfurt, and Dublin, our banks are still paying too much."

Miles Celic, head of TheCityUK, which represents UK-based financial services, said: "The UK has been in an uncompetitive position compared to the US and EU so anything that can make it more attractive to set up and operate a business in the UK is to be welcomed."

A decision to reverse corporation tax increases is also likely to reduce the need for a planned new tax incentive to increase investment in the UK, say economists.

Discounted book sale set for opening in Dar on Thursday

By Guardian Correspondent

WITH over 500,000 books, the Big Bad Wolf Book Sale Tanzania 2022 is set to open this week at Diamond Jubilee Hall from September 8-18, offering books with discounts up to 80 per cent.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday during the press conference to unveil what's in store at the upcoming sale, Big Bad Wolf Books co-founder, Andrew Yap, who is also the Chief Executive Officer of Big Bad Wolf Sharjah, and Mohamed Noor Hersi, a representative of Big Bad Wolf Sharjah, said they were delighted and humbled to be able to bring the Book Sale to Tanzania for the first time.

According to Andrew, the debut of the Big Bad Wolf Book Sale Tanzania 2022 is the latest chapter in the company's phenomenal success story, which began 13 years ago in Malaysia.

"It is indeed an exciting and momentous milestone for us at Big Bad Wolf Books as we journey into Africa, kicking it off in Tanzania as our first destination. Our primary mission has always been to cultivate reading habits, increase English literacy and build a new generation of readers by making books more affordable and accessible to everyone," said Andrew.

"With 15,000 titles and 500,000 brand new English books on offer, we want Tanzanians from all walks of life – be it young or old, to discover the joy of reading and have access to knowledge, whatever their income level.

"To read. To learn. To grow – we are committed to our vision of wanting

to Change the World, One Book at a Time," he added.

Speaking during the event, Noor Hersi said: "It is our hope and belief that Tanzania people will benefit a great deal from the Book Sale, and it is for everyone. Come with your family or your friends and make it a must-visit occasion you will be spoilt for choice with the amazing selection of books available on offer. "Also, not-to-be missed are the various promotions and a special contest called the Book Haul Contest, whereby the participants who share a photo/video of their purchase on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter, using the Hashtag #BBWBookHaul can win a BBW voucher worth 50,000/- and 10 winners will be selected daily.

"And one lucky winner will stand a chance to win the Grand Prize of a trolley full of books."

He said the Big Bad Wolf Sale Tanzania 2022 has a variety of books with discounted prices up to 80% off recommended retail price for every age and stage, ranging from bestselling novels, science fiction, romance, literature and graphic novels to business books, self-help, architecture books, cookbooks and much more.

In addition, the Book Sale also offers a wide selection of children's books, including picture books, activity books, colouring books, and interactive books, to name a few.

Noor Hersi said entry is absolutely free, and the Book Sale will open to the public daily from 09 am to 09 pm allowing bookworms and enthusiasts 12 hours of book shopping experience.



Big Bad Wolf representative Mohammed Noor (R) speaking during the press conference on the book sale to be held at the Diamond Jubilee on Thursday. Left is Big Bad Wolf Co-founder and CEO Andrew Yap PHOTO/ CORRESPONDENT

'India's services activity grew faster in August'

BENGALURU

INDIA'S dominant services industry grew faster than expected in August thanks to a solid expansion in demand and a continued easing in cost pressures, encouraging firms to hire at the quickest pace in more than 14 years, a private survey showed.

Driven by strong growth in services and manufacturing activity, Asia's third-largest economy expanded at its fastest annual pace in a year during the April-to-June quarter.

However, that momentum is unlikely to be sustained over the coming quarters as higher interest rates, elevated price pressures, and growing concerns about a global recession pose significant risks to the economy.

Still, the S&P Global India Services Purchasing Managers' Index rose to 57.2 in August from 55.5 in July, surpassing the 55.0 estimate in a Reuters poll. It remained above the 50-mark separating growth from contraction for a 13th straight month.

"The pick-up in growth stemmed from a rebound in new business gains as firms continued to benefit from the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions and ongoing marketing efforts," noted Pollyanna De Lima, economics associate director at S&P Global.

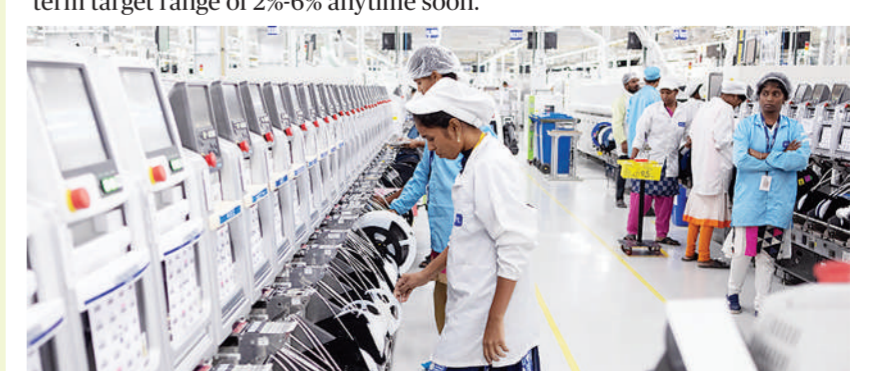
"Finance and insurance was the brightest area of the service economy in August, leading with regards to growth of sales and output."

While that encouraged firms to raise headcount at the fastest pace since June 2008, signs of demand remaining resilient boosted business confidence to its highest in over four years.

But overseas orders contracted for a 30th consecutive month on persistent weakness in global demand.

Input prices, albeit elevated, increased at their slowest pace in nearly a year in August. Persistent strength in demand allowed firms to transfer some of their high-cost pressures onto their customers.

Although overall inflation is widely expected to slow over the coming months, it is unlikely to decline to within the Reserve Bank of India's medium-term target range of 2%-6% anytime soon.



Manufacturing activity in India PHOTO/AGENCIES

What regulated mobile digital lending market will look like

NAIROBI

PLAYERS In the digital loans industry now have two weeks left to apply for licences as consumers move into a new era where their friends and relatives will no longer be hounded by intrusive phone calls when in default.

The Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) is expected to issue a list of compliant players by September 17 and shut down digital lenders that fail to meet strict consumer protection rules introduced under Digital Credit Providers Regulations, 2021.

Mobile phone lenders will also be required to disclose the total charges for their loans, including interest rates, late payment and rollover fees, before disbursing credit to customers.

Digital Lenders Association of Kenya (Dlak) Chair Kevin Mutiso said Kenyans should expect better services, stronger customer protection laws and fewer compliant players in two weeks.

"Most people have applied and there is just a bit of small documents being asked for. We expect in the two weeks a memo from CBK with a list, some names will be there, others will drop off," he said.

President Uhuru Kenyatta last December approved a change in law that allowed the central bank to regulate digital lenders, a move that gave the bank power to rein in lenders who violate consumer privacy.

Under the new rules, the lenders were supposed to furnish the regulator with a Certificate of Incorporation, Memorandum and Articles of Association of the applicant and that of any significant shareholder.

Directors, Chief Executive, Senior Officers and Significant Shareholders would also undergo a fit and proper



test from the regulator who also required disclosure of the source of funds and pricing models.

The new law also gave CBK powers to revoke licences of firms which send information about loan defaulters to third parties in name-and-shame tactics meant to recover the money.

Failure to reveal interest charges, late payment and rollover fees has also been cited as a major problem bedevilling customers who turn to digital loans due to their ease of access given that they do not require collateral.

Most Kenyans are not aware of their rights and do not read the terms of the loans when signing up for credit.

This leaves them vulnerable to being saddled with costly interest rates that rise up to 520 percent when annualised, triggering mounting defaults.

The use of mobile loans has grown exponentially over the last few years as low-income households have been lured into easily accessible mobile loans.

The CBK told parliament about 200,000 Kenyans were borrowing money on their mobile phones in 2016 but that had grown to 2 million in 2019, tenfold jump.

The easily accessible mobile loans however

have aggressive recovery methods including being too quick to list borrowers for very small defaults.

The regulator estimated there are more than 100 unregulated digital lenders that lack of transparency in pricing, mine personal data and use aggressive debt collection methods.

Most of the mobile loan takers are oblivious to the conditions that include lifetime of SMS notifications, full surrenders of their personal data to third parties and waiver of their right to dignity.

The lack of regulation meant that customer privacy was never guaranteed as these digital lenders arbitrarily shared user data with third parties.

Besides, customers defaulting on loan repayments faced unending reminder calls from debt collectors, who also used shaming tactics like calling friends and family to compel defaulters to pay.

CBK kicked the digital lenders out of the Credit Information Sharing mechanism for misuse of Credit Reference Bureaus to report small defaults that were less than Sh1000 and used the mechanism to leverage loan recovery by threatening to list clients.

Global firms bullish on China's services development



Shanghai Port

BEIJING

FOREIGN firms are tapping into the ongoing 2022 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS), eyeing growing opportunities amid the country's opening-up endeavors.

Fukaishi Akihiro, president of Epson (China) Co., Ltd., said that China's opening-up measures have fostered a favorable business environment, even under the pandemic, and Epson China still sees steady business growth and development.

Since Epson entered China in the 1980s, the country has been deemed one of its most important markets, Fukaishi said.

As China has revved up economic development and industry upgrade, its services trade sector has sustained a robust momentum, with an annual growth of 6.1 percent since 2012, 3.1 percentage points higher than the global expansion, data from the commerce ministry showed.

The CIFTIS will further promote the development of related sectors by exhibiting more new types of services and solutions to the public and providing a platform for companies to

make exchanges while offering policy guidance and industrial chain connections to participating firms, according to Fukaishi.

Having already cooperated with Chinese partners in printing, robotics, and other industries, the company hopes to leverage the fair to deepen its cooperation with Chinese partners to keep innovating its products.

It also noted that it remains upbeat about maintaining growth in the Chinese market. "We recognize China's determination to push for green development from the Chinese government's 'dual carbon' goals and long-term targets through 2035, which is consistent with our direction of green and sustainable development since founding," Fukaishi said.

Epson is not alone in hoping to avail of the CIFTIS to display their cutting-edge applications. Amazon Web Services, participating in the fair for the second time, showcased pioneering solutions in a dozen industries, such as medical services, smart manufacturing, and gaming, at this year's event.

U.S. company Qualcomm has attended the fair for three consecutive years. This year, the company demonstrated 5G, artificial intelligence, and other technologies and their applications in sectors including manufacturing and automobile.

Themed "cooperate for better development, innovate for a greener future," the 2022 CIFTIS held in Beijing features greater internationalization with some 400 Global Fortune 500 companies

and industry-leading enterprises participating. It represents a larger share than its last edition.

Along with other primary fairs, such as the China (Shanghai) International Technology Fair, "China is actively promoting the progress of turning the country's super-large market into broader opportunities for all countries," said Wang Dongtang, a senior official with the Ministry of Commerce, at a press conference last month.

The country has shortened its negative list for foreign investment for five consecutive years. The national demonstration zones to promote the innovative development of services trade have expanded to 28 provincial-level regions one year after its announcement, with over 90 percent of introduced measures implemented.

During this year's CIFTIS, China reaffirmed that it remains committed to promoting high-quality development through high-level opening-up.

It will broaden market access in the services sector, facilitate opening-up in cross-border services trade, expand the function of opening-up platforms, and strive to establish a high-standard opening-up system for the services sector.

"China has boosted the willingness of foreign companies to enter the Chinese market with its opening-up gestures, internationalized vision, and comprehensive advantages in terms of optimizing business environment and providing services," said Michael Bi, markets managing partner of EY Greater China.

UK can afford to borrow more to support families, businesses

LONDON

A BRITISH government led by Liz Truss can afford to borrow more to give energy bills support to households and businesses but it will remain responsible with the public finances, the man tipped to be Truss's finance minister said.

With newspapers reporting that Truss was preparing a package worth up to 100 billion pounds (\$14.6 billion), between direct support to households and tax cuts, Kwasi Kwarteng, Britain's business minister, sought to reassure investors about her plans.

The pound and British government bond prices have fallen heavily in recent weeks with some investors expressing concern about Truss's plans.

"Given the severity of the crisis we face, there will need to be some fiscal loosening to help people through the winter," Kwarteng wrote in the Financial Times. "That is absolutely the right thing to do in these exceptionally difficult times."

"We know households are worried, and decisive action is needed to get families and businesses through this winter and the next. They need certainty."

Kwarteng said Britain's debt-to-gross-domestic-product ratio was lower than any other Group of Seven country except Germany "so we do not need excessive fiscal tightening."

But the cost-of-living support would

be done in a fiscally responsible way, he said.

"Liz is committed to a lean state and, as the immediate shock subsides, we will work to reduce the debt-to-GDP ratio over time," Kwarteng wrote in the newspaper.

Over the weekend, the Sunday Times cited insiders at the finance ministry as saying the cost of Truss's plan would easily exceed 100 billion pounds (\$14.6 billion).

Truss is expected to be named as Britain's next prime minister when the results of the Conservative Party leadership race are announced around 1130 GMT on Monday.

Kwarteng also said a Truss government would "remain fully committed to the independence of the Bank of England and the important job they have in the months ahead to bring down inflation."

He said "co-ordination across monetary policy and fiscal policy is crucial."

Truss has said she wants to review the central bank's mandate without compromising its independence but one of her supporters has questioned whether the BoE should have exclusive powers to set interest rates.

Truss would also aim to get Britain's economy growing at a 2.5% trend growth rate by focusing on investment rather than how the government taxes and spends, Kwarteng said.



Kwasi Kwarteng, Britain's business minister.

AGRA, nutrition alliance to jointly address global food security crisis

KIGALI

THE heads of the African Green Revolution Alliance (AGRA) and the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) have signed a new five-year cooperation agreement at the 2022 African Green Revolution Forum in Kigali.

"The AGRF has become the landmark annual event on the continent bringing governments and partners together around food security and making safe, nutritious foods produced in a sustainable way available to all Africans," said GAIN Executive Director Lawrence Haddad. "AGRA is thus a critical partner for GAIN in helping deliver strategies which African government are adopting in the face of the current food crisis," Haddad added.

The cooperation agreement covers GAIN support to the AGRF and working with AGRA to strengthen linkages between smallholder farmers and African agri-food companies, emphasizing better access to finance and technical skills for SMEs involved in the agri-food sector.

"As the impact of climate change

on African agriculture grows, we need to accelerate actions to promote investments for sustainable agriculture ensuring that Africans everywhere can have better access to safe and nutritious foods." Said AGRA President, Agnes Kalibata. "As we double down to strengthen delivery systems and the agriculture ecosystem across countries in Africa, GAIN's expertise in nutrition and food systems will be a major support to this".

Joint efforts are being made to strengthen nutritious food systems thinking in the African agriculture and Agri food landscape. This includes work on the development of food system metrics which will help governments and development partners plan to improve access to and availability of nutritious foods. "At the AGRF we will together be launching a new report on tools for assessing progress in food system transformation," said Haddad.

"On behalf of all of us at AGRA we congratulate the Board and staff of GAIN on your 20th Anniversary this year, and we are delighted to be renewing our partnership with you at this time" added Kalibata.

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Liz Truss named as Britain's next prime minister

LONDON

LIZ Truss was named as Britain's next prime minister yesterday, winning a leadership race for the governing Conservative party at a time when the country faces a cost of living crisis, industrial unrest and a recession.

After weeks of an often bad-tempered and divisive leadership contest that saw the foreign minister face off against former finance minister Rishi Sunak, Truss came out on top in a vote of Conservative Party members.

The announcement triggers the start of a handover from Boris Johnson, who was forced to announce his resignation in July after months of scandal saw support for his administration drain away.

He will travel to Scotland to meet Queen Elizabeth on Tuesday to officially tender his resignation. Truss will follow him and be asked to form a government by the monarch.

Long the front-runner in the race

to replace Johnson, Truss will become the Conservatives' fourth prime minister since a 2015 election. Over that period the country has been buffeted from crisis to crisis, and now faces what is forecast to be a long recession triggered by sky-rocketing inflation which hit 10.1 percent in July.

Foreign minister under Boris Johnson, Truss, 47, has promised to act quickly to tackle Britain's cost of living crisis, saying that within a week she will come up with a plan to tackle rising energy bills and securing future fuel supplies.

Truss has signaled during her leadership campaign she would challenge convention by scrapping tax increases and cutting other levies in a move some economists say would fuel inflation.

That, plus a pledge to review the remit of the Bank of England while protecting its independence, has prompted some investors to dump the pound and government bonds.

Kwasi Kwarteng, widely tipped to be her finance minister, sought to calm

markets on Monday, by saying in an article in the Financial Times newspaper that under Truss there would need to be "some fiscal loosening" but that her administration would act in "a fiscally responsible way".

Truss faces a long, costly and difficult to-do list, which opposition lawmakers say is the result of 12 years of poor Conservative government. Several have called for an early election - something Truss has said she will not allow.

Veteran Conservative lawmaker David Davis described the challenges she would take on as prime minister as "probably the second most difficult brief of post-war prime ministers" after Conservative Margaret Thatcher in 1979.

"I actually don't think any of the candidates, not one of them going through it, really knows quite how big this is going to be," he said, adding that costs could run into tens of billions of pounds.

Truss has said she will appoint a strong cabinet, dispensing with what one source close to her called a "presidential-style" of governing, and she will have to work hard to win over

some lawmakers in her party who had backed Sunak in the race.

The Institute for Government think-tank said Truss would have a weaker starting point than any of her predecessors, because she was not the most popular choice among her party's lawmakers.

First, she will turn to the urgent issue of surging energy prices. Average annual household utility bills are set to jump by 80 percent in October to 3,549 pounds, before an expected rise to 6,000 pounds in 2023, decimating personal finances.

Britain has lagged other major European countries in its offer of support for consumer energy bills, which opposition lawmakers blame on a "zombie" government unable to act while the Conservatives ran their leadership contest.

In May, the government set out a 15 billion-pound support package to help households with energy bills as part of its 37 billion-pound cost-of-living support scheme.

Italy has budgeted over 52 billion euros (\$51.75 billion) so far this year to help its people. In France, increases in electricity bills are capped at 4 percent and Germany said on Sunday it would spend at least 65 billion euros shielding consumers and businesses from rising inflation.

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British lawmaker Liz Truss speaks after winning the Conservative Party leadership contest at the Queen Elizabeth II Centre in London yesterday. Truss will become Britain's new Prime Minister after an audience with Britain's Queen Elizabeth II today. AP

EU races to help industry as gas halt rattles markets

LONDON/OSLO

EUROPEAN gas prices surged, share prices slid and the euro sank on Monday after Russia stopped pumping gas to Europe via a major supply route, sending a new tsunami through the European Union economy that has yet to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

EU governments are racing through packages worth billions of dollars to prevent power companies being crushed by a liquidity crunch and to protect households from soaring bills, after Russia's state-controlled Gazprom said it would stop pumping gas via the Nord Stream I pipeline due to a fault.

Europe has accused Russia of weaponising energy supplies in retaliation for Western sanctions imposed on Moscow over its special military operation in Ukraine. Russia says the West has launched an economic war and sanctions have hampered pipeline operations.

A host of European power distributors have already collapsed and some major generators could be at risk, hit by caps that limit prices rises they can pass on to consumers or caught out by hedging bets with gas prices now 400 percent more than a year ago.

"This has had the ingredients for a kind of a Lehman Brothers of energy industry," Finnish Economic Affairs Minister Mika Lintila said on Sunday, referring to the US bank that collapsed in 2008 and heralded the global financial crash.

Finland aims to offer 10 billion euros (\$10 billion) and Sweden 250 billion Swedish crowns (\$23 billion) in liquidity guarantees to their power companies. Germany, more reliant than most EU states on Russian gas, has offered a multibillion-euro bailout to power utility Uniper.

"The government's program is a last-resort financing option for companies that would otherwise be threatened with insolvency," Finland's Prime Minister Sanna Marin said.

The benchmark gas price surged 35 percent on the day on Monday to 284 euros per megawatt hour, after Russia said on Friday a leak in Nord Stream I equipment meant it would stay shut beyond last week's three-day maintenance halt.

European financial markets were reeling from the news. The euro sank to a 20-year low and European shares tumbled.

Nord Stream 1, which runs under the Baltic Sea to Germany, historically supplied about a third of the gas Russia exported to Europe, although it was already running at just 20 percent of capacity before last week's maintenance outage.

Emergency plans

Russia also sends gas to Europe via pipeline across Ukraine, another major route. But those supplies have also been reduced during the crisis, leaving the EU racing to find alternative supplies to refill gas storage facilities for winter.

Several EU states have triggered emergency plans that could lead to energy rationing and fuelling recession fears, with inflation soaring and interest rates on the rise.

Some energy-intensive industries in Europe, such as fertilizer makers and aluminum producers, have already scaled back production. Other industries, already grappling with chip shortages and logistics logjams, face rocketing fuel bills.

EU countries' energy ministers are due to meet on Sept 9 to discuss options to rein in soaring energy prices including gas price caps and emergency credit lines for energy market participants, a document seen by Reuters showed.

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said on Sunday that Germany, the EU's economic powerhouse, had been preparing for a total halt in gas deliveries. Germany is at phase two of a three-stage emergency gas plan. Phase three would see some industry rationing.

In the race for alternative supplies, Germany is installing temporary liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminals as a stopgap while it builds permanent facilities, so it can ship in gas from further afield.

The global market for LNG was already tight as the world economy sucked up supplies in the recovery from the pandemic. The Russia-Ukraine crisis has added further demand.

Norway, a major European producer, has been pumping more gas into European markets but cannot fill the gap left by Russia.

Klaus Mueller, president of Germany's Federal Network Agency energy regulator, said in August that even if Germany's gas stores were 100 percent full, they would be empty in 2-1/2 months if Russian gas flows were halted completely.

Germany's storage facilities are now about 85 percent full, while facilities across Europe hit an 80 percent target last week.

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Report refutes claims of abuses in Xinjiang

THE fight against terrorism and extremism in the Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region has always been carried out on the basis of the rule of law, and there is no "suppression of ethnic minorities", said a report.

The report, recently issued by the information office of the regional government, sets out to explain the legal basis, key measures and notable results of the fight against terrorism and extremism in Xinjiang in accordance with law. The report aims to set the record straight with facts and debunk the rumors and lies concocted by the United States and the West about Xinjiang.

The spread of extremism over the years sowed the seed of rampant terrorist activities in Xinjiang, according to the report.

Since the 1990s, influenced by the volatile international situation and rampant terrorism and extremism around the globe, Xinjiang has seen frequent terrorist activities. From 1990 to the end of 2016, terrorists and religious extremists carried out several thousand terrorist attacks in Xinjiang. A large number of innocent people were killed and several hundred police officers died in the line of duty. The property loss incurred was enormous, the report showed.

Xinjiang's counterterrorism and deradicalization efforts do not target any

specific ethnic group or religion, and only crack down on terrorists and extremists. By preventing and countering terrorism and extremism in accordance with the law, Xinjiang has protected the fundamental rights of people of all ethnic groups to the greatest extent, said the report.

China has a clear-defined legal and policy framework for counterterrorism and deradicalization, including the Constitution, Criminal Law, the Counter-Terrorism Law and the National Security Law, which form the national legal framework for counterterrorism.

The legal and policy frameworks are in line with the spirit of the United Nations' counterterrorism conventions and documents, and fully reflect China's obligations as prescribed by international human rights law. They are also in line with internationally recognized principles.

China's laws have specified the definition and scope of the application of terrorism and extremism on differences in circumstance, degree of harm, nature and manifestation of illegal acts or crimes, ruling out arbitrary enforcement and violations of human rights.

Apart from acting in strict accord-



Local residents walk in a street at a scenic spot in the ancient city of Kashgar, Northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region, May 16, 2020. File photo

ance with the Constitution and other laws and regulations, Xinjiang has also rolled out regulations in light of the realities of the region, providing effective legal safeguards to curb and combat terrorism and extremism. Meanwhile, Xinjiang authorities conduct their work in strict compliance with their statutory duties, scope and procedures, it said.

Xinjiang always fights terrorism and extremism in accordance with the law and protects human rights, including the legitimate rights and interests of criminals committing terrorist activities or extremism, and resolutely prevents infringement upon human rights while conducting counterterrorism and deradicalization.

When dealing with cases of terrorism and extremism,

authorities in Xinjiang strictly observe principles, including imposing a legally prescribed punishment for a specified crime, the presumption of innocence, and the presumption of evidentiary adjudication.

There are absolutely no instances of "being ambiguous about or lenient with concepts of terrorism and extremism", "being without strict standards", "leaving room for related institutions to abuse the law" or "punishing terrorists and extremists at will", it said.

While fighting against terrorism and extremism, the region has ensured the respect of and the protection of human rights throughout the process of lawmaking, law enforcement and administration of justice, it said, adding that the work takes place under the supervision of various circles of society.

The report also clarified that Xinjiang's vocational education and training centers are learning facilities and were established in accordance with laws intended for deradicalization. Additionally, there are no instances of "forced labor" or "massive violations of rights", as the lawful rights and interests of people of all ethnic groups are fully protected.

Xinhua

10 killed, 15 injured in stabbings in Canada - police

OTTAWA

CANADIAN police said Sunday that 10 people were killed and at least 15 others injured and rushed to hospitals after stabbings in multiple locations in Saskatchewan, Canada.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) said in a press conference that they found 13 incident locations in James Smith

Cree Nation and Weldon of the province in central Canada and are hunting for two suspects.

"Today at 5:40 this morning, the Saskatchewan divisional operations communication center, or the RCMP DOCC, received a call reporting a stabbing in James Smith Cree Nation.

In the following minutes, we received multiple calls, reporting

additional stabbings at different locations in the community," the police said.

The whereabouts of the suspects are unknown and everyone in Saskatchewan needs to remain vigilant as this is one of the largest and most significant events they have seen in recent years, the police said.

A provincewide dangerous

persons alert issued for the suspects in the random stabbings has been expanded to two neighbouring provinces, Manitoba and Alberta. Police checkpoints have been set up throughout Saskatchewan.

"The attacks in Saskatchewan today are horrific and heart-breaking," said Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on Twit-

Xinhua

ON Aug. 18, 130 robot dogs danced to the music on a 1,000-square-meter stage at the Beijing Etrong International Exhibition and Convention Center, to celebrate the opening of the 2022 World Robot Conference (WRC).

The WRC is the largest and highest-level robot event with the widest foreign participation in China. It has become an important bridge of technology and industry linking China and other countries.

Over 500 advanced robots were exhibited at the four-day event, of which 36 were debuted, the most in the WRC history, said Liang Liang, deputy chief commander of the WRC and deputy secretary-general of the

Chinese Institute of Electronics (CIE). For instance, a 1:1 robot replica of Teresa Teng Li-Chun, a renowned deceased Chinese pop singer, was displayed singing in an exhibition hall of the event, and a robot version of Albert Einstein was "teaching" physics to visitors. Besides, a robot was even able to imitate visitors' facial expressions.

The WRC reflected the prospering development of the Chinese robot industry. According to a CIE report, the Chinese robot market reported a revenue of 83.9 billion yuan (\$12.13 bil-

lion) last year. About 53.1 percent of the revenue came from the industrial robot sector, and 46.9 percent from the service robot sector.

China's robot industry has stepped to a new level, and China has become the world's largest market for robot applications, said Xin Guobin, vice minister of China's Ministry of Industry and Information Technology.

In recent years, the Chinese robot industry has embraced fast expansion, with wide application scenarios in both industries and services.

At this year's WRC, the concept of

"robot plus" was highlighted, which facilitates the application of robots in agriculture, manufacturing, logistics, healthcare, finance, home decor and many other industries. It demonstrated the important role played by robots in the intelligentization and digitalization of traditional industries.

In the field of medical care, robots are not only helping patients recover as rehabilitation exoskeletons, but also able to help surgeons to complete various types of surgeries such as joint replacement, minimally invasive, and vascular intervention sur-

geries in a convenient and safe environment.

In agriculture, robots are being applied to help with farming, fruit picking, animal husbandry and other agriculture operations.

At the WRC 2022, a firefighting robot that's able to work over 30 minutes in an environment with a temperature over 1,000 degrees Celsius was displayed. The robot can perform lasting firefighting and reconnaissance missions at dangerous firegrounds for rescuers.

Apart from being applied in indus-

tries, robots are also getting closer to people's daily life with various abilities of massage, cooking and coffee making. They not only represent cutting-edge technologies, but also are changing the lives of the people.

People's Daily



China's robot industry has stepped to a new level, and China has become the world's largest market for robot applications,

SPORT



Tarime District's residents take part in sack race that was part of events at the launch of a football tournament, known as 'Mahusiano Cup', in Mara on Sunday. The tournament, coordinated by Barrick North Mara in conjunction with Tarime District Council, involves 16 villages located close to Barrick North Mara gold mine. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Capital Radio, Radio One to present prize to 'Mchezo Supa' winner

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

RADIO One and Capital Radio will at the end of this month hand over a prize, Toyota IST worth 15m/-, to an overall winner of a game dubbed 'Mchezo Supa' run by the broadcast media.

Weekly winners of the 'Mchezo Supa' will also be guaranteed to win four motorcycles each worth 2.6m/- every week and cash prizes every day this month.

Radio One and Capital Radio Director, Deogratius Rweyunga, said at a press conference held at the media outlets' headquarters, Mikochei in Dar es Salaam yesterday the car prize is presented to Radio One listeners while motorcycles and cash prizes are presented to Capital Radio listeners.

"Millions of money have been won so far in this game and this time around it's a mega prize of Toyota IST worth 15m/- which will be handed over to the September winner," he said.

Rweyunga said a car prize will be presented to participants listening to Radio One programs such as 'Kumepambazuka',

'Yaliyomo Yamo', and 'DJ Show' while Capital Radio listeners, through the media's programs, will also have an opportunity to get a motorcycle each week and money daily.

"The participant is supposed to have Tigo, Vodacom, Airtel, or Halotel mobile phone line and dial *150*01#, then select number 4 (Pay Bill), then enter Ref No III/SUPA and then pay 1000/- to stand chance to secure car prize from Radio One, as is the case with Capital Radio listeners that will have a chance to win a motorbike every week alongside cash," ITV Information Technology Program Manager Moses Fumbuka stated.

Doroless Kobe, the host of Radio One's 'DJ Show' program aired from 13hours to 16 hours in the evening, said people should not hesitate to invest their money in the game, referring to it as a life-changing platform.

She revealed: "We have so many testimonies on the game. It's digitalized, the fun fact is even those hosting shows are not aware of the winner till the last point."

"People ought to join the platform, it has helped many including farmers and students," she said.

Azam FC keeper ready for match against Yanga

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

AZAM FC's shot stopper, Ali Ahmada, is eager to take part in his side's NBC Premier League clash against the top flight's defending champion, Yanga, which will take place in Dar es Salaam today.

Ahmada, who has dual citizenship of France and Comoros, has a great profile of playing for various teams in Europe, including France's U-21 team in 2011, before opting to represent Comoros.

"Yanga is a tough team, but I don't need to be afraid of it because we are in the same league and we are fighting for the title, I need to play against them because we continue to prepare well to face them," the shot-stopper stated.

The footballer pointed out: "From my experience, I'm happy to be here because it's a team with everything important. It also has many international players."

"There's no big difference between Azam FC and teams I came from, so there's no match I'm afraid of, I take all of them with the same

seriousness and I'm ready to confront every team."

The goalkeeper expressed surprise to see many fans who love football and show love for their teams.

The player revealed: "I was surprised when I came to Africa for the first time, I found Azam FC has improved."

"The people here are very fond of football and show great love for their team and players, which I did not expect before, and now I feel indebted to the fans of Azam FC and the Premier League in general," he said.

The outfit's interim head coach, Dani Cadena had earlier pointed out that he will continue to sharpen the squad for the next match against Yanga.

"We will continue to prepare for the match and come the day of the game, I believe we will be ready to enter the field to fight for a positive result," Cadena, who replaced the American tactician Abdihakim Moallin that has been assigned other duties, said.

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SPORTS

Tanzania's youths ought to make full use of sports - call

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

TANZANIA's youths have been urged to engage in sports and use them as a means to achieve personal economic objectives.

Deputy Permanent Secretary Ministry of Culture, Arts, and Sports, Saidi Yakubu said that youths should see sport as employment that will help them reach their economic goal.

The Deputy Permanent Secretary said so when he presided over the opening of a table tennis friendly tournament bringing together China and Tanzania in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

He noted they are a tool for economic development and hence should a youth know that he/she is talented in table tennis, football, volleyball, or other sports, he/she should grab an opportunity to gain his/her income.

He further noted: "My opinion to the public and all sports stakeholders in the country is, currently sports are the biggest job in the world and we must make sure that our youths use sports to get jobs, build friendships and use it as a tool to build motivation to achieve broad goals to develop the personal and national economy."

Yakub revealed: "Therefore, we have to make joint efforts in developing and improving talents for our two countries and I would like it to be known that this is a time when the sports industry is growing very fast."

"We thus need to work together to ensure that we keep up with that speed by creating an enabling environment that develops sports from the grassroots to the top, from rural to urban areas for the benefit of these sportsmen and our nations as a whole," he explained.

"I call on associations, clubs, and sports federations to participate properly in organizing sports events, competitions, and sports training to build quality sport expertise as I believe that the clubs that participated in this tournament have gained more experience in the sports industry."



Mtakuja B Secondary School basketball team's player, Ummu Anuary (R), negotiates her way past Juhudi Secondary School squad's baller during the Dar es Salaam secondary schools tournament's final that took place at Don Bosco court recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

"Therefore, the government directs the National Sports Council and the Tanzania Arts Council to sit with their fellow sports and cultural experts from the Chinese embassy to see the best way to collaborate, create and coordinate events in these sectors that will increase the participation of citizens," he said.

China's Ambassador to Tanzania, Chen Mingjian, said that the importance of sports for the nation is a concept that manifests itself in various countries, the contribution of sports to the development of the nation is based on the efforts of players in the country in particular sports.

The envoy revealed that sports are an employment opportunity, and they moreover prevent and

cure non-communicable diseases, as well as strengthen unity and solidarity, and increase cooperation inside and outside the country.

"I would like to thank the government and table tennis association for organizing this important tournament as it is an opportunity to exchange skills and different points of view regarding both countries," she noted.

Hamida Manywele, a table tennis player turning out for the Dar es Salaam-based Kisutu side, said that sports, if well used and implemented, can be a very powerful tool that can influence individual income as well as socio-economic development.

Dar visual artist determined to exhibit World Cup trophy artwork in museums

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIAN visual artist Athumani Hamis stated his wish is to see his FIFA World Cup trophy's drawing exhibited in local and international museums.

The artwork prepared by Hamis, popularly known as 'Ochu', depicts a World Cup trophy on a 100x60 CM acrylic canvas.

Ochu said he is determined to see the portrait exhibited at FIFA Museum, Qatar Museum, Tanzania's National Museum, Coca-Cola, and other places, stressing saying this will put his artistic works and the country on the world map.

He said the drawing depicts the love and affection that Tanzanians, Africans, and the world has for FIFA World Cup, Coca-Cola, Adidas, and Qatar.

He noted: "I have a drawing of the World Cup trophy, I have drawn it before the trophy's tour in the country in June, when the silverware toured here I presented it at the occasion at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium."

"The only significant thing I did there though was to take some photos with World Cup ambassador Julian Belletti and others who were in the country with the trophy," he said.

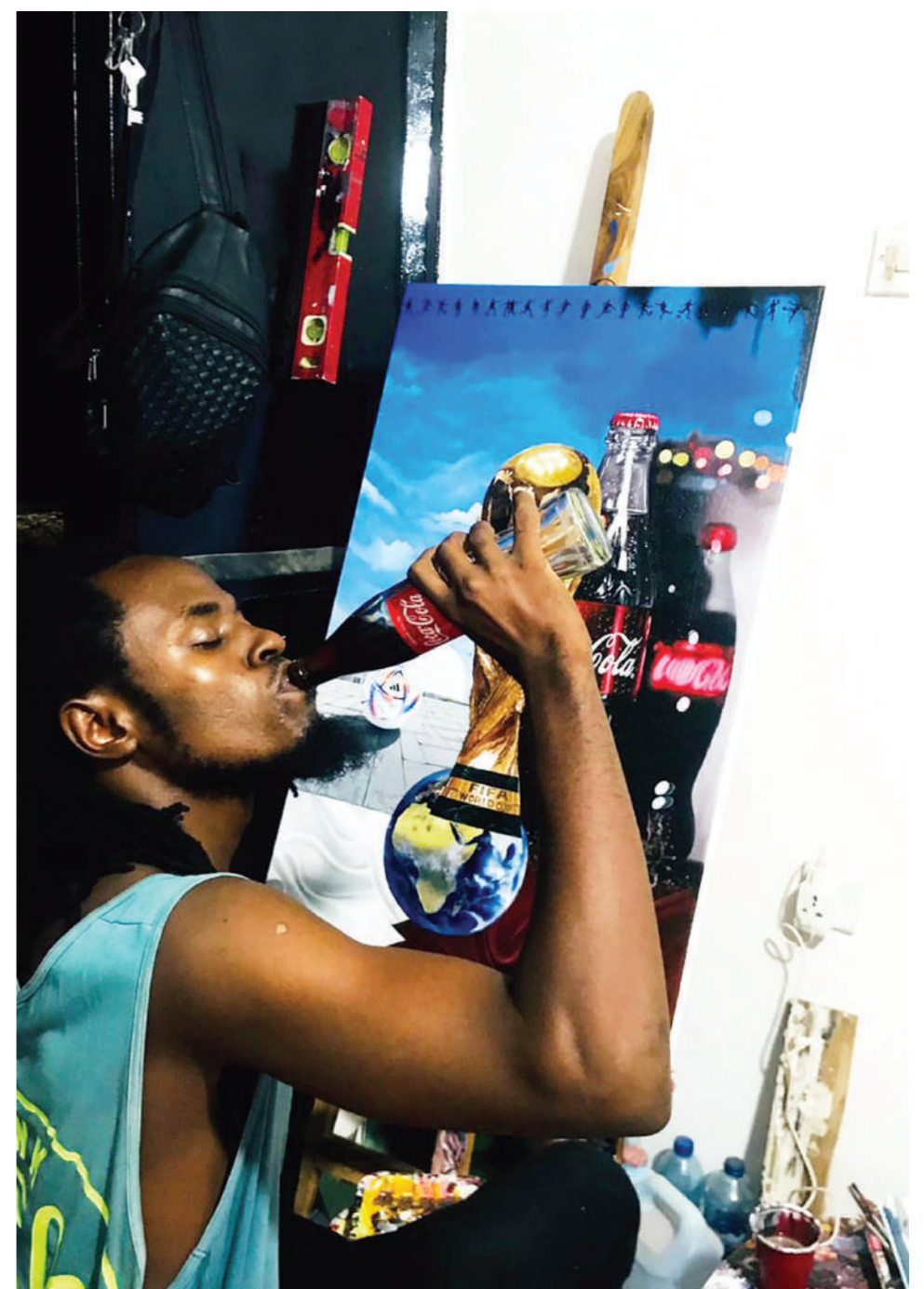
Ochu pointed out he wanted people to appreciate the efforts he put into the portrait and understand the message he conveyed.

"I believe that arts and sports have a very solid relationship, my drawing depicts that I'm very proud that I have drawn something unique, only that it has not been recognized by many people," he said.

The 2022 FIFA World Cup kicks off in November and the host nation Qatar, through its National Museum, has taken the initiative to transform public spaces which include parking, railway stations, hotels, Hamed International Airport, Souks desert, and eight stadiums which will host the 2022 World Cup, into art galleries.

Ochu is the holder of 'Jiachie na Kili' competition's trophy and he has drawn pictures of many local and international prominent personalities including former presidents.

They include the late Mwalimu Julius Kambarege Nyerere, the late Benjamin Mkapa, Ali Hassan Mwinyi, Jakaya Kikwete, the late John Magufuli, businessman Reginald Mengi, and others.



Tanzanian visual artist Athumani Hamis, popularly known as 'Ochu', is pictured with his artwork depicting the World Cup trophy, created in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF ATHUMANI HAMISI

SPORT

Champions League is a group-stage sprint; marathon to final

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Brilliant Banda lifts Zambia to big win

PORT ELIZABETH

STRIKER Barbra Banda scored five goals as Zambia cruised into the semifinals of the 2022 Hollywoodbets COSAFA Women's Championship thanks to a resounding 7-0 victory over Lesotho at the Madibaz Stadium in Nelson Mandela Bay on Sunday.

Banda was lethal in front of goal as she took her tally in the tournament to seven in just two games to head the goal scorers' charts.

Evarine Katongo and Siomala Mapepa also netted goals for the Copper Queens, who have underlined their status as one of the pre-tournament favourites, having brought with them many of the players who won them the bronze medal at the recent Women's Africa Cup of Nations.

They have ensured a semi-final place and so can take it easy in their final pool match against Eswatini on Tuesday.

Ivone Kooper scored a brace for Namibia as they beat Eswatini 5-1, including an excellent first goal as she lobbed the goalkeeper from the edge of the box.

It was 2-0 midway through the first half when Memory Ngonda beat Eswatini keeper Gcinile Dlamini at her near post.

Eswatini pulled a goal back just before halftime when Sisanda Ndzinisa drilled the ball in low from just inside the box.

But Namibia scored three more times in the second period when Kooper added her second, and three minutes later Veweziwa Kotjipati added a fourth.

Zenatha Coleman had missed a penalty earlier in the half but the second time round converted from 12 yards after being given another opportunity late on.

The action continued on Monday with the second round of games in Group C as defending champions Tanzania looked to make it back-to-back wins when they took on Botswana at the Madibaz Stadium (15h30 CAT).

That was preceded by a clash between Malawi and Comoros (12h00 CAT), who both needed to win to stay in contention for a semi-final place.

AGENCIES



Tanzania U-19 women's cricket squad's Mwanamvua Hamisi (R) gets the best player of the game's prize from an umpire upon completion of a 2022 ICC U-19 Women's T20 World Cup Africa Qualifiers tie between the former's side and Mozambique which took place in Botswana last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TCA

National U-19 women's cricket side defeats Mozambique in 2022 ICC U-19 Women's T20 World Cup Qualifiers' match

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA's national U-19 women's cricket side has opened its campaign in 2022 ICC U-19 Women's T20 World Cup Africa Qualifiers with a bang, garnering an emphatic nine-wicket win over Mozambique in Gaborone last weekend.

Mwanamvua Hamisi's scintillating displays with bat and ball propelled the national U-19 cricketers to success in the match, with the youthful cricketer posting 12 runs and finishing with four wickets.

Mozambique U-19 women's side went in to bat first in the clash that took place at Botswana Cricket Association Oval 2, ending its innings with 19 runs and losing all wickets in 8.4 overs of the scheduled 20 overs.

No batter managed to make her way back with two-digit figures, when the Mozambicans batted, having struggled to wade off Tanzania U-19 women's squad's bowling onslaught.

Top order batter Raquel Duvane ended six runs short of a two-digit figure, cracking one four, and became the batter with most runs, whereas fellow batters, Isabel Mabunda, and Amelia Mundundo, recorded three runs and two runs respectively.

Tanzania U-19 women's team bowling unit ran rings around Mozambique U-19 women squad's batting unit, as Mwanamvua took four wickets and Agnes Joseph notched two wickets for the bowling squad.

The well-drilled Tanzania U-19 women's squad later comfortably reached the modest target in just two overs, whilst dropping one wicket.

Mwanamvua, batting at number three, forged an unbeaten partnership with opener Jeniffer Gabriel to win the match for the East African nation's side, after the other opener Agnes had made an early exit.

Mwanamvua notched unbeaten 12 runs whilst nailing one boundary, and Jeniffer ended with unbeaten seven runs which included one boundary.

Nine nations, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Namibia, Malawi, Rwanda, Nigeria, Mozambique, Tanzania, and hosts Botswana, are battling it out in the continental qualifiers.

The sides have been placed in groups A and B. Group A consists of Nigeria, Mozambique, Rwanda, Malawi, and Tanzania, whereas Namibia, Sierra Leone, Uganda, and hosts Botswana are Group B competitors.

The 2023 ICC U-19 Women's T20 World Cup will be the first edition of the ICC Women's U-19 Cricket World Cup, scheduled to be hosted by South Africa in 2023.

In April 2021, the International Cricket Council (ICC) announced that the tournament had been moved from its original slot at the end of 2021 to January 2023 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Originally, the tournament was scheduled to take place in January 2021, before being moved back to December 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In November 2020, the ICC looked at the possibility of deferring the tournament from its scheduled slot of January 2021 to later in the year.

In January 2021, the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) confirmed that they would host the tournament in December 2021.

However, the tournament was postponed for a second time and was moved to January 2023.

In January 2022, Geoff Allardice, the CEO of the ICC said that the tournament was 'very much on the cards', adding that the ICC was starting the process for hosts.

In June 2022, the ICC confirmed the qualification process for the tournament.

Hosts South Africa, along with Australia, Bangladesh, England, India, Ireland, New Zealand, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, West Indies, and Zimbabwe all qualified automatically for the tournament.

The United States also qualified automatically, as they were the only eligible team to compete from the Americas regional group. The four remaining places will come from regional qualification groups.

Azam FC out to overcome Yanga in Premier League



Azam FC winger Idd Selemani (C) negotiates his way past Yanga's Dickson Job (L) and Feisal Salum in a recent Premier League tie that took place in Dar es Salaam.

By Yusuph Yasin, TUDARCO

AZAM FC takes on Yanga in one of 2022/23 NBC Premier League's third-round ties to be played in Dar es Salaam today.

The top flight has resumed after a one-week rest brought about by Tanzania's national side 'Taifa Stars' participation in African Nations Championship (CHAN) qualification ties against Uganda's Cranes.

With Taifa Stars now out of the CHAN qualifiers following the loss to Cranes, Tanzania soccer lovers' attention will be directed to the NBC Premier League's third round.

The Azam FC versus Yanga duel has always been tough because of, among other issues, the presence of competent players in the clubs.

With Azam FC always being guaranteed the backing of Simba SC fanatics when coming up against Yanga, the Jangwani

Street squad for that matter is always keen on proving its worth in the games.

In today's clash, Yanga is a favourite because of the good record the side has in its recent clashes against Azam FC.

In the 2021/22 Premier League, Azam FC lost both ties against Yanga, in which the Jangwani Street side defeated Azam FC 2-0 in the first phase, and thereafter won 2-1.

Striker Fiston Mayele and midfielder Jesus Moloko netted for Yanga in the 2-0 victory, and Mayele was again on the scoresheet in Yanga's 2-1 victory.

With several newly recruited footballers, Azam FC is for that matter out to seek revenge.

Yanga is taking the pitch hoping to once again come out victorious thanks to its acquisition of quality footballers and a good record.

Mayele stated: "If you need to win a league, you have to win high profile ties including the one against Azam FC, so we will do all we can to win the match. We need our fans to support us at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium."

Yanga's head coach Nasreddine Nabi stated: "We will take the match versus Azam FC as an important clash and we know the match will not be easy but once we focus we can do well."

Nabi pointed out: "We know after the tie, we are going to prepare for the CAF Champions League clash against Zala FC which will as well be tough so we need to focus to ensure we excel in these two matches."

Azam FC's newly signed footballers Abdul Suleiman, Issa Ndala, Malickou Ndoye, Tape Edihno, Kipre Junior, and several other new faces will play their first clash against Yanga.

New Yanga footballers including Stephane Aziz Ki, Gael Bigirimana, and Lomalisa Mutambala will also take part in their first match against Azam FC.

It is the first challenge for Azam FC's interim head coach Dani Cadena that has replaced Abdihamid Moallin.

In Tuesday's other match, Geita Gold FC will host Kagera Sugar at Nyankumbu Girls' Secondary School Stadium.

Flexibles by David Chikoko



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