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# Food shortage fears as jumbos ravage farms

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbarali

STRAY elephants have destroyed more than 400 acres of crops in five villages of Igava ward in Mbarali District, Mbeya Region posing food security threats.

The over 100 elephants traversed the area from Ruaha National Park, destroying maize, rice and sweet potatoes farms, putting villagers on acute food shortage track.

Ward executive officer Gaitan Madindo said other than destroying farms, the elephants caused no harm to the villagers and their dwellings.

Officials of the Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) visited the area to assess the damage from the jumbos and turning them back to the park, he said.

The villagers were unhappy with the amount of compensation that TANAPA offered, saying it is too small compared to the cost of preparing and maintaining the

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# 'Edible oil needs indicative prices'



Nagaga ward residents at Masasi town in Mtwara region participate in self reliance work to build a dentistry room and laundry at the ward health centre. Photo: Correspondent Hamisi Nasri

## Two ships dock with supplies, says minister

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

SETTING indicative prices for some essential consumer goods like edible oil and rice is something that the government has been working upon for a while, the minister has stated.

Industries and Trade minister Prof Kitila Mkumbo stated this in an interview here yesterday, saying two ships carrying a large consignment of edible oil have docked at the port of Dar es Salaam in recent days.

This diminishes worries as to persistence of widespread scarcity of the vital commodity in the market, with indicative prices being billed for edible oil like sugar earlier, set at 2,600/- retail price.

"We have been monitoring this closely

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# Govt unveils plans for harvesting of rainwater

By Getrude Mbago

THE government is working a nationwide plan to strengthen rain water harvesting so as to improve water access and stimulate economic growth, MPs were told yesterday.

The Deputy Minister for Water, Maryprisca Mahundi, made this observation when responding to a question from Zainabu Katimba (Special Seats), underlining that investing in proper harvesting can increase water availability and save roads and bridges from flood effects.

She noted that Tanzania has been experiencing heavy rainfalls almost every year where and sometimes causes destructions in properties, crops and infrastructures such as roads and bridges, but if the rain waters harvests and tamed into dams and wells, will save infrastructures and improve access to water.

The plan will focus on encouraging public institutions, schools and the community at large to install rainwater harvesting equipment to ensure water supply for most of the year.

In her basic question, the MP wanted to know government plans to increase investment in rainwater harvest to fight water shortages and facilitate irrigation farming, stressing on the need for rainwater harvesting technologies to make better use of rains and dampen the effects of climate change.

"The government should come up with

strategies that will direct organizations, schools, hospitals, villages and the public at large to build rain water harvesting systems in their areas to fight the water crisis," she emphasised.

Responding, the deputy minister said the government is implementing dam rehabilitation projects dams in various districts to support rainwater harvesting.

"We are also constructing dams for use of livestock, as rainwater is pooled in dams," she stated.

Rashid Shangazi (Mlalo) in his supplementary question urged the government to come up with a strategy to build enough dams across the country to harvest rainwater and alleviate problems arising from partial drought.

"To overcome the problem of poor distribution of water, it is necessary to collect rainwater and store it for water needs in the dry period. Communities should be trained on techniques to increase rainwater harvest, most of which is each year just lost," he said.

Mahundi responded that the government is prepared to ensure that it improves access to water by up to 95 percent in the next few years. It will continue taking durable measures to improve water supply including facilitating rainwater harvest, she stated.

"Clean water is critical to all sectors. It is an important need for any human being, so we will continue deploying new solutions to address water challenges in the country" she added.

**"We are also constructing dams for use of livestock, as rainwater is pooled in dams"**

# MPs want lower interest charges

By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

MEMBERS of Parliament yesterday called on the government to review financial policies to push banks and other institutions to reduce interest rates for steady growth of the private sector.

They raised concern over unfavorable interest rates set by banks and other financial institutions to traders, thus affecting the growth of businesses and slowing down other economic activities.

Debating estimates of the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) for the next

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financial year, the legislators appealed for intervention on how to end the interests challenge for the country's development.

Anatropia Theonest (Special Seats, Chadema) said that high interest rates posed by banks have been affecting businesses and investments in the country.

She urged that local banks need to review lending policies and improve service provision, reduce interest rates on loans to traders, farmers and small-scale enterprises (SMEs) as this will support business growth and propel a robust private sector.

The government should be active in formulating favorable investment policies and a friendly regulatory framework for greater business convenience and investment attractiveness, she emphasised.

"If the country is to achieve the

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Nzega resident Habiba Bashiri waves after receiving a tricycle donated by NMB Bank, following her win at the 'Bonge la Mpango' promotion in Tabora on Tuesday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent







Livestock and Fisheries minister Mashimba Ndaki (C) admires the book given to him by US ambassador to Tanzania Dr. Donald Wright (R) who paid a courtesy call at his office in Dodoma on Tuesday aimed at strengthening cooperation in the Livestock and Fisheries sector. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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to ensure that traders adhere to the directives," the minister asserted, elaborating that the first ship started unloading the consignment Tuesday evening.

The other ship is expected to unload its cargo towards the end of this month, in which case edible oil prices will fall even further while more loaded ships are slated to arrive in the coming weeks.

Currently, a five-litre can of sunflower cooking oil fetches 35,000/- to 45,000/- in major shops across Dar es Salaam, a massive jump from 23,000/- to 25,000/- in a matter of months.

Annual cooking oil demand

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countywide is estimated at 600,000 tonnes, with 250,000 tonnes locally produced and the 350,000 tonnes deficit covered by imports.

He said the government will continue taking measures to ensure that the country has enough supply of edible oil, highlighting strategies to fight scarcity of edible oil and sugar. These include monitoring traders to ensure that they sell the products at fair prices, he stated.

Setting up indicative prices in some products such as edible oil can be challenging as the rise in

the price of the essential product related to the global market environment "but the government was doing all it can to address the situation," he stated.

"The government's role is to ensure that it monitors prices of essential products to prevent their being sold at exorbitant prices as this affects vulnerable people," he declared.

Recently, the Tanzania Agriculture Research Institute (TARI) announced that it had embarked on the implementation of a five-year (2020-2025) strategy to increase the production of

sunflower to spearhead the country's efforts to minimize edible oil shortages and relying on its importation.

Up to 365,000 metric tonnes of different cooking oil brands are imported, chiefly from Malaysia and Indonesia but also from some neighbouring countries, taking up 400bn/- in foreign exchange.

The edible oil shortage occasioned a rise in global prices of crude palm oil, felt acutely as some major producers were forced to suspend production in the wake of intermittent COVID-19 lockdowns all over the world.

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targeted industrialization goal driven well by the private sector, the government has to ensure it brings up viable solutions for the challenges thwarting investment flows into the country," the MP underlined.

Amour Khamis (Tumbe) hinted that reducing interest rates in bank loans was paramount to support development endeavours, urging the government to consult with mobile phone companies to find ways of reducing transaction charges that are currently too high.

The government must seriously invest efforts to improve the agriculture sector for sustainable

development, he stated, citing challenges the sector faces as including high interests for bank loans, leading to piled up debts and interest charges.

Innocent Bilakatwe (Kyerwa) stressed the need for commitment to commercial agriculture by facilitating more imports of farming equipment or convenient local manufacturing, seeds and supportive services.

As the country implements development plans, investing in agribusiness and agro-based industries was crucial, he stated.

"The government must take effective measures to connect farmers with local and international markets," he added.

## Kyela district council chairman appears in court for alleged fraud

By Guardian Correspondent, Kyela

KYELA district council chairman in Mbeya Region Godfrey Katule has appeared in Kyela District Court accused of fraudulently acquiring 15m/- belonging to Kyela District Commissioner Claudia Kita.

Before court appearance, Katule, who is also Councillor for Ikimba Ward was held at Kyela Police Station with his co-accused Furaha Burton.

Both the accused pleaded not guilty and are out on bail and the case was adjourned to April 27 this year.

Speaking with this paper on Wednesday after he was released on bail, Katule said he was arrested by six policemen on Tuesday after emerging from a seminar on loans to 110 vulnerable groups the Council planned to provide them

with. "When we were emerging from the seminar a police vehicle with six armed policemen was waiting outside and I was told to get in, but I told them to tell me the reason for my arrest. They said I was being arrested for fraudulently obtaining 15m/- from the District Commissioner," he said.

Katule asked them that he would follow them in his Council vehicle but refused saying they have been summoning him several times but did not turn up. "When I arrived at the police station I was out in a cell after I gave a statement in which I denied any wrongdoing, and later I was bailed out," he added.

For her part, Kyela DC Claudia Kita said she received reports of the arrest of the district Council Chairman Katule's arrest in a telephone call from Kyela MP Ally Mlagila from Dodoma.

## Prof Mkumbo meets with Kariakoo traders to listen to businesses complaints

By Guardian Correspondent,

Dodoma

INDUSTRY and Trade Minister Prof Kitila Mkumbo has held discussions with officials and traders of the Dar es Salaam Kariakoo Market aimed at listening to their complaints, to find solutions as well as creating a better system for the operation of the market.

Speaking to Kariakoo traders here early this week after listening to their complaints, Prof Mkumbo said the aim of the government was to see them operating in good environment in order to contribute to the national economy.

"My aim is to see the return of the former Kariakoo, because we depend on this market in revenue collection, and if we are to collect the revenue traders must conduct their business in a good environment, without complaints or any hindrances," he said.

After listening to their complaints, he said on April 18 this year he will convene a meeting with traders, importers,

TRA officials and Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) officials.

"I want to meet with all of you and I will come with the Finance and Planning Minister, TRA and TPA officials so that all issued raised should be responded to there and then," he said.

He said all issues to be agreed upon would be implemented and they will be making frequent evaluation to see whether they were beneficial for both sides.

Earlier, the Chairman of Tanzania Traders Association Silver Kiondo told the Minister that for a long time they have been holding frequent discussions with the government but there haven't been any changes to the complaints they have been raising.

He said there was now the need for the government to review the import duty policy as they see it as a great challenge to them in implementing it.

He added that many times they import their goods direct from Kenya and Uganda instead of using the port of Dar es Salaam for the government to receive its revenues.



Zanzibar President, Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi talks with Open University of Tanzania management led by the Vice Chancellor Prof. Elifas Tozo Bisanda (2nd R) held at State House yesterday. Left is Zanzibar Education and Vocational Training minister Simai Mohammed Said and Chief Secretary Eng. Zena Ahmed Said. Photo: State House

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farms, and crop expectations.

"They want to pay the villagers around 20,000/- per acre, an amount that goes nowhere to compensate for the destroyed crops," he said.

Ward councillor Nasoro Udesi appealed for support from Mbarali MP Francis Mtega to help farmers to be paid in accordance with the value of the crops destroyed.

Farmers often enter into conflicts with the government when it comes to paying compensation as the money is too small and not paid on time, he stated.

Legislator Mtega visited the destroyed farms on Tuesday promising to work on the villagers' concerns, linking the jumbo invasion with greater animal numbers at the park as well as rising habitation in the area.

"I will consult top government officials on possibilities of reducing the park size for the villagers to be given land for agricultural and other economic activities," he declared.

TANAPA official Helen Mchati urged the villagers to remain calm as TANAPA is working on the matter, similarly advising the villagers to use motorbikes to chase away the animals before they trample on farms.

## Set aside adequate budget allocation for the health sector - councils told

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

DISTRICT Council authorities in the country have been directed to ensure that they set aside budget for purchase of essential medical supplies to support provision of smooth services in health centres as part of cost-sharing programme.

Deputy Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments), Dr Festo Ndugange made the instructions in the National Assembly yesterday during the questions and answers session.

Dugange wanted the authorities to stop waiting for the central

government to purchase the equipment but rather to create and spend well the revenues collected by ensuring that dispensaries and health centres have essential medical tools.

He deputy minister wanted the authorities to set aside at least 50 per cent of the collected funds to buy medicines and medical devices.

Dugange also urged Members of Parliament (MPs) to support the government by paying close eye on uses of medicines in the health centres in their areas as well as ensure that the public revenues are well spent.

He was responding to concerns raised Esther Midimu (Special

Seats, CCM) and a section of other legislators over shortage of drugs in the health centres in their constituencies.

The lawmakers commended the government for increasing budgets for the drugs during the last five years, but noted that some health centres were still facing shortage.

Dugange said that the government has improved availability of drugs in the health facilities from 60 per cent in 2015 to 90 per cent during this financial year and the aim is to continue improving health services by strengthening collection of revenues in the health facilities and continue allocating enough

funds to the Medical Stores Department (MSD).

He further stated that the government has built many health centres in the last five years and now puts efforts to increasing number of health staff.

The deputy minister further said that the government continues improving health infrastructures and building new ones in a bid to improve health service delivery in the country by continued allocation of budget for that purpose. "This includes setting aside more funds for purchase of medical devices for health centres that have been built and repaired but did not get funds for buying medical devices," he said.



# Form IV student killed by lightning strike in Bukoba

By Guardian Correspondent, Bukoba

A Form Four student at Kabugaro secondary school in Nyakato ward, Bukoba District, Gisela Oswald (18) has been killed by lightning while her teacher Charles Alphonse was injured both on his legs.

Confirming the incident, senior medical officer at the Bukoba District referral hospital, Museleta Nyakiloto said he received the two patients at around 11 am, but early examinations showed that Gisela had already died.

"Doctors started to attend to the patients soon after receiving them, but Gisela was already dead because her body was full burnt by the lightning," said Nyakiloto adding the injured teacher is progressing well with medical treatments.

Meanwhile, Alphonse narrates that they were both walking to his office after

a learning session in class, but, suddenly they were hit by lightning and become unconscious.

"We are about to reach the office when lightning hit us, I was struck on legs but Gisela had all her body hit and she collapsed immediately," said the teacher adding they were immediately rushed to the hospital.

He thanked the teachers and students for assisting them shortly after the incident.

"I am thankful to God because I am progressing well with medical treatment," he noted.

One of Gisela's relatives, Adinani Said said they informed by the school management of the incident, but upon arrival at the hospital, they were told that Gisela is no more.

"We are just completing procedures so that we can take her body for burials to be done at Ibosa village in Nyakato ward.

# New Terminal III building must delivery quality services to travelers - Dr Mwinyi

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has said construction of the new passenger building (Terminal III) at Abeid Amani Karume International Airport (AAKIA) should go hand in hand with the provision of quality services to travelers.

Dr. Mwinyi made the remarks yesterday at AAKIA, when he visited the new Terminal III building, which is in the final stages of completion. He said the construction of the building was done to improve access to quality services for travelers, "that's why it is important for the construction supervisors to ensure various defects in the building are repaired so that there is a better service delivery."

Dr Mwinyi said he was satisfied with the progress made and asked the construction supervisors to rectify minor deficiencies in order to have a modern airport facility.

He mentioned the areas that need to be addressed, including the addition of immigration kiosks, a cargo inspection area as well as the addition of machines for Customs officials.

Dr Mwinyi urged the supervisors of the construction to ensure that there are posters providing flight information, as in all international airports in the world, which has not been done so far.

President Mwinyi urged them to complete the various steps remaining in front of the building, including the planting of leaves, the construction of fences and roads to give the airport good outlook for visitors.

Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Works, Communications and Transport, Amour Hamil Bakar, said the construction of the building is in the final stages of completion, which is expected to be handed over to the government in early May, 2021.

Bakar said the construction has reached more than 90 percent, citing some of the issues that will be addressed in the near future, including the handling of 'internet' systems, immigration systems as well as inspection systems.

During the visit, President Dr. Mwinyi visited various parts of the building, including the luggage inspection area, security area, passport inspection, local and foreign passenger, and VIP lounges.



Tanga Regional commissioner Martine Shigella (R) receives National Marine Oil Spill Response Contingency Plan from Tanzania Shipping Agency Corporation economic control director Nahson Sigalla in Tanga yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Oscar Kasimiri

# 800,000 farmers get 300bn/- loans from TADB in 3 years

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) has given 300bn/- to 800,000 farmers in 29 regions of mainland and Zanzibar in the past three years.

A statement issued in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the occasion of signing of a partnership accord between TADB and the National Bank of Commerce Bank (NBC) said that the amount of money had impacted the lives of 1,800,000 farmers by boosting the growth of value chains in agricultural, livestock and fisheries sectors.

The accord signed on Tuesday will empower the two banks to disburse 20bn/-, in low-interest loans, to increase the capital of smallholder farmers in the three sectors by transforming product value chains.

With this agreement signed, now farmers can apply for loans at the NBC branches because those loans will be guaranteed by the TADB through

a special programme called the Smallholder Credit Guarantee Scheme (SCGS).

"Their loans are guaranteed by us through the SCGS. We have taken this action to enable many more farmers across the country to get low-interest loans in partnership with NBC. Farmers can now access affordable capital," TADB Director of Finance and Resource Mobilization, Derick Lugemala, said during the signing ceremony.

Lugemala also said that up to last month, using the SCGS scheme, 75bn/- has given to boost projects in the three sectors impacting a total of 11, 000 beneficiaries directly and 755, 000 indirectly.

"The value chains which we have been financed under this scheme have improved hugely in cashew nuts, paddy, coffee, sugarcane, maize, cassava, cotton, and poultry projects," explained Lugemala.

Elvis Ndunguru, the NBC Director of

Business Banking from NBC explained the manner in which the loans will be disbursed, saying that individual small-holder farmers will access loans up to 50m/-, farmer groups and societies will get up to 500m/-, while registered SMEs whose agricultural projects benefit small-holder farmers will get access up to 1bn/-.

He added: "For a farmer or SME to access these affordable loans, one will have to have an active agri-business and a good account for his or her business. However, for loans up to 150m/- no such account is required; instead, we shall visit your farm or business, and make an assessment based on the loan application."

Farmers can apply for the loans in 47 NBC branches scattered in Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar, he said, calling on "all small-holder farmers and SMEs with linkages to small-holder farmers to take advantage of this opportunity."

The 54-year old NBC has 47 branches, 180 ATMs, and 3,000 agents.



Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government) Umyi Mwalimu responds to supplementary questions in the National Assembly in Dodoma yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

# 400 acres of rice in Mbarali drying up for lack of water

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbarali

RICE planted in more than 400 acres in Ihahi village, Chimala ward in Mbarali District has dried up due to lack of water at Ihahi irrigation scheme, threatening hunger for more than 3,000 villagers in the area.

The drying up of the rice is mainly due to failure by the Ihahi natural irrigation scheme to satisfy farmers' needs in the area, as well as the ongoing conflict among farmers fighting for the available water.

Irrigation officer from the National Irrigation Commission (NIC) Eng. Faraja Mahenge arrived at the area early this week to look for the solution to the problem.

Speaking to this paper, Mahenge said water needs in the Usangu valley were immense than the water available at present. "There are more rice farms than the available of the water, the situation that created more demand for water than supply, and that is why you see more than 400 acres of rice farms has dried up due to lack of water," he said.

He added: Many farmers took up loans from financial institutions for farming

activities but due to what we are witnessing, it is evident they will incur huge losses and cannot repay their loans."

He said in a short term solution they instructed farmers to increase the capacity of water in their natural irrigation scheme by taking water from a neighbouring area to save their rice crops.

He said after saying so, the Mbarali Member of Parliament Francis Mtega volunteered to send a grader to dig up a trench from Mapangala river to join up with the natural irrigation scheme to enable water reach their rice farms.

In the circumstances MP Mtega decided not to attend the current Parliament session in order to deal with the problem, and provided 8m/- for the construction of the short term infrastructures.

"As you can see, at least the water is starting to flow into the farms, but I appeal to the government to assist in revamping this irrigation scheme, as these farmers depend on these farms for their livelihoods," MP Mtega said.

Some villagers tanked their legislator for his assistance saying before his intervention their crop was in danger of drying up.

# US pledges assistance in developing livestock and fisheries sectors - govt

By Guardian Reporter

THE United States government says it will continue working together with the Tanzania government in various fields including developing the Livestock and Fisheries sector to make them contribute to the national income.

The remarks were given by the Livestock and Fisheries minister Masimba Ndaki when addressing newsmen soon after holding discussions with the US ambassador Donald Wright in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday.

Ndaki said in the discussions, Ambassador Wright assured him that the US government was ready

to bring in investors from the US to supervise and develop the two sectors for them to contribute towards the industrial economy.

"Ambassador Wright has pledged to send in experts in order to share technical experience in the livestock sector in order to make livestock keepers conduct their activities commercially to increase their own income as well as increase employment opportunities," said Ndaki.

In regard to the Blue Economy which the Tanzania government has begun to invest in, he said the US government will send in investors for that area and assist Tanzania to benefit from the investment.

"The Americans have developed and have heavily invested in the Blue Economy hence through them they can help us to develop the sector to make it more beneficial to the nation," Ndaki added.

He also said the US government was also ready to assist in fighting illegal fishing in the country to eradicate it and ensure they conduct sustainable fishing practices.

Ndaki also asked the Ambassador to see whether he can provide scholarships for Tanzanians to study in livestock and fishing issues to assist the development of the sector when they come back.

# Dr Mwinyi hails Z'bar - Oman historical ties

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has hailed the good ties between Zanzibar and Oman saying there was a need to increase the relationship in the field of trade.

DR Mwinyi was speaking here on Wednesday during his discussion with Tanzania's ambassador to Oman Abdalla Abbas Kilima who paid a courtesy call to President Mwinyi for introduction.

Dr Mwinyi said Zanzibar has good relationship history with Oman and already there have been good cooperation in various fields, but stressed that it would be better for the cooperation to be strengthened in the trade sector.

He said Oman was a big stakeholder of Zanzibar's

development hence it would be better for the historical brotherly ties to be strengthened.

Dr Mwinyi also congratulated the Omani government for its readiness to assist in the revamping of old historical buildings including Beit al Ajaib and the People's Building at Forodhani whose process was already in progress.

He said in regard to the port construction, already the Zanzibar government has signed MoU with Oman Investment Authority over the grand plan for the construction of the Mangapwani/Bumbwini Port as well as turning the Malindi Port into a tourist port.

Dr Mwinyi also stressed the of the government of Oman to provide markets for Zanzibar products within the 'Gulf' that has historical experience on goods

from Zanzibar.

For his part, Tanzania's ambassador to Oman congratulated President Mwinyi for his election as Zanzibar President and the good work he had already started with in bringing development to Zanzibar.

Ambassador Kilima explained that the Omani government has been enjoying good historical ties with Tanzania including Zanzibar and cited steps in which it continues to cooperate with Zanzibar including the revamping of the historical buildings in Zanzibar.

He promised to work on the entire issue of trade between Zanzibar and Oman especially following the establishment of the Business Council for dealing with issue.



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ENHANCING NATIONAL CAPACITY FOR MAINSTREAMING CLIMATE  
RESILIENCE IN ZANZIBAR

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

FOR

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR ENHANCING NATIONAL CAPACITY FOR  
MAINSTREAMING CLIMATIC RESILIENCE IN ZANZIBAR

SECTOR: CLIMATE CHANGE  
PROJECT ID: G-ZI-COO-SUP-001

- The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania received a grant from the Africa Climate Change Fund (ACCF) of the African Development Bank (AfDB) towards enhancing the national capacity for mainstreaming climate resilience in the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar (RGoZ) on March 31, 2017. The project is aimed at enhancing the capacity within the key government institutions in Zanzibar (First Vice President's Office (FVPO), President's Office Finance and Planning (PO-FP), key sector ministries of and local authorities) to mainstream climate change into the development planning processes and to support district authorities in elaborating their adaptation plans.
- The Government intends to use part of this grant, whose disbursement in respect to the signed contract will be subject to approval of financing by the AfDB for the eligible payments under the contract for consultancy services for **Enhancing National Capacity for Mainstreaming Climatic Resilience in Zanzibar**.
- The FVPO wishes to recruit the services of a consultancy firm to provide technical expertise and training for staff of the key government institutions to increase national capacity to access climate finance.
- The consultancy services expected to be provided includes the following main tasks:
  - Reviewing and updating of the CC mainstreaming guidelines and screening tools: The consultants will review the RGoZ's mainstreaming guidelines and screening tools which have been developed under the United Nations Development Assistance Plan (UNDAF) programme. The consultants will work with FVPO and PO-FP on how to effectively integrate CC screening in the guidelines for project planning and resource mobilization processes which were drafted by PO-FP and Zanzibar Planning Commission (ZPC) in 2015.
  - Preparation of the training materials for Mainstreaming Climate Change and International Climate Finance. The consultants will prepare training materials to support building of capacity for Mainstreaming Climate Change Adaptation and implementation of the National Climate Change Strategy. The training will also include the basic information on International Climate Finance options and their specific requirements. The training will be conducted for staff of the FVPO, President's Office-Finance and Planning (PO-FP) and ZPC, Local Government Authorities, NGOs and the other key Ministries. The training materials will be based on international experience and adapted to the specific requirements of Zanzibar. Key issues will be translated into Swahili which will assist in the training of people at grass roots levels.
  - Establishing of a financial and results monitoring framework for CC interventions. The consultants will work with the FVPO and PO-FP to design and set up a mechanism to monitor the implementation of the CC strategy. It will focus on monitoring of CC related interventions and the tracking of CC finance through the budget and from other sources. The consultant in collaboration with PO-FP and FVPO will develop criteria and guidelines for the future tracking of Zanzibar's public allocations and expenditures on climate change interventions. As part of this activity, the firm will prepare a baseline report on the support that the Government and development partners are already providing in climate change adaptation through interventions already included in the past and current development plans and budgets.
  - Technical support to the two key sectors in the mainstreaming of adaptation and technical backstopping to prepare concept notes for adaptation projects. The consultant will support the key sectors (agriculture and fisheries) to develop two concept notes related to respective sectors. The consultant will provide technical assistance for the formulation of two comprehensive concept notes on the basis of the priority sectors identified (agriculture and fisheries) to be submitted for financing to the Green Climate

Fund. In coordination with the project team, undertake the necessary consultations with stakeholders (accredited entities, focal point of the GCF, NDA of the GCF, various technical ministries, research structure, communities, NGOs, technical and financial partners, population of the project area and relevant experts) for comments and suggestions and incorporate them into the two concept notes. Then, the final version of the two concept notes with all the annexes required based on the GCF requirements and the contributions of the stakeholders will be submitted to the GCF through the GCF accredited entity identified from the start of this mission. Initial discussion will take place between NDA for United Republic of Tanzania and GCF focal point.

- Build Capacity of LGA on development of two Local Adaptation Plan of Action (LAPA). The consultant will provide technical support including training to LGA for guiding the development of LAPA and integration in overall planning and budgeting process. The consultant will lead the LGAs staff in the development of LAPA in two districts which are District in Pemba, and South District in Unguja. The consultants will build upon the groundwork done in 2014/15 by FVPO supported by IIED during the preparation of the pilot LAPAs in selected districts. This included a review of the institutional and policy framework, conducting vulnerability assessments and consultations with local authorities and community's possible adaptation measures and setting priorities. IIED has prepared draft guidelines to support the upscaling of the approach to other districts and communities. The consultants will work closely with FVPO and the Local Government Authorities to finalize these guidelines.
- The FVPO now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing these services.
- Interested consulting firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Consultants may constitute joint ventures to enhance their qualification.
- Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's Procurement Policy Framework dated October 2015, which is available on the Bank's website at <https://www.afdb.org/en/projects-and-operations/procurement/new-procurement-policy>. Recipient is under no obligation to shortlist any consultant who expresses interest.
- Interested consulting firms may obtain further information (Terms of Reference and any other information) at the address below during office hours from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. from Monday to Friday except in public holidays.
- Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below on or before 30th April 2021 at 11.00 a.m. East African Time. Emails: [nznazingira@gmail.com](mailto:nznazingira@gmail.com); [alawihija@gmail.com](mailto:alawihija@gmail.com).
- Package containing expression of interest should be clearly marked with the following statement:

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**"CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR ENHANCING  
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CLIMATIC RESILIENCE IN ZANZIBAR"**

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By Guardian Reporter

Consumers of internet data bundles may continue paying higher costs as the government negotiates reduction mechanisms with service providers, the House heard yesterday.

Deputy minister of Information and Communication Technology Andrea Kundo told the House that the process to reduce charges on internet bundles needs balancing between consumers, the government and service providers.

Aware of the ongoing agitation for reduction of charges that went up early this month, the minister called on the public to also consider all these areas when demanding the reduction of the bundles expenses.

He however said that the government had already directed the companies to reinstate the older bundles charges, a move which is also a process as it involves several systems to restore. "On prices of bundles, we firstly look at production costs so that the companies could operate profitably and the government to get its required revenues to facilitate development projects," he said.

The deputy minister was

## Data bundle cost reduction may take longer – minister

responding to a supplementary question from Kilolo lawmaker Lazaro Nyamoga.

The lawmaker wanted to know steps taken by the government in reducing prices of internet bundles in order to relieve the users from higher charges.

Eng Mathew said the first step taken was to standardise charges of internet bundles charged by the companies since there were different charges.

On other hand, the deputy minister explained about efforts being put to ensure that telecommunication services are available in all places.

He said the government through the Universal Communications Service Access Fund (UCSAF) brings communications to all places.

Legislators have been complaining about poor communication at border areas for a long time, but the deputy minister noted that an evaluation had been done to identify those places with poor mobile communication. "During the next financial year we will float a tender to find a contractor for building

communication infrastructures in those areas," he said.

In his basic question, Nyamoga wanted to know when the government would erect communication towers at Masiwe, Nyanzwa, Irole wards which faces serious communication challenges in his constituency.

The deputy minister said Ilo constituency has 24 wards whereby the Universal Communications Service Access Fund (UCSAF) has completed implementation of projects for bringing communication services at three wards of Lugalo, Udekwa and Ukwega.

However, the deputy minister admitted that some of the wards were still facing communication challenge because geographically the area is hilly with many tall trees, a situation which hinders communication services.

He said that UCSAF did an evaluation and the problem would be solved during the implementation of the project, to be undertaken by the TTCL Corporation, for bringing communication to border areas.



Tigo Pesa chief officer mobile financial services Angelica Pasha (R) presents a dummy cheque worth 1.9m/- to Tigo Pesa agent Paison Baruti who emerged the winner of 'Wakala Push Promotion' in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Francis Kajubi

THE Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) has lifted a ban on freelancers registering new mobile subscribers on behalf of telecommunication companies.

TCRA director General, Dr Jabiri Bakari announced the decision in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday, saying the move aims at safeguarding youth employment.

Dr Bakari also urged service providers to revisit their job description for freelancers for safety purposes especially to subscribers of biometric registrations.

"We met two times with mobile phone companies to analyse the matter before we came up with the decision to lift the ban which was to be implemented from May 1st this year," said the DG.

He added: "We have agreed that mobile phone companies should collaborate with the authority to come up with a more effective system that would have all the freelancer details to ensure the

## TCRA lifts ban on freelancers registration - director general

safety of registered subscriber's details."

The TCRA boss asserted that the authority believes that service providers will not deploy unqualified and unfaithful freelancers who are alleged to use subscribers' information to register other new numbers.

"TCRA has lifted the ban placed on freelancers, mobile phone companies can continue using them in registering new subscribers," said Dr Bakari.

The newly appointed director general affirmed that the regulatory body will conduct a study on the best ways that can be applied by mobile companies in guiding freelancers.

On the other hand, the regulator said that it is closely watching operations of mobile companies to make sure they go back to their former internet bundles pricing index. "If you

are following closely you might have noticed that mobile phone companies have started going back to their previous bundle package charges. I would like to assure the public that TCRA is determined to ensure Tanzanians enjoy communication services as well as affordable internet bundle packages," he added.

Decisions to uplift the ban on freelancers was announced in February this year after the regulatory body met with mobile companies from which it ruled that safety of subscribers was not fully met and thus an option was to phase out freelancers from biometric registration.

However, the regulator decided that biometric registration of new subscribers should be done at the carriers' shops or other specific centers as per registration regulations of mobile phone sim cards issued in 2020.

## NEMC warns manufacturers and importers of prohibited plastic bags

for untrustworthy traders in their shops and warehouses were yesterday tasked to submit them to the National Environment Management Council (NEMC) before it takes stern measures against them with effect next Monday.

By Guardian Reporter

TRADERS with consignments of the banned plastic wrappers in their shops and warehouses were yesterday tasked to submit them to the National Environment Management Council (NEMC) before it takes stern measures against them with effect next Monday.

Speaking to reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday, NEMC director general Engineer Dr Samuel Gwamaka, said the council has given enough time to traders to stop selling the wrappers and that it was required to take legal action since April 8 this year after Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa extended the deadline to extra three weeks.

"It is not the intention of the council to harass anyone, it is not the intention of the government to punish people to enforce the law unconditionally but what we are going to do is take legal measures

taken where they can pay fines or imprisonment for defying the government ban.

The engineer also touched on the issue of meeting with investors, professionals as well as all stakeholders in the environmental assessment this Saturday whose projects are stuck and who are unsure or have taken longer time without knowing the reason behind the failure of their projects.

"When we talk about sub-standard packaging we mean those which do not even show the manufacturer's address, in other words, we do not know it is from which country," he asserted.

He urged traders who still have a lot of wrappers in their stores to surrender them by submitting them to the council's offices and to district or village authorities before legal action is

taken where they can pay fines or imprisonment for defying the government ban.

The engineer also touched on the issue of meeting with investors, professionals as well as all stakeholders in the environmental assessment this Saturday whose projects are stuck and who are unsure or have taken longer time without knowing the reason behind the failure of their projects.

"We will need to know the process of environmental impact assessments from investors and demand basic reasons from stakeholders what holds them back," he added.

He said the meeting will also focus on identifying obstacles that would hamper investors hence lead them to transfer their capital from the country to other countries.





Institute of Accountancy Arusha Principal Eliaman Sedoyeka (R) exchanges Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants representative Genald Lazaro (L) in Dodoma yesterday. Looking on is Finance and Planning deputy minister Hamadi Masauni. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

## IAA signs pact with ACCA to provide international courses in accountancy

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

INSTITUTE of Accountancy Arusha (IAA) has signed agreement with the Association of Chartered Accountants (ACCA) to provide international courses in accountancy.

The Arusha based institution becomes first higher learning institution in the country and the third in East Africa to provide such globally accredited course with the other two being Kenyan universities.

Speaking while officiating at the launch of the programme here on Wednesday, the deputy Minister for Finance and Planning, Hamad Masauni hailed IAA management for the efforts to expand courses, adding that the move will increase the number of finance and accounting experts in the government and nation at large.

He noted that the move is in line with President Samia Suluhu Hassan's recent call to the ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Vocational Training to improve education systems, whereby graduates can employ themselves.

"Having the ACCA training through IAA will increase the number of experts with international accreditation and also open door for people from the neighbouring countries to study in Tanzania," he said.

The deputy minister noted that there are serious challenges with accounting officers at district councils as portrayed in the recently released report of the Controller and Auditor General (CAG).

"The rot revealed by CAG in the district councils is a great shame to all of us in this profession and I direct chief accountant and internal auditor to closely monitor the councils and ensure official meet the expectations" said Masauni.

Earlier IAA Rector, Prof Eliamini Sedoyeka noted that the training will produce experts that meet the demand of the ministry and nation at large, thanking ACCA for having trust in IAA and the ministry of Finance and Planning.

He said the international courses will increase enrolment of students at IAA which has increased from 3400, 4900 and 7000 in the past three years. "Starting ACCA courses will expand our enrolment and IAA is also committed to provide competence based training," he said.

Prof Eliamini added that IAA has invested a lot in information and communication technology and now provide many of its courses online and ACCA courses will be online too.

ACCA representative in Tanzania, Gerald Lazaro on his part thanked IAA for the efforts to run such internationally accredited course here in Tanzania.

He noted that Tanzania is a fast growing market for ACCA, stating that it has been working closely with the CAG office and that of the government chief accountant on matters of public accounts.

"ACCA is pleased to provide silver learning certificate to IAA, being the first of such institutions in Tanzania and third after some two in Kenya" he said.

Asumpta Muna, ACCA Course Coordinator and Head, Department of Accounts and Finance at IAA explained the new courses will be offered at Arusha, Dodoma and Dar es Salaam campuses.

She said, the course will be offered during the evening and weekends to suit the demand of workers who cannot attend full time training.

"We also target customized training on the same to various institutions to avoid losing employers' time," she said.

## 400 CSO's benefit from training on legal frameworks governing their operations

By Correspondent James Kandoya

MORE than 400 Civil Society Organisations have benefitted with the capacity building training which aimed to bridge knowledge gaps on legal frameworks governing their operations.

The virtual training which supported CSOs to fulfill compliance requirements was held in Dar es Salaam recently organised by the Foundation for Civil Society (FCS) in collaboration with the National Council of Non-governmental Organisations (NaCoNGO), Tanzania Network of Non-Governmental Organisations (TANGO) and Equality for Growth (EIG).

Speaking during the session, FCS capacity development manager, Edna Chilimo, said they aimed to support CSOs in fulfilling compliance requirements and to map out and pursue areas that require further reforms.

She said participants discussed the need to amend some of

the laws governing civil society organisations which were introduced in 2019 and their implications.

They are the NGOs Act, Cap 9, the Societies Act cap 337, and the Trustee Incorporated Act cap 318.

Chilimo said the meeting was part of the CSOs compliance support service (CCSS) training that was recently launched by the Rapid Response Compliance Consultancy (RRCC).

She said the initiative was part of the inherent responsibilities of FCS to support and facilitate the growth of the civil society sector in Tanzania and the national development through the operation of CSOs.

Government officials from the office of the Registrar of NGOs, Registrar of societies and Registration Insolvency and Trusteeship Agency (RITA) participated in the session.

She said they will in future invite officials from the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA).

Dennis Bashaka, legal officer from the NGOs/CSOs registrar's office stated that NGOs/CSOs registration can now be done online. He insisted on the organisations to ensure timely submission of their quarterly and audit reports, leadership amendments and office premises changes to the office of the registrar.

He added that CSOs which have signed grant agreements exceeding 20m/- should submit their documents to the office of the registrar for approval as well as to the office of Treasury Registrar.

NGOs are also required to submit documents showing their funding sources, even if the organisation is a part of the main organisation with its headquarters outside the country, he said.

Lucko Mbulo from the office of registrar of societies stated that procedures for registration of associations in Tanzania are provided under the Societies Act, Cap. 337.



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### REPORT OF CONDITION OF BANK PURSUANT TO SECTION 32(3) OF THE BANKING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTION ACT, 2014

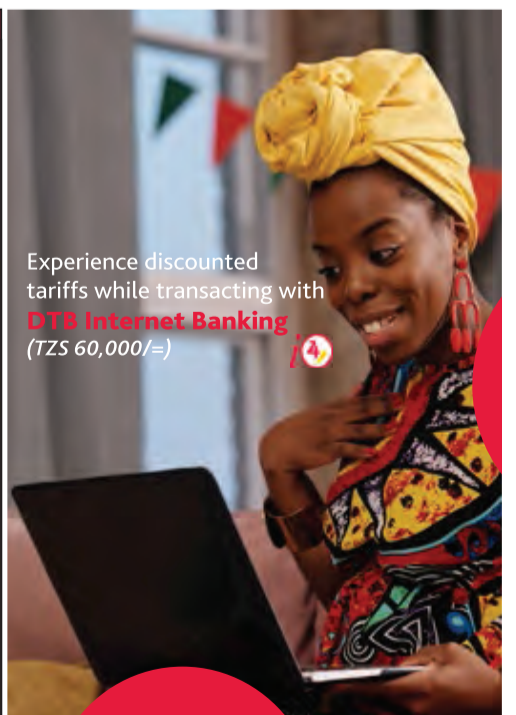
### DIAMOND TRUST BANK TANZANIA LIMITED

Extracts from the Audited Financial Statements as at 31st December 2020

BALANCE SHEET		Dec. 2020	Dec. 2019	CASH FLOWS STATEMENT	
	Tshs in Million	Tshs in Million	Tshs in Million	Dec. 2020 Tshs in Million	Dec. 2019 Tshs in Million
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash and balances with Bank of Tanzania	136,241	107,282	Interest receipts	97,389	98,320
Deposits and balances due from banking institutions	112,289	78,352	Interest payments	(23,702)	(25,515)
Government securities at amortised cost	268,867	261,434	Net fees and commission receipts	9,381	9,081
Corporate bond at amortised cost	-	409	Other income received	9,190	10,738
Loans and advances to customers	731,258	727,841	Recovery from loans previously written-off	1,427	12
Other assets	10,965	9,618	Payments to employees and suppliers	(52,734)	(55,515)
Property and equipment	33,836	16,851	Income tax paid	(9,149)	(10,488)
Intangible assets - software	1,231	1,324	<b>Cash flows from operating activities before changes in operating assets and liabilities</b>	<b>31,801</b>	<b>26,632</b>
Current income tax recoverable	11,527	10,534	<b>Changes in operating assets and liabilities</b>		
Deferred income tax asset	11,414	9,430	Statutory reserve requirement	5,394	12,653
Right of use asset	21,603	24,733	Loans and advances	(15,099)	(63,234)
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,339,231</b>	<b>1,247,808</b>	Net change in Government securities	(12,018)	774
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Customer deposits	1,059,955	984,198	Net change in Placement over 90 days	-	-
Deposits and balances due to banking institutions	21,445	10,921	Customer Deposits	68,554	(12,873)
Long term borrowing	16,502	24,707	Other assets	654	(25,599)
Other liabilities	21,455	11,154	Other liabilities	10,935	27,875
Lease liability	24,790	27,235	<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	<b>90,232</b>	<b>(33,772)</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,144,148</b>	<b>1,058,214</b>	<b>Cash flows used in investing activities</b>		
<b>SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY</b>					
Share capital	2,520	2,520	Purchase of property and equipments	(22,266)	(3,754)
Share premium	45,935	45,935	Purchase of intangible assets	(607)	(588)
Revaluation surplus	1,103	1,143	Proceeds from corporate bond (net)	409	570
Regulatory reserve	6,273	-	Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment	44	36
Retained earnings	139,252	137,476	<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(22,419)</b>	<b>(3,736)</b>
Proposed dividends	-	2,520	<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
<b>Total Shareholders Equity</b>	<b>195,083</b>	<b>189,593</b>	Repayment of long term loan	(9,557)	(6,558)
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>1,339,231</b>	<b>1,247,808</b>	Dividends paid	(2,520)	(2,520)
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATORS</b>					
Total capital to total assets	14.8%	16.0%	Lease payment	(3,924)	(4,101)
Non performing loans & advances to total advances	6.4%	4.7%	<b>Net cash flow (used in) financing activities</b>	<b>(16,001)</b>	<b>(13,179)</b>
Gross loans and advances to total deposits	70.5%	75.7%	Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	51,802	(50,686)
Loans and advances to total assets	54.6%	58.3%	Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	108,480	151,442
			Effect of movement in exchange rate on cash held	5,964	7,724
			<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	<b>166,246</b>	<b>108,480</b>

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		Dec. 2020	Dec. 2019
	Tshs in Million	Tshs in Million	Tshs in Million
Interest Income	92,710	98,565	
Interest Expense	(24,478)	(23,426)	
<b>Net Interest Income</b>	<b>68,233</b>	<b>75,139</b>	
Non-interest Income:			
Fee and commission income	15,671	17,033	
Fee and commission expense	(326)	(228)	
Foreign exchange income	9,034	10,594	
Other income	58	34	
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>92,669</b>	<b>102,571</b>	
Impairment losses on loans and advances	(16,970)	(14,841)	
<b>Net operating Income</b>	<b>75,699</b>	<b>87,730</b>	
Operating expenses	(58,501)	(58,466)	
<b>Profit before tax and finance cost</b>	<b>17,198</b>	<b>29,264</b>	
Finance costs	(3,016)	(3,867)	
<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>14,182</b>	<b>25,396</b>	
Income tax expense	(6,172)	(8,533)	
<b>Profit for the year</b>	<b>8,010</b>	<b>16,864</b>	
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	
<b>Profit and comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>8,010</b>	<b>16,864</b>	
Number of employees	521	543	
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATORS</b>			
(i) Return on average assets	0.6%	1.3%	
(ii) Return on ordinary shareholders' funds	4.2%	9.2%	
(iii) Non interest expense to operating income	65.3%	59.2%	
(iv) Interest margin to average earning assets	6.1%	6.6%	

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY		Share capital	Share premium	Revaluation surplus	Retained earnings	Proposed dividends	General reserve	Regulatory reserve	Total
	Tshs in Million	Tshs in Million	Tshs in Million	Tshs in Million	Tshs in Million	Tshs in Million	Tshs in Million	Tshs in Million	Tshs in Million
At 1 January 2020	2,520	45,935	1,143	137,476	2,520	-	-	-	189,593
Profit for the year	-	-	-	8,010	-	-	-	-	8,010
Other comprehensive income:									
Transfer to regulatory reserve	-	-	-	(6,273)	-	-	-	6,273	-
Transfer of excess depreciation	-	-	(59)	59	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred income tax on excess depreciation transfer	-	-	18	(18)	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	-	-	(41)	1,778	-	-	-	6,273	8,010
Transactions with owners:									
Final for 2019 paid	-	-	-	-	(2,520)	-	-	-	(2,520)
Total transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity	-	-	-	-	(2,520)	-	-	-	(2,520)
<b>At 31 December 2020</b>	<b>2,520</b>	<b>45,935</b>	<b>1,101</b>	<b>139,254</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,273</b>	<b>195,083</b>
At 1 January 2019	2,520	45,935	1,184	136,099	2,520	6,737	-	-	175,995
#85 16 Day 1 adjustment	-	-	-	(2,346)	-	-	-	-	(2,346)
Restated balance as at 01 January 2019	2,520	45,935	1,184	136,353	2,520	6,737	-	-	175,249
Profit for the year	-	-	-	16,864	-	-	-	-	16,864
Other comprehensive income:									
Transfer from general reserve	-	-	-	6,737	-	-	(6,737)	-	-
Transfer of excess depreciation	-	-	(59)	59	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred income tax on excess depreciation transfer	-	-	18	(18)	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	-	-	(41)	23,642	-	(6,737)	-	-	16,864
Transactions with owners:									
Dividends:									
Final for 2018 paid	-	-	-	-	(2,520)	-	-	-	(2,520)
Proposed for 2019	-	-	-	-	2,520	-	-	-	-
Total transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity	-	-	-	-	(2,520)	-	-	-	(2,520)
<b>At 31 December 2019</b>	<b>2,520</b>	<b>45,935</b>	<b>1,143</b>	<b>137,476</b>	<b>2,520</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>189,593</b>



The above extracts are from the audited financial statements of the Bank for the year ended 31 December 2020 which have been prepared in accordance to the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs). The financial statements were audited by KPMG and received a clean audit report. These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 31 March 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Karim Wissanji  
Chairman

Muzaffer Khawaja  
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## Dodoma City told to form organ to operate its strategic projects

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

MINISTER of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government) Umyy Mwalimu has instructed Dodoma City Council to establish a special organ for the operation of big strategic projects it has including the main bus station.

The minister also wants the system to be friendly to customers, entrepreneurs and transporters as it should not be a bus station that is source of inconveniences for those needing to be served.

She issued the directive early this week during her inspection visit at the Nanenane Bus Station in Dodoma city, saying there must be a special organ to operate the projects to realise the intended

benefits.

"There is a special guideline in operation for these projects to be beneficial, personally I think there should be a special organ to oversee their operations," she added.

She said the government has invested more than 24bn/- in the bus station project hence it must be fully supervised in order to provide better services, and called on all buses to start and end their journeys at the bus station.

She said the government will continue to recognise and assist small entrepreneurs as late President John Magufuli had said.

For his part the Nanenane Bus Station Manager Abedi Msangi said the bus station started operating on June 8 2020 and has the capacity to serve 100 buses

at a time and so far they have already collected 680m/- from its operations.

He said they had intended to collect more than 2bn/- up to now but collected 680m/- because of small response from traders and others who took up stalls but are yet to start operating.

"Because of this challenge we have decided to lower the rent from the original rate of 15,000 to 10,000/- per square metre so as to woo more traders," said Msangi.

Dodoma City Executive Director Joseph Mafuru said so far the project was being supervised by the council but were in the process to operate it in a different system and have already submitted proposals to the regional office to change the operation system



Relini secondary school student Happyness Dominick making a presentation at the 'Tax Clubs 2021 Completion' organised by the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) held at the Institute of Tax Administration in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala



### TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR DATA COLLECTOR

#### Final Evaluation of SOS Children's Villages Educare program 2019-2021

SOS Children's Villages Tanzania is hiring a Data Collector (DC) to support the final evaluation of the 'Educare program' implemented in 2019-2021. The DC will visit 3 selected schools to carry out interviews with beneficiaries including children, parents, teachers and Headteachers and conduct classrooms observations of teaching process. In addition, s/he will conduct a number of interviews with key stakeholders at national office level. The data collection and reporting will take place in the period beginning 6th May 2021 with the final report submission by 26th May 2021.

Application deadline: 23th April 2021.

#### The Educare program

The Educare program is implemented by SOS Children's Villages with support from SOS Denmark and the Hempel Foundation in Ethiopia, Tanzania and Somaliland. The purpose of Educare is to support vulnerable children, especially girls, their well-being and access to quality education. This is done through a holistic approach that includes improving the quality of education by working with schools and education authorities, as well as targeted CARE for the most vulnerable children, while strengthening the capacity of families, caregivers and communities.

#### The final evaluation

The purpose of the evaluation is to assess the Educare program implementation over the years 2019-2021 and to provide lessons learned and recommendations in order to inform the design of future Educare programs, exit strategies, as well as to consider options for a future collaboration between SOS CV and the Hempel Foundation. The evaluation will be coordinated by a lead consultant based in Denmark, working in close cooperation with SOS Denmark the Regional Programme Development Advisor (Education) based at the SOS Regional Office in ESAF. The national DCs will be contracted by respective Member Associations to conduct field visits and collect data as prescribed.

#### Tasks and number of working days for Data Collector

The lead consultant will design questionnaires for Data Collector and a template for registering responses in a systematic way; as well as a guideline for reporting observations in classrooms. Where necessary, national data collectors, shall translate questionnaires into relevant local languages. The Data Collector will conduct field visits to 3 randomly selected schools (to be selected by the lead consultant). Each school visit should include separate interviews with groups of a) pupils, b) teachers, c) Headteachers, and d) caregivers (including members of school governance bodies). In addition, the consultant should observe teaching of 2-3 classes. National level interviews should be carried out with: a) 2-3 SOS staff, b) 2-3 key partners/institutions, c) 1-2 representatives of relevant authorities. All interviews with beneficiaries should be carried out with a view to gender balance. The Data Collector should write a summary report of their findings. This should include all data collection sheets with statistical data and key points from qualitative questions, as well as brief reflections from the national data collectors as according to template to be delivered by the lead consultant. NB: The national data collectors should not write a full national evaluation report, but only provide data collection to the lead consultant, who will write one evaluation report including all 3 country programs.

Task	Days
Undertake preparatory reading of selected relevant program documents such as program proposal, annual progress reports and preliminary end-of-program report	1
Take part in initial preparatory meetings	1
If needed: Translate questionnaires from English into relevant local languages	2
Carry out a field visit to 3 schools including interviews with all relevant target groups and classroom observations (2 days in each school, included travel time)	6
Carry out a number of face2face interviews with key stakeholders at national level	2
Writing a summary report including data collected, together with key points from interviews with stakeholders, supplemented with brief own reflections	3
<b>TOTAL DAYS</b>	<b>15</b>

#### Supervision and guidance

The SOS CV Tanzania National Office will establish the contract with the Data Collector, monitor delivery and quality of work with reference to the ToR. The SOS CV Tanzania National Office will also be responsible for planning the field visits, including contacting schools and ensuring that interview-persons are available. Furthermore, the SOS CV Tanzania National Office will offer transportation if needed. The lead consultant will design the data collection tools and carry out briefing of national data collectors online, and will also be available for guidance throughout the assignment of the data collectors via e-mail and online meetings as needed. The Regional Programme Development Advisor (Education) will assist country offices in terms of planning, guidance and supervision of data collectors.

#### Required skills

- Minimum undergraduate degree in education, social sciences or similar field
- Proven work experience in data collection (qualitative and quantitative) and in carrying out interviews with different target groups, including children
- Proven experience in using excel to record statistical data
- Strong skills in attention to detail and correct and timely reporting of data
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to communicate with many different target groups
- Fluency in English, and in relevant local languages
- Should be able to comply with our child safeguarding policy

#### Fee:

A daily rate fee in local currency will be agreed upon with the selected Data Collector during the interview process. The payments shall be subjected to local country policies as well as taxation rules applicable. The payments shall be made after receipt and approval of the final report by the lead consultant.

#### How to apply

Please send your CV and a short letter of application explaining how you meet the requirements for the assignment, daily rate in local currency, together with contact information for two reference persons to: [national.office@sos-tanzania.org](mailto:national.office@sos-tanzania.org) and Thomas Odera Email: [Thomas.Odera@sos-kd.org](mailto:Thomas.Odera@sos-kd.org)

Application deadline: 23rd April 2021

## TBS destroys seized expired goods valued at over 19m/-

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

TANZANIA Bureau of Standards (TBS) has destroyed a consignment of expired food, drinks and cosmetics valued at more than 19m/- that were seized from shops in Southern Highlands regions.

The goods were destroyed on Tuesday jointly by officials from the TBS headquarters and those from Southern Highlands Zone including NEMC officials and the police.

The goods destroyed weighing 4.6 tonnes included edible oil, soap, soft drinks, juice, beer, sweets, skin creams and margarine.

Southern Highlands Zone TBS Manager Abel Mwakasonda said the goods were impounded in a special three-month operation beginning January this year conducted in the Zone's four regions - Mbeya, Iringa, Njombe and Songwe.

Apart from expired goods, the crackdown also netted various cosmetics whose import and use had been banned due to their having lead and mercury content.

TBS Public Relations Manager Roida Andusabile called on traders to ensure they conduct their businesses by adhering to the country's laws to avoid incurring unnecessary losses.

She said the inspection of goods in shops was in accordance with the 2009 Bureau of Standards Act together with Act No 8 of 2019 that transferred to TBS activities of the former Tanzania Food and Drugs Authority (TFDA).

She said in addition to removal from shops, there are other penalties meted to traders involved including fines according to the volume of the consignments seized.

For his part, TBS Food Security Officer for the Southern Highlands Region Alexander Sagaya advised women to stop using cosmetics whose quality has not been proven as they pose hazards to their health.

## High Court judge underscores importance of record keeping

By Guardian Reporter

SENIOR Judge of the High Court in Dodoma Zone Mustapher Siyani has called upon registrars and other court officials to oversee the issue of record keeping including the Information Communication Technology (ICT) that is also being used as one of the methods in record keeping.

Opening a three-day training seminar for court registrars and other court officials on better record keeping held in Dodoma, Hon Siyani said the Tanzania

Judiciary is one a pillar of state that administer justice, hence better record keeping was essential.

"I would like to remind you that you are leaders, hence you have the responsibility in supervising court activities including record keeping subsystems, hence the judiciary performance depends on you for the benefit of the citizens you serve," he said.

He said the judiciary has made great strides in innovation, building up and installation of various systems including those on registration of cases

electronically (JSDS2) all aiming to simplify the retrieval of records in order for better administration of justice.

In the training organised by the Judiciary in collaboration with Lushoto Judiciary College, participants will be taken to various areas including the existing relationship and importance in record keeping.

Others include the use of court files and writing of various documents, electronic registration of cases, financial administration and its records.

## Ministry of Lands improves its Customer Service Centre

By Guardian Reporter

THE Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development has improved its Customer Service Centre that aims at making it easy for the people to get quick services regarding issues of land.

As for now the centre serves a big number of customers for the Dar es Salaam and Coast regions as opposed to the situation in the past.

Currently when a customer goes to the Customer Service Centre he is given a service number that enables him to be served according to the time he arrived and the area to be served.

Dar es Salaam Region Assistant Commissioner for Lands Idrisa Kayera has said "when a customer comes to our Customer Service Centre he finds all he/she wants because the system is inclusive and incorporates all data on land survey, town planning and title deeds."

Kayera who was speaking in Dar es Salaam early this week said the Ministry has decided to improve the unit to enable services regarding the Land sector to be provided to those seeking them quickly.

He said the ministry has also established areas for paying land rent and other charges near the customer service unit to ensure fast service to customers.

The Customer Service Centre Supervisor Bayumu Mushi said the establishment of the centre aimed at removing inconveniences faced by people when seeking lands services from the ministry.

Charles Ndesanjo, a customer who came to the customer service centre said he was satisfied by the services provided by the centre as he was able to get his title deed for his plot in Bagamoyo, Coast Region as fast as possible.

For his part a representative from Idda Attorneys, an advocate firm, Eliminata Membo said the Customer Service Centre was a savior to them as it has simplified the burden in following up various documents regarding issues of land.





Patients and expectant mothers at Ngaya ward in Msalala council, Shinyanga Region wait to be attended to at Ngaya health centre yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Shaban Njia

## Farmers told to dry crops well to prevent aflatoxins

By Guardian Correspondent, Pemba

FARMERS of food crops in the country have been called on to ensure they dry their crops to the required levels to prevent the production of aflatoxins that are dangerous to human beings.

Contributing her views at a seminar for reporters on how to control aflatoxins, Open University of Tanzania (OUT) lecturer Dr Happy Magoha said it would be better for farmers to work together with agricultural experts on crops planting including better farming practices.

She said for crops to remain safe it is necessary to measure its humidity before storage to ensure better storage and avoid production of aflatoxins.

"Aflatoxins is a toxin created by fungi hence it can be produced at several stages - from planting, harvesting, drying and storage," she said.

She explained that everyone has the responsibility to ensure he/she

controls or reduces aflatoxins in food crops and mentioned maize, groundnuts and bambara groundnuts.

She further said the country's weather causes toxins that creates aflatoxins hence it would be better for farmers to abide by weather conditions when planting and harvesting during dry season after which they should dry the crops well.

For his part the Project Manager of Tanzania Initiative for Preventing Aflatoxin Contamination (TANIPAC) in Zanzibar Mwanaidi Ali Khatib said the aim of the project was to reduce aflatoxin contamination in crops, to increase knowledge and awareness in the community over its health hazards and to enhance the involvement of the private sector in aflatoxins control.

She said the 5-year project that began in 2019 and end 2024 was being implemented by the Union Government in collaboration with the Zanzibar through the Ministry of Agriculture.

By Guardian Correspondent, Songea

## Number of people getting access to clean, safe water goes up in Songea Municipality

THE number of people getting clean and safe water in Songea Municipality has increased from 142,246 in 2015 to 216,706 by February this year, a senior official has said.

Managing director of Songea Urban Water Supply Authority (SOUWASA) Eng Patrick Kibasa says that the increase has been contributed by the government's move to invest heavily in the water sector.

"To us, this is a big achievement as five years ago 142,246 people in this municipality were getting piped water, but now the number has gone up to 216,706," he says, adding that there is a giant project on the ground that will improve water supply in the municipality and even neighboring communities.

According to Eng Kibasa, water supply in the municipality has

gone up to 86.2 percent from 74 percent for residents living in areas which are within the municipality and the network of water pipes has reached 495.837km from 330.59km.

SOUWASA has also strengthened environmental conservation in Luhira Valley as well as an increasing number of water users from 12,256 to 18,940 and users of wastewater from 1,179 to 1,497, the official said.

He however cited rapid population growth as one of the challenges facing the water authority, and this is caused by the fact that Songea is one of the towns that grow fast in Tanzania.

The situation, he says, has made the existing water sources

inadequate, making some areas inaccessible to the pipeline network."

Eng Kibasa also cites reckless fire and the introduction of agricultural activities in water sources as another hiccup affecting water availability in the area.

The official however cites strategies that will help solve these challenges as continuing to use local funds to make small investments in clean water infrastructure to increase access to services and provide environmental conservation education in water resources.

Songea, according to Eng Kibasa is one of the 28 towns in Tanzania that are to benefit from the water

project that is financed by the Indian government at the tune of US\$45,315,701.

He says the funding will help expand the water network and improve services and that the project will include the construction of a reservoir, expansion of a water treatment plant with the capacity of treating 51,459,000 liters of clean water per day.

He also unveils that the money will help build four water storage tanks with a capacity of 18,200,000 liters and a supply of 190.3 km of water supply and distribution pipes.

SOUWASA has been mandated to nurture the two water authorities of Tunduru and

Mbinga to build their capacity before standing on their own feet.

Dr Anslem Tarimo, SOUWASA chairman of the board of directors says that in the past, the state of water supply was not good because few people living in the Songea town area had access to clean water, but now, the current situation is satisfactory.

"I commend SOUWASA executives for their good work," Dr Tarimo said.

Songea receives water from existing water sources in the Lake Nyasa Basin as well as the Ruvuma River Basin.

He cites the sources in the Ruvuma River Basin and the South Coast as Ruvuma, Lipasi, Liwoyowoyo, Lihwena, Lilambo,

and Likuyufusi which produce 12,300 cubic meters per day.

"Currently the demand for water is approximately 25,862 cubic meters in all areas of the municipality," he said.

The authority has a clean water treatment and treatment plant with the capacity of treating 11,500 cubic meters per day, 10 tanks with a capacity of 4,490 cubic meters out of the demand of 10,000 cubic meters, and a 495.8 km network of clean water pipes.

According to Kibasa, the total sewerage network is 377 km long with a 2,100-cubic meter wastewater treatment plant.

However, he says, so far the number of clean water customers is 18,940 and 1,497 sewage customers with the water level at 22 percent.

SOUWASA was established in 1997 to provide its water services in Songea Municipality with an estimated population of 299,543.

## RC wants govt institutions to listen to people's complaints

By Correspondent Gideon Mwakansya, Songea

RUVUMA Regional Commissioner Christina Mndeme has called upon government institutions to listen to and find solutions to people's problems starting from lower levels.

Mndeme issued the remarks at a meeting held here recently for officials and heads of all government institutions in the region.

"As the Regional Commissioner I have been receiving various complaints some of which can be solved at village or district level, hence I have decided to call you because we are supposed to solve people's complaints in our own areas," she said.

She instructed the officials

to listen to people's complaints in time and should draw up schedules of going to the people to listen to their complaints and solve them in time.

"Right now we have frequent power outages, you Tanesco Manager, what is your job? People have paid up for the electricity but have not been connected to the service, you as Tanesco Manager, why don't you go out to the people to explain about the problem," she added.

She cited two major reasons that cause people's complaints - not conducting legal meetings with the people and lack of good relations among government officials.

"If we implement our responsibilities well, we shall make the work of our President Samia Suluhu Hassan easy, we must all go out to listen to the

people," she said.

She directed each institution to prepare a register for complaints and form small teams to assist in coordinating the complaints to be submitted to the Head of the institution concerned and complaints on policy issues should be taken to higher levels for solutions.

For his part, Ruvuma Region CCM Chairman Oddo Mwisho said the party's 2020/25 Election Manifesto cites one of its responsibilities as listening to people's complaints hence what the regional government was doing was to implement the party manifesto.

Tunduru District Commissioner Julius Mtairo said there was no unified system when dealing with people's complaints, the situation that make people not knowing where to go for solution.



GF Vehicle Assemblers Ltd (GFA) factory workers look at one of the 100 new made vehicles during the ceremony held in Kibaha District, Coast Region yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



### RE-ADVERTISEMENT - ENERGY SPECIALIST – TANZANIA

**Background:**

RTI International is an independent, nonprofit research institute dedicated to improving the human condition by turning knowledge into practice. The organization provides research, development, and technical services to government and commercial clients in more than 75 countries.

Power Africa East Africa Energy Program is a four-year project working to increase on-grid electricity access, accelerate private sector investment, and improve the enabling environment of the power sector in East Africa. RTI International leads implementation of this Power Africa coordinated program, a U.S. Government-led partnership, funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

RTI International is seeking to recruit an Energy Specialist to be based in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania under the Power Africa East Africa Energy Program.

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The Energy Specialist is expected to provide energy sector technical support to the Tanzanian and regional energy institutions, USAID East Africa, and USAID Tanzania mission in support of Power Africa goals to increase regional trade in Eastern Africa.

**Overall Responsibilities:**

The Energy Specialist will support the Power Africa East Africa Energy Program (EAEP) in the following objectives:  
Objective 1: Optimized Power Supply: Under Objective 1, the Specialist will support the Tanzania Country Lead to monitor, report, and develop scopes of work for the advancement of generation, transmission, and legal/regulatory activities across Tanzania Electric Supply Company (TANESCO), Attorney General Chamber, Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA), and Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC). This activity requires weekly reporting on energy transactions (generation and transmission) in Tanzania and coordination with regional and international staff to advance activities. The Specialist will also manage all workplan activities under Objective 1 at an operational, day-to-day level.

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**Specific responsibilities:**

- Collaborate effectively with the Tanzania and Regional team by providing technical assistance to various stakeholders in the region.
- Draft reports, conduct analyses, and make presentations on different topics that will be serving as deliverables to management, USAID and other stakeholders.
- Assist in coordinating activities in Tanzania.
- Support training and capacity building efforts for various

stakeholders including regional bodies, utilities, regulators and ministries.

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- Strong listening, oral and written communication skills and client management skills. The ability to communicate at multiple levels in the organization; and the ability to coordinate activities with officials from host country government, NGO's and other agencies.
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- Ability to work hands-on, independently, and with the team.
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- Excellent computer skills: Word, Excel and PowerPoint and presentation skills.
- Proficiency in power system analysis software's: PSS/E or DigSilent and any other. Operations experience is preferred.

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## African countries should reverse elephant declines

**T**HE African elephant is a genus comprising two living elephant species, the African bush elephant and the smaller African forest elephant. The African bush elephant also known as the African savanna elephant, is the largest living terrestrial animal. It is distributed across 37 African countries and inhabits forests, grasslands and woodlands, wetlands, and agricultural land. Since 2021, it has been listed as Endangered on the IUCN Red List.

It is threatened foremost by habitat destruction, and in parts of its range also by poaching for meat and ivory. It is a social mammal, traveling in herds composed of cows and their offspring. Adult bulls usually live alone or in small bachelor groups. It is a herbivore, feeding on grasses, creepers, herbs, leaves, and bark.

Following population declines over several decades due to poaching for ivory and loss of habitat, the African forest elephant is now listed as critically endangered and the African savanna elephant as endangered on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. Before today's update, African elephants were treated as a single species, listed as vulnerable; this is the first time the two species have been assessed separately for the IUCN Red List, following the emergence of new genetic evidence.

The IUCN Red List now includes 134,425 species of which 37,480 are threatened with extinction. Africa's elephants play key roles in ecosystems, economies and in our collective imagination all over the world.

Today's new IUCN Red List assessments of both African elephant species underline the

persistent pressures faced by these iconic animals," said Dr Bruno Oberle, IUCN director general. "We must urgently put an end to poaching and ensure that sufficient suitable habitat for both forest and savanna elephants is conserved. Several African countries have led the way in recent years, proving that we can reverse elephant declines, and we must work together to ensure their example can be followed."

The latest assessments highlight a broadscale decline in African elephant numbers across the continent. The number of African forest elephants fell by more than 86 per cent over a period of 31 years, while the population of African savanna elephants decreased by at least 60 per cent over the last 50 years, according to the assessments.

Both species suffered sharp declines since 2008 due to a significant increase in poaching, which peaked in 2011 but continues to threaten populations. The ongoing conversion of their habitats, primarily to agricultural and other land uses, is another significant threat. The 2016 IUCN African Elephant Status Report provides the most recent reliable estimate of the continental population of the two species combined, at around 415,000 elephants.

Despite the overall declining trend of both African elephant species, the assessments also highlight the impact of successful conservation efforts. Anti-poaching measures on the ground, together with more supportive legislation and land use planning which seeks to foster human-wildlife coexistence, have been key to successful elephant conservation.

## Food security for Africa: An urgent global challenge

**T**HE global food security challenge is straightforward: by 2050, the world must feed 9 billion people. The United Nations has set ending hunger, achieving food security and improved nutrition, and promoting sustainable agriculture as the second of its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for the year 2030.

Food insecurity was named in the early 2000's to describe the severity of lacking food sources. Food security is measured by how much members of a household have access to nutritional food, and the capacity for obtaining food in the future through socially accepted means. Food insecurity on the other hand is characterised by the lack of and unreliable access to nutritional food sources.

The state of food security is a heavily scrutinised issue in Tanzania. Agriculture accounts for almost one-third of the nation's GDP (Gross Domestic Product). It is an aspect of Tanzania that although obstructed by many internal and external factors, is continually worked on by outside forces and the nation itself.

There are several contributors to food security, including economic growth, agricultural policy, environmental changes, climate change and governance. Furthermore, food security - or lack of it - can have lasting repercussions on a population.

On a global scale, Tanzania is lagging behind in terms of food security. According to the Proteus Global Food Security Index - data collected by the World Food Programme.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, food security has been a global concern - in the second quarter of 2020 there were multiple warnings of famine later in the year. According to early predictions, hundreds of thousands of people would likely die and millions more experience hunger without concerted efforts to address issues of food security. As of October 2020, these efforts were reducing the risk of widespread starvation due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Famines were feared as a result of the COVID-19 recession and some of the measures taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Additionally, the 2019-20 locust infestation, ongoing wars and political turmoil in some nations were also viewed as local causes of hunger.

Global hunger has reached an alarming level and could grow worse as the COVID-19 pandemic stretches on, said Catholic Relief Services recently.

The organisation issued a new analysis identifying food crises in 14 countries. The pandemic has created a loss of income for many people, constrained government funding, deepened social inequalities, disrupted trade and supply chains, and restricted non-profit groups' access to vulnerable areas, CRS said. Combined, these factors have impacted millions of people's access to food.

The World Bank has reported that for the first time in 20 years, global extreme poverty levels have been on the rise. The report said an estimated 110 to 150 million people worldwide are in extreme poverty.

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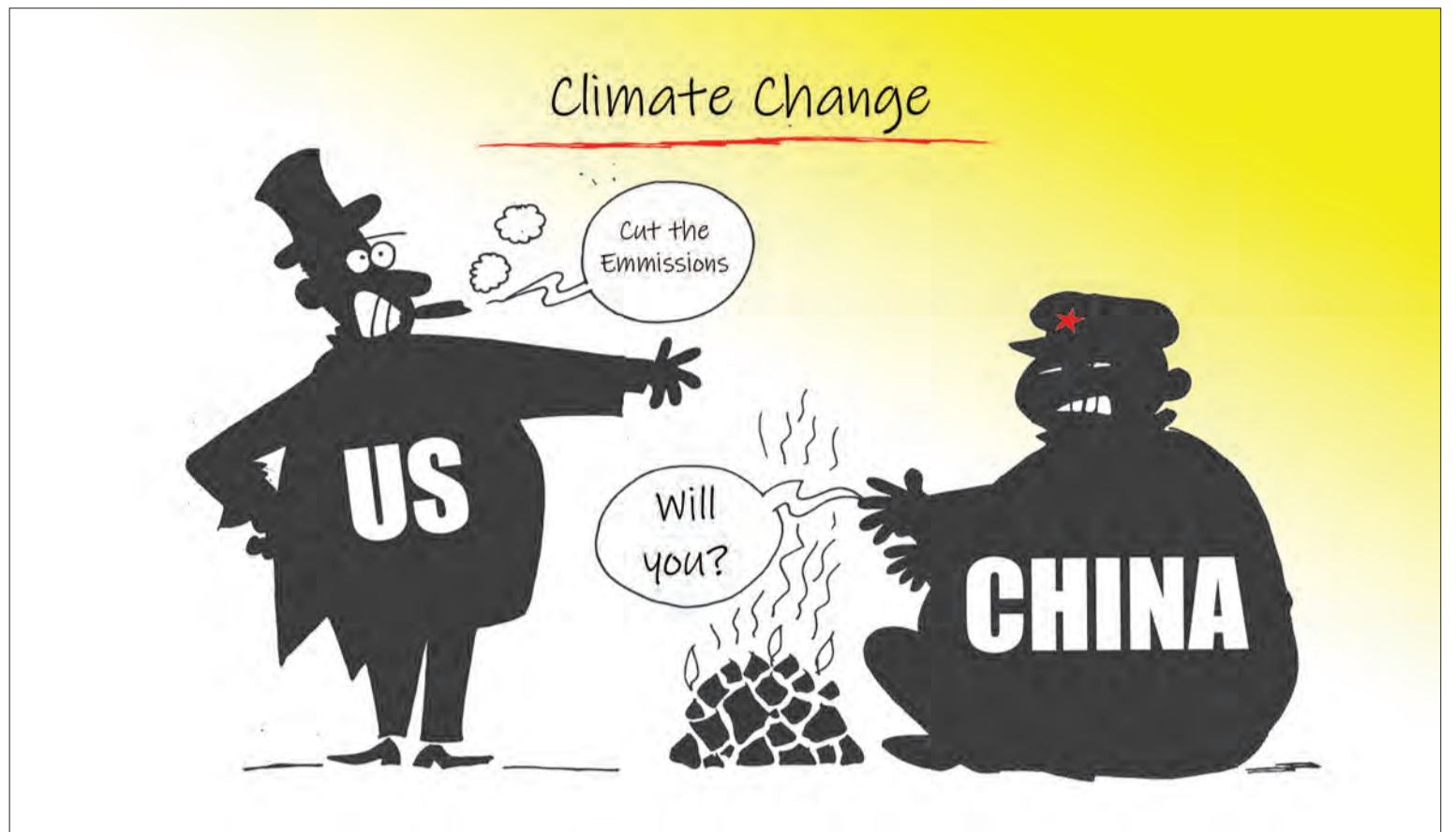
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## Independence without land is meaningless

By Sifelani Tsiko

**A**Zimbabwe without land doesn't exist. Land defines who we are as Zimbabweans. Throughout Zimbabwe's history, land has been at the heart of the conflict between settlers and indigenous populations.

When Zimbabwe was annexed by British colonialists in the 1880s, the development of the colony became tied to settler colonialism, mineral exploitation, ranching and the establishment of a colony which led to the expropriation of vast tracts of native land.

The white minority settlers took land by violent means, annexing rich and fertile lands.

As they ventured into most parts of the country, the white settlers encountered violent opposition from the local black communities.

The massacre of a few settlers led to a series of reprisals aimed at pacifying the majority of black people - spirit mediums and warriors were beheaded, villages were burned, crops were destroyed, and lands were confiscated and redistributed to colonists.

When white settlers "discovered" Zimbabwe, they found the land occupied by indigenous communities scattered along mountains, savannahs, river valleys and everywhere.

It was this social space of family residence, agricultural lands, water channels and hunting and gathering territories that formed the basis for ritual, economic, political, and social activity for us as black people.

The traditional social structure was closely related to a set of spatial reference points - homestead sites, inhabited places, and various other natural features - all of which were carefully inventoried and served to delimit the rights of the human population over its lands and waters.

In short, it was the land that bound our people together.

For several centuries, land and politics were deeply intertwined in Zimbabwe.

The loss of land by the majority of the people was at the centre of the liberation struggle. Land was an emotive issue that forced blacks to take arms to fight for it.

Blood was sacrificed for land. Thousands of people lost their lives for the liberation of the country. In essence, they lost their lives for the land called Zimbabwe.

In 1979, at the Lancaster House talks, an equitable redistribution of land for the landless people



was sought without damaging the white farmers' vital contribution to Zimbabwe's economy that accounted for some 40 percent of exports and provided a livelihood for over 30 percent of the paid workforce while generating 80 percent of the country's total agricultural output.

Land reform in Zimbabwe was at the centre of the Lancaster House Agreement, with the British and the Americans making several concessions to support it, in return for peace and security for their own kith and kin.

At independence from Britain in 1980, many will recall that the newly-elected government was empowered to initiate the necessary land reforms.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government agreed to finance half the cost of this reform, as long as land was bought and sold on a willing-buyer-willing-seller basis, in an effort to more equitably distribute land between the marginalised indigenous subsistence farmer and the white settlers, many with vast underutilised tracts of land.

Since then, it remained a major source of political conflict, as the willing buyer, willing seller - Lancaster House model failed to ensure social justice for the majority of the landless people in the country.

The willing buyer, willing seller land reform model was fraught with ambiguities and subtle schemes to further protect whites who continued to own vast tracts of land after independence in 1980.

Zimbabweans, the original inhabitants of the land, continued to wallow in poverty without adequate land at a time when the black population was also

growing.

In the late 1990s, war veterans of the 1970s armed struggle became agitated and pushed President Robert Mugabe to embark on a 'fast track' land redistribution campaign, forcibly confiscating white farms without compensation.

The country's land redistribution attracted global attention and became the most crucial and most bitterly contested political issue.

It is worth noting that at the crucial Lancaster House talks, both ZANU and ZAPU leaders, Mugabe and Joshua Nkomo respectively, insisted on compulsory land redistribution by seizure, without compensation, as a precondition to a negotiated peace settlement.

What later happened after 1990 is all history.

The Government stood firm despite the imposition of sanctions, which are still in place even up to now, to implement the land reform programme.

It was a necessary commitment to alleviate overpopulation in the former tribal trust lands (TTLs - now known as communal areas) to extend the production potential of small-scale subsistence farmers, and improve the standards of living of rural Zimbabweans.

It was an epitome of correcting historical wrongs, social injustice and economic inequalities of the past.

Some 4,500 white farmers who occupied nearly 70 percent of Zimbabwe's fertile and rich lands were dispossessed and a million black Zimbabweans were resettled.

A number of new medium-sized farms, as well as large sized land farms were redistributed to small-scale farmers - and to people who

were keen to go into farming.

Since 2000, despite numerous challenges, the new black farmers have transformed the country's agricultural sector, finding new opportunities in tobacco, horticulture and crop exports.

Under the new dispensation, production has been the major watch word.

Productivity gives meaning to our struggle for land.

The government has ramped up efforts to build new dams, revive irrigation schemes, spur agricultural mechanisation, promote good crop and animal husbandry practices, as well as increase the provision of finance and inputs to boost production.

As we move towards celebrating our Independence Day on April 18, Zimbabwe looks set for a bumper crop harvest this season after the country experienced above average rains.

Good rains in the 2020-2021 cropping season, which were in the normal to above normal category, have brought hope and cheer to farmers who endured one of the worst droughts in years in the previous season.

The country is expecting a bumper crop this season that will improve the food security position in most households.

The Government expects this year's maize harvest to be as high as 2.8 million tonnes, a huge jump from the 908 000 tonnes of maize harvested last year.

Land and independence are intertwined. The two cannot be separated.

And above everything else - LAND - is a critical ingredient to this year's theme: [email protected]. Together growing our economy for a prosperous, resilient and inclusive society."





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**CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31.03.2021**  
(Amounts in million shillings)

	Current Quarter 31.03.2021	Previous Quarter 31.12.2020
<b>A. ASSETS</b>		
1. Cash	6,410	4,282
2. Balances with Bank of Tanzania	41,572	59,664
3. Investment in Government Securities	81,799	51,174
4. Balances with other banks and financial institutions	23,995	32,072
5. Cheques and items for Clearing	40	39
6. Interbranch float items	34	79
7. Bills negotiated	1,383	1,472
8. Customer liability on acceptances	2,946	2,209
9. Interbank loans receivable	0	0
10. Investment in Other Securities	0	0
11. Loans, advances and overdrafts (Net of allowances for probable Losses)	132,462	131,383
12. Other Assets	1,544	1,121
13. Equity Investments	0	0
14. Underwriting accounts	0	0
15. Property, Plant and Equipment	4,387	4,459
<b>16. TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>296,573</b>	<b>287,954</b>
<b>B. LIABILITIES</b>		
17. Deposits from other Banks and financial institutions	0	0
18. Customer deposits	242,454	236,266
19. Cash Letters of Credit	0	0
20. Special deposits	2,475	2,449
21. Payment orders/transfers payable	0	0
22. Bankers' cheques and drafts issued	81	68
23. Accrued taxes and expenses payable	6,041	5,416
24. Acceptances outstanding	2,946	2,209
25. Inter branch float items	102	73
26. Unearned income and other deferred charges	0	0
27. Other liabilities	4,054	3,887
28. Borrowings	1,000	0
<b>29. TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>259,152</b>	<b>250,368</b>
<b>30. NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)(16 minus 29)</b>	<b>37,421</b>	<b>37,586</b>
<b>C. SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>		
31. Paid up share capital	2,600	2,600
32. Capital reserves	240	321
33. Retained earnings	31,322	28,811
34. Profit (Loss) account	(165)	2,038
35. Other capital accounts	3,424	3,816
36. Minority Interest	0	0
<b>37. TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>	<b>37,421</b>	<b>37,586</b>
38. Contingent liabilities	43,130	49,149
39. Non performing loans and advances	8,732	8,657
40. Allowances for probable losses	(298)	(27)
41. Other non performing assets	0	0
<b>D. SELECTED FINANCIAL CONDITION INDICATORS</b>		
(i). Shareholders Funds to total assets	12.62%	13.05%
(ii). Non performing loans to total gross loans	6.32%	6.34%
(iii). Gross loans and advances to total deposits	56.42%	57.24%
(iv). Loans and advances to total assets	46.60%	47.45%
(v). Earning Assets to Total Assets	80.34%	74.54%
(vi). Deposits Growth	2.60%	-2.21%
(vii). Assets growth	2.99%	-2.10%

**CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31.03.2021**  
(Amounts in million shillings)

	Current Quarter 31.03.2021	Comparative Quarter (Previous Year) 31.03.2020	Current Year Cumulative 31.03.2021	Comparative Year (Previous Year) Cumulative 31.03.2020
1. Interest Income	5,165	5,519	5,165	5,519
2. Interest Expense	(3,255)	(3,100)	(3,255)	(3,100)
3. Net Interest Income/(minus 2)	1,910	2,419	1,910	2,419
4. Bad Debts Written Off	0	0	0	0
5. Impairment Losses on Loans and Advances	(298)	9	(298)	9
<b>6. Non-Interest Income</b>	<b>1,023</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>1,023</b>	<b>908</b>
6.1 Foreign Currency Dealings and Translation Gains/(Loss)	246	215	246	215
6.2 Fees and Commissions	336	266	336	266
6.3 Dividend Income	0	0	0	0
6.4 Other Operating Income	442	427	442	427
<b>7. Non Interest Expenses:</b>	<b>(2,500)</b>	<b>(2,517)</b>	<b>(2,500)</b>	<b>(2,517)</b>
7.1 Salaries and Benefits	(1,554)	(1,565)	(1,554)	(1,565)
7.2 Fees and Commission	(67)	(59)	(67)	(59)
7.3 Other Operating Expenses	(879)	(892)	(879)	(892)
<b>8. Operating Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>819</b>
9. Income Tax Provision	(300)	(450)	(300)	(450)
<b>10. Net Income (Loss) After Income Tax</b>	<b>(165)</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>(165)</b>	<b>369</b>
<b>11. Other Comprehensive Income (Itemise)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>12. Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss) for the year</b>	<b>(165)</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>(165)</b>	<b>369</b>
13. Number of Employees	87	89	87	89
14. Basic Earning Per Share	(63)	142	(63)	142
15. Number of Branches	4	4	4	4
<b>SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS</b>				
(i) Return on Average Total Assets	-0.06%	0.13%	-0.06%	0.13%
(ii) Return on Average Shareholders' Funds	-0.44%	0.95%	-0.44%	0.95%
(iii) Non Interest Expense to Gross Income	40.40%	39.17%	40.40%	39.17%
(iv) Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets	0.81%	1.26%	0.81%	1.26%

**SELECTED EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31.03.2021**

In preparation of the quarterly financial statements, consistent accounting policies have been used as those applicable to the previous year audited financial statements.

Name and Title	Signature	Date
<b>S. S HASAN RIZVI</b> (Managing Director)		12.04.2021
<b>EPHRAIM MKONDE</b> (Finance Manager)		12.04.2021
<b>MWARABU HAJI</b> (Internal Auditor)		12.04.2021

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the faithful representation of the above statements. We declare that the statements have been examined by us and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, have been prepared in conformance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 2006 and they present a true and fair view.

Name	Signature	Date
<b>1. ZAIN HABIB</b>		12.04.2021
<b>2. VAZIR A BUKHARI</b>		12.04.2021

**CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31.03.2021**  
(Amounts in million shillings)

	Current quarter 31.03.2021	Previous quarter 31.12.2020	Current Year Cumulative 31.03.2021	Comparative Year (Previous Year) Cumulative 31.03.2020
<b>I. Cash flow from operating activities:</b>				
Net income (loss)	135	2,947	135	819
Adjustment for:				
Impairment/amortization	91	419	91	108
Net change in loans and advances	(1,079)	11,268	(1,079)	10,997
Gain/loss on sale of Assets	0	0	0	0
Net change in deposits	6,214	11,651	6,214	6,760
Net change in Short Term Negotiable Securities	(27,598)	24,369	(27,598)	(5,832)
Net change in Other Liabilities	695	126	695	4,833
Net change in Other Assets	(176)	1,354	(176)	1
Tax paid	(300)	(1,124)	(300)	(450)
Others (Specify)	0	15	0	0
Net cash provided/(used) by operating activities	(22,018)	51,424	(22,018)	16,334
<b>II. Cash flow from investing activities:</b>				
Dividend Received	0	0	0	0
Purchase of Fixed Assets	(195)	(168)	(195)	(7)
Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0
Purchase of Non-Dealing Securities	0	0	0	0
Proceeds from Sale Non-Dealing Securities	0	0	0	0
Others(specify)	0	0	0	0
Net cash provided/(used) by investing activities	(195)	(168)	(195)	(7)
<b>III. Cash flow from financing activities:</b>				
Repayment of Long-Term Debt	0	0	0	0
Proceeds from Issuance of Long Term Debt	0	0	0	0
Proceeds from Issuance of Share Capital	0	0	0	0
Payment of Cash Dividends	0	(2,300)	0	0
Net change in Other Borrowings	1,000	0	1,000	0
Others(specify)	0	0	0	0
Net cash provided/(used) by financing activities	1,000	(2,300)	1,000	0
<b>IV. Cash and cash equivalents:</b>				
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(21,212)	48,956	(21,212)	16,328
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Quarter/Year	86,363	37,407	86,363	37,407
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the Quarter/Year	65,151	86,363	65,151	53,735

**CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 31.03.2020**  
(Amounts in million shillings)

	Share capital	Share Premium	Retained Earnings	Regulatory Reserve	General Provision Reserve	Other Reserve	Total
<b>Current Year 2021</b>							
Balance as at the beginning of the year	2,600	-	30,849	3,816	0	321	37,586
Profit for the year	-	-	(165)	-	-	-	(165)
Transfer from/to Regulatory Reserve	-	-	392	(392)	-	-	-
Transfer to/from Other reserve	-	-	81	-	-	(81)	-
<b>Balance as at the end of the year</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,157</b>	<b>3,424</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>37,421</b>
<b>Previous Year 2020</b>							
Balance as at the beginning of the year	2,600	-	31,644	3,715	0	262	38,221
Difference in Right of use and lease liability as at 01.01.2020	-	-	(102)	-	-	-	(102)
Profit for the year	-	-	2,038	-	-	-	2,038
Dividend paid	-	-	(2,300)	-	0	-	(2,300)
Transfer to statutory Reserve	-	-	(100)	100	-	-	-
Transfer to other Reserve	-	-	(59)	-	-	59	-
Tax paid for prior years	-	-	(271)	-	-	-	(271)
<b>Balance as at the end of the year</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,849</b>	<b>3,816</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>37,586</b>

**DISCLOSURES MADE UNDER REGULATION 11 OF BANKING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (DISCLOSURES) REGULATIONS, 2014**  
**MINIMUM DISCLOSURE OF BANK CHARGES AND FEES ( GHARAMA ZA HUDUMA ZETU)**

NAME OF PRODUCT/ SERVICES	CHARGE/FEE
<b>SAVING ACCOUNTS</b>	
Transaction fees-Ledger Fees-LCY	TZS 13,200.00 half-yearly
Transaction fees-Ledger Fees-USD	US \$ 14.50 half-yearly
Transaction fees-Ledger Fees-GBP	GBP 10.00 half-yearly
Transaction fees-Ledger Fees-EUR	EURO 10.00 half-yearly
Temporary Statement-LCY	Tsh. 2,000.00 per page
Temporary Statement-FCY	US \$2.00 per page
Interim Statement-LCY	Tsh.2,000.00 per page
Interim Statement-FCY	US \$2.00 per page
Withdrawal Charges- FCY	amount
Withdrawal Charges below TZS 5 MIL-LCY	No such Charges
Withdrawal Charges above TZS 5 mil-LCY	0.06% of the amount
Cash deposit Charge	FCY-small denomination 5%
Savings Card/Passbook	No such Charges
Passbook/Card replacement	No such Charges
Closing Account-LCY	Tsh. 25,000.00
Closing Account-FCY	US\$ 25.00
Dormant account activation-LCY	TZS 15,000.00
Dormant account activation-FCY	US\$ 15.00
<b>CURRENT ACCOUNTS ( PERSONAL )</b>	
Transaction fees-Ledger Fees-LCY	TZS 35,000.00 monthly
Transaction fees-Ledger Fees-USD	US \$ 35.00 monthly
Transaction fees-Ledger Fees-GBP	GBP 25 monthly
Transaction fees-Ledger Fees-EUR	EURO 25 monthly
Temporary Statement-LCY	Tsh. 2,000.00 per page
Temporary Statement-FCY	US \$2.00 per page
Temporarily/Unauthorized Overdraft	27% p.a
Interim Statement-LCY	Tsh. 2,000.0 per page
Interim Statement-FCY	US \$2.00 per page
Withdrawal Charges below TZS 5 MIL-LCY	No such Charges
Withdrawal Charges above TZS 5 mil-LCY	0.06% of the excess amount
Cash deposit charges	FCY-small denomination 5%
Closing account-LCY	TZS 30,000.00
Closing account-FCY	US\$ 30.00
Bank Drafts	US\$ 35.00
Bank Draft cancellation charge	US\$ 60.00
Cheque book-LCY	Tzs 35,000
Cheque book-FCY	US\$ 35.00
Cash payment to 3rd party	No such Charges
Cash deposit charge	No such Charges
Bulk cash deposit	No such Charges
Bulk cash withdrawal	No such Charges
Stop Payment orders	TZS 20,000.00
Standing orders ( within bank )	TZS 2,500.00
Standing orders ( to other bank )	TZS 5,000.00
Certificate of balance/Balance confirmation	Tsh. 30,000.00 , US\$ 30.00 Per certificate
Letter of introduction-LCY	TZS 25,000.00
Letter of introduction-FCY	US\$ 25.00
Salary handling	TZS 10,000.00
School fees deposits	No such Charges
TRA collection	No such Charges
Safe custody charges	No such Charges
Safe custody access fees	No such Charges
TISS transfers	TZS 10,000.00
Dormant account activation-LCY	TZS 25,000.00
Dormant account activation-FCY	US\$ 25.00
year	TZS 50,000.00
EFT charges	
Incoming EFT	Tzs 1,500
Outgoing EFT	Tzs 1,000
Clearing charges	Tzs 1,000 per cheque

FOREIGN EXCHANGE SERVICES	CHARGE/FEE
Inwards foreign transfers - customers	US\$ 20.00
LC Opening commission ( cash covered )	1.75% per quarter
LC Opening commission ( no cash covered )	2.00% per quarter
LC Advising commission (Inward/Export)	US\$ 200.00
Foreign Document Bills for Collection (Inward & Outward)	1.2% of LC Value
LC Acceptance commission	commission 2.00% per qrt + swift charge US\$ 70.0
LC Payment/Settlement commission	1.2% per quarter+\$120
LC Amendments	US\$ 75.00 + US \$70.00 Swift
Special clearance-LCY	Not applicable
Special clearance-FCY	Not applicable
Outward Foreign Bankers Cheque (OFBC)	Not applicable
Treasury bill bid charges	Tsh. 100,000.00 per bid
LG issuance	1.50% to 2.00% per quarter
Export letter of credit confirmation	Tzs 25,000

Bankers Cheques	
For US Dollars	US\$ 30.00 per bankers cheques
For Tanzanian shillings	Tsh. 30,000.00 per bankers cheques
US\$ bankers cheques cancellation	US\$ 15.00 per bankers cheques
Tsh. 15,000.00 per bankers cheques	
Shillings bankers cheques cancellation	

Return Cheques	
Cheque return unpaid-LCY	US\$ 50.00 per cheques
Cheque return unpaid-FCY	Tsh. 50,000.00 per cheques

Indicative TZs Rates	Lowest	Highest
<b>TIME DEPOSITS</b>		
a) 1-Month	2.00%	3.00%
b) 3-Months	3.00%	5.00%
c) 6-Months	4.00%	6.00%
d) 9-Months	6.00%	8.00%
e) 12-Months	8.00%	11.00%

LENDING RATE		
a) Base lending rate		
b) short-term (up to one year)	10.00%	27.25%
c) medium term (2 to 3 years)	5.00%	18.00%
b) short-term (up to one year)	N/A	N/A
c) medium term (2 to 3 years)	N/A	N/A

Indicative Usd Rates	Lowest	Highest
<b>TIME DEPOSITS</b>		
a) 1-Month		



# Xinjiang migrant workers debunk 'forced labour' claims with personal experiences

GUANGZHOU

A GROUP of migrant workers from northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region has debunked the "forced labor" claims with their own experiences of working in Guangdong Province in south China.

Two Xinjiang scholars, Nilufer Gheyret and Chen Ning, both visiting research fellows at Jinan University in south China's Guangdong Province, interviewed 70 Xinjiang workers from five Guangdong-based companies. The workers are from ethnic minority groups including Uygur, Kyrgyz, Kazakh and Tajik.

Their experiences have been included in a recently published report titled "Forced Labor" or 'Pursuit of A Better Life? An Investigation of Xinjiang Minority Workers' Employment in Guangdong, China."

Based on research by the Xinjiang scholars, the following are the facts about Xinjiang ethnic minority workers, which debunked the "forced labor" lies fabricated by the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI) and groundlessly hyped up by some Western media outlets and politicians.

**Lie No. 1:** The ASPI report claimed that the Chinese government has facilitated the mass transfer of Uygur

and other ethnic minority citizens from Xinjiang to factories across the country.

**Fact check:** According to the report by the Xinjiang scholars, all Xinjiang workers they interviewed have made their own choices to work away from home.

The top three reasons for them to work in Guangdong are high incomes, introduction from family members and friends, and Guangdong's good natural and social environment. The respondents opting for these reasons account for 36 percent, 24 percent and 15 percent of the total, respectively.

One of the interviewees, a Uygur worker, said he and his wife had worked in the eastern Anhui Province before landing their current jobs in Guangdong.

"We heard the income was higher in Guangdong and made up our mind to quit our jobs in Anhui and moved here," he said.

**Lie No. 2:** Xinjiang workers are subject to constant surveillance and have little freedom of movement.

**Fact check:** According to the research article by the Xinjiang scholars, the Xinjiang workers sometimes go to halal restaurants and barbecue shops near their factories after finishing work.

Some of the workers say they usually take a bus on



Nilufer Gheyret (4th R) talks with Xinjiang migrant workers of the Uygur ethnic group during an interview at a company in south China's Guangdong Province, Sept. 17, 2020. (Xinhua)

weekends and holidays to nearby shopping malls, tourist attractions and amusement parks.

**Lie No. 3:** Xinjiang workers are paid less than their Han counterparts.

**Fact check:** The surveyed Xinjiang workers enjoy the same rights as their colleagues from the Han ethnic group in terms of wages. They earn some 49,500 yuan (about 7,548 U.S. dollars) to 71,500 yuan a year.

**Lie No. 4:** Many Xinjiang workers lead a harsh, segregated life in factories across China.

According to the surveyed Xinjiang workers, all their employers have provided free accommoda-

tion, dormitory rooms shared by two or four persons and equipped with showers, air-conditioners, and washing machines, among others.

The interviewees expressed satisfaction with their current lives in Guangdong as they have significantly increased their earnings, improved their work skills and found better educational resources for their kids. Some said they have already saved enough money to start up their own businesses in their hometowns in Xinjiang.

"There are celebrations in the factory for holidays like the New Year. We join the celebrations and other events such as basketball and

tug-of-war games," said a Uygur worker.

**Lie No. 5:** Xinjiang workers are forbidden from participating in religious practices.

**Fact check:** According to the interviewed Xinjiang workers, their freedom of religion and rights to use their own ethnic languages are well protected.

The workers said their factories hire special cooks to provide halal food, and some factory canteens offer menus written in Mandarin and their own ethnic languages.

They also said the factories would hold festive activities for traditional festivals of Xinjiang ethnic minority groups, such as the Corban Festival. **Xinhua**



## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR UNDERTAKING CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR WaterAid COUNTRY PROGRAM EVALUATION

WaterAid is an International Non-Governmental Organization with a vision of ensuring Safe Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) for Everyone, Everywhere by 2030. WaterAid has had its operations in Tanzania since 1983 under the name "WaterAid Tanzania," which is registered as a Non-Governmental Organization in The Republic of Tanzania. WaterAid in Tanzania operates as a Country Programme and functional office of WaterAid UK; within the East African Region. The head office is in Dar es Salaam, Rufiji Street, Plot No.1469, Masaki Area within Kinondoni District.

### Background

WaterAid Tanzania Country Strategy covers the period from April 2016 to April 2021. This evaluation considers the period of 2016 to 2021 on the following Strategic Objectives (SOs):

- SO 1: Influencing for greater accountability
- SO 2: Mainstreaming WASH for effective partnerships
- SO 3: Building capacity for strengthened WASH delivery systems
- SO 4: Knowledge brokering for evidence-based decision making
- SO 5: Innovation to solve problems and promote sustainability

### Purpose

The purpose of the Country Programme evaluation is to:

- ◆ Assess the contextual relevance of the current Country Strategy against the backdrop of changes in the external environment.
- ◆ Assess the effectiveness against the Country's Strategic Objectives.
- ◆ Assess the added value and synergy of WaterAid's programmes with regard to the WASH sector in Tanzania.
- ◆ Capture the lessons learned from the implementation of the Country Strategy and reflect on the implications for the development of the following Country Strategy

### The role of a consultant is to:

- ◆ Use the evaluation questions defined by the Country Programme as a starting point, refine the evaluation questions in consultation with the CP;
- ◆ Build on the guidelines, develop a detailed methodology for evaluating the Country Strategy. The exact methodology will include the supporting tools such as the analytical framework for document review, topic guides for conducting Key Informant Interviews, etc.;
- ◆ Submit an inception report, to be revised based on WaterAid's feedback;
- ◆ Analyse and synthesize internal documentation;
- ◆ Identify and analyse relevant external documents;
- ◆ Interview with WaterAid staff, government officials, INGOs, UN agencies, partners and CSOs
- ◆ Preparation of preliminary findings.
- ◆ Facilitation of reflection and validation workshop.
- ◆ Compilation of the final report using the template provided by WaterAid.

### WaterAid is looking for a consultant who meets the following requirements:

- ◆ Experience in conducting evaluations of strategic plans and large, multi-faceted programs.
- ◆ Strong analytical skills in qualitative information.
- ◆ Knowledge of the WASH sector in the country (but not necessarily a WASH expert).
- ◆ Experience in policy analysis; Experience in conducting interviews with different types of Key Informants, including government officials, Ministry of Water (MoW), Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA), Ministry of Education Science and Technology (MoEST) and Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MoHCDGEC), INGOs, NGOs, and CSOs.
- ◆ Experience in facilitating participatory workshops.
- ◆ Good writing, presentation and communication skills.

### Timeframe

It is anticipated that the consultancy will take between 15 and 20 days. Please submit a budget separating consultancy fees and reimbursable expenses. The budget should be inclusive of all required taxes stipulated by Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA).

### Expression of Interest

If you are interested in this consultancy, please submit your Expression of Interest to

[Nduhuralinnocent@wateraid.org](mailto:Nduhuralinnocent@wateraid.org) and CC [NicombolweKidagho@wateraid.org](mailto:NicombolweKidagho@wateraid.org)

[ZuenaMasumay@wateraid.org](mailto:ZuenaMasumay@wateraid.org).

Please visit <https://www.wateraid.org/tz/work-with-us> for an extended version of the advert.

Following a review of the Expressions of Interest submitted, shortlisted candidates will be invited for a short interview during the week commencing 26.4.2021, from which a final candidate will be selected.

### Please make sure your expression of interest includes the following:

- ◆ **Short cover letter** explaining your motivation, relevant expertise and experience (max 2 pages).
- ◆ **The proposed approach**, building on the methodology proposed in the TOR. This should also explore how the consultant will mitigate the risk of COVID19 (max 1 page).
- ◆ Three examples of your written work with Country Strategy evaluation.
- ◆ **Budget**, with the distinction between your consultancy fees and reimbursable expenses.
- ◆ Curriculum Vitae.
- ◆ The contact details for **three referees**.



International  
Labour  
Organization

Skills Initiative for Africa  
(SIFA)  
Skills Anticipation

## National Consultant Terms of Reference For

Mapping of existing Labour Market Information and Skills Anticipation systems institutions, data infrastructure, capacities and approaches (Tanzania)

These Terms of Reference (1) provide background information on the SIFA Skills Anticipation Project, (2) outline the framework for the assignment, (3) describe the specific inputs and outputs required from the consultant and (4) list the terms and condition of the assignment.

### 1. Background and Rationale

Africa's young population is rapidly growing and expected to double to over 830 million by 2050. If properly harnessed, this increase in the working age population has the potential to support increased productivity and stronger, more inclusive economic growth across the continent. However, even though several countries in the continent registered fast economic growth over the past decades, this has not kept pace with the growing numbers of new job seekers. While 10 to 12 million youth enter the workforce each year, only 3 million jobs are created, leaving vast numbers of youth unemployed. According to the World Bank, youths account for 60% of all of Africa's jobless. The large number of young people who are not in education, employment or training but also the lack of demand-oriented skills development leads to the fact that young people in particular do not find adequate employment. This is one of the greatest challenges for the socio-economic development of Africa.

The skills development landscape in most African Countries typically consists of public and private providers and is often highly fragmented and poorly coordinated. Skills development programmes on the other hand normally lack demand-orientation and quality and neither meet labour market demand for skills nor social demand for accessible skills development that can lead to better employability. The lack of accepted labour market relevant skills development outcomes and provision standards means that comparability and quality assurance of programmes and certificates is often not possible. This has a negative impact on the reputation of skills development, and also hinders articulation in the education and training system as well as labour mobility. As a result, a shortage of skilled workers and at the same time high unemployment, even among graduates from skills development programmes is a very common phenomenon in most African countries.

This coupled with tensions between a rapidly growing young population and the relatively low pace of job creation are cause for more determined action and partnerships for more informed skills development approaches and more and quality jobs for young African. The high number of youth not in education employment or training, and the estimated 95 million of youth in sub-Saharan Africa who are uneducated, unemployed or engaged in precarious jobs represent a serious challenge for African decision makers and practitioners.

The tripartite representation of International Labour

Organization (ILO) agrees that countries that have succeeded in linking skills to gains in productivity, employment and development have targeted skills development policy towards three main objectives:

- Matching supply to current demand for skills;
- Helping workers and enterprises adjust to change;
- Building and sustaining competencies (1) for future labour market needs.

Such a strategy includes anticipating and delivering the skills that will be needed for future labour markets. Against this background, the African Union (AU) has adopted a set of strategies to address medium and long-term aspirations for a more prosperous Africa. Notably, the Agenda 2063, the African Youth Charter (2006); the Continental education strategy for Africa (CESA 2016-2025); the Continental TVET Strategy (2014); and an initiative to boost education, technology and innovation (C10) Championing Education, Science and Technology.

The Skills Initiative for Africa (SIFA) is a Project of the African Union Commission (AUC) and the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) supported by the German Government and European Union. It seeks to contribute toward the AU's agenda for a more prosperous Africa. Under the EU Funded SIFA component on Skills for Youth Employability (SYEP), the AU is collaborating with the International Labour Organization (ILO) to implement Skills Anticipation capacity development interventions.

The Skills Anticipation Component aims to facilitate identification and anticipation of skills as an integral part of national labour market information systems (LMIS). The main objective of this new component is to ensure more effective matching of skills supply to skills demand in the labour markets of targeted AU Member States. Interventions under this component will contribute towards the overall SIFA objective of enhancing the employability of the African youth.

### 2. Assignment Objective

The overall objective of the assignment is to map the existing data sources/providers, review current practices, capacities and institutional arrangements for labour market information and skills anticipation in Tanzania and to provide concrete recommendations for improvement of existing systems and structures.

### 3. Application procedures

For interested and qualified candidates, please visit [www.ilo.org/daressalaam](http://www.ilo.org/daressalaam) under the employment opportunities portal.

Please note, application deadline is on 23th April, 2021.



# Kyambile: Unlocking the greatness in Tanzania's genetic inheritance

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA'S telecommunication sector is one of the driving forces of the national economy as several entities in this sector have worked hard on promoting socio-economic development and creating many employment opportunities.

Benson Kyambile, a 36-year-old, is one of those who got involved in the telecommunications sector, saying his mother, who had previously worked in the telecommunication industry for nearly three decades, inspired him to devote himself to it as well.

"My mother would like me to step into her shoes because she knew that the ICT sector could be demanding in the future and this is exactly what is happening now," he says.

"A mother is a good mentor to her child," He says very few Tanzanians had an idea by then that the world could technologically be so fast-changing to let ICT running the world.

Having considered that fact, in 2005, he secured a scholarship to go to China, where he made his undergraduate studies in telecommunications.

He then returned home, got employed by a local

television station as a graphic designer and information technology (IT) specialist.

He later quit the job to join Huawei. At first, he worked at the East and Central African regional office from 2011-2013.

He was later relocated to Dar es Salaam, working in the Solution and Sales unit where he was responsible for providing services to Huawei's customers.

"Huawei trained me on various aspects of telecommunications-related issues for me to become an expert. Now I'm fully capable of handling all challenges and requirements of our customers," he says.

After working hard and learning from experts in the company for years, he is now managing the unit.

According to him, there are also plenty of Tanzanians like him within Huawei.

"Huawei is willing to transfer skills to Tanzanians to help them become experts in the industry," he says.

He says the communications sector in Tanzania has grown to a great extent, not only for the investment it brings but also for the operational expertise, which accompanies the investment.

"Because of the expertise I attained from Huawei, I was one of those who participated in shutting down the old CDMA analog system in 2013, one of the major



steps of our country to align with the global level of technology development," he says proudly.

"We work with a lot of clients to make sure that they provide reliable and modern services to Tanzanians," he says.

He also mentions that while Tanzania is in the 4G internet system, some of the other countries have already strided into the 5G era, bringing disruptive effects to people's life and world development.

"The innovators in the telecommunication sector are sleepless, brainstorming how far they can go to make things faster through the internet. We, Tanzanians, should not lag behind, we should also go parallel with global demands since technology changes the World so rapidly," he says.

He believes working with the world's leading ICT Companies such as Huawei is an effective way to keep pace with technological advancement.

"Huawei is like a college, it values employee capability and career development, helping them grow together with the company and achieve shared success with ample and equal opportunities for training and promotion," he says.

Believing telecommunication is the driving force behind global economic growth, he calls on Tanzanian youth to make the most of digital opportunities to do business and other good connections.

"I would also like to see my children stepping into my shoes, like what I have done with my mother, to venture into the telecommunication industry because it drives the world," he says.

# Banking operations for customer-centric world

By Guardian Reporter

CUSTOMER needs are rapidly changing. To meet those needs, banks need to make customer experience the starting point for process design. Today, deep within the headquarters and regional offices of banks, people do jobs that no customer ever sees but without which a bank could not function.

Thousands of people handle the closing and fulfillment of loans, the processing of payments, and the resolution of customer disputes. They figure out when exceptions can be made for customer approvals and help the bank comply with money laundering rules, to name but a few.

EXIM Bank has reiterated its commitment to always have customers at the center of its innovation and end-to-end service delivery.

"In this rise of technology in banking and the industry-wide stress on digital transformation journeys, one might find it is rather strange to put more emphasis on the basics on ensuring your customers are satisfied and happy. This is a vital and proven fact in guaranteeing more business. Satisfied customers," says Jaffari Matundu, the Bank's Chief Executive Officer.

Matundu made the statement in Dar es Salaam today as he was talking to journalists regarding the bank's customer-centric approach to innovation, which includes the bank's digital banking service.

"Customer centricity has always been at the heart of everything that Exim Bank does. Most focus on channels in their approaches towards customer-centrism, but to us, it is not about the last bit of the journey, it certainly not just about the topnotch user interface (UI) or user experience (UX); but rather about the entire experience our customers have with the bank - superior products and services, better value propositions.

Our innovation initiatives towards the digital banking space are an integral complementary part of the entire customer experience equation." He mentioned before getting to the specifics of their digital banking service channels.

In response to the adverse times, the bank launched a campaign called "Maliza Kirahisi Kidigitali" - this is a year-long campaign aimed at transforming user behavior and further accelerating the country's ongoing shift from cash to digital payments.

"The campaign is also in line with supporting the Government's vision to promote a cashless economy on top of ensuring our clients are served without having to go to branches" he added.

To make transactions more efficient and convenient for customers, the bank has several mobile and online options through which customers can access its services and perform transactions twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. In driving financial inclusion, a USSD banking product namely, Exim Mobile Banking, takes lead in driving the campaign.

"Exim Bank Mobile banking adoption rates are now more than 70% percent of eligible customers. This is a result of not only providing an excellent platform but more importantly how the platform links with our customers' lifestyles by integrating all necessary and leisure service providers, making bill and payment transaction convenient from the palm of your hand."

"Every interaction with a customer is a chance to better understand our customers and to serve their needs. As we continue to extend product functions, we can see how well each feature meets consumer needs. It's a matter of continuous learning and innovation." He mentioned

"We are obsessed with serving our customers the right way. Constantly engrave it deeper and deeper within our DNA, we have set ourselves a target of answering and resolving every single customer query, learn quickly from failures and ensure they don't get repeated.

Listen closely to customer feedback helps us prioritize improvements and innovation to enrich their user experience. Think in terms of customers and making their lives easier. We focus on ease of use, and making our platforms stable, secure, and fast."

## MWANGA HAKIKA MICROFINANCE BANK LIMITED



### MWANGA HAKIKA MICROFINANCE BANK LIMITED AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Current Year 31-Dec-20 TZS '000'	Previous Year 31-Dec-19 TZS '000'
<b>A. ASSETS</b>		
1 Cash	782,688	348,919
2 Balances with Bank of Tanzania	2,804,540	1,456,777
3 Investment in Government securities	0	0
4 Balances with other banks	5,097,965	4,274,836
5 Cheques and items for clearing	0	(369)
6 Inter branch float items	0	0
7 Bills negotiated	0	0
8 Customers' liabilities for acceptances	0	0
9 Interbank Loans Receivables	0	0
10 Investments in other securities	0	0
11 Loans, advances and overdrafts (net of allowances for probable losses)	32,651,835	9,134,254
12 Other assets	5,204,548	2,417,688
13 Equity Investments	0	0
14 Underwriting accounts	0	0
15 Property, plant and equipment (net)	2,839,034	416,919
<b>16 TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>49,380,610</b>	<b>18,049,022</b>
<b>B. LIABILITIES</b>		
17 Deposits from other banks	1,500,000	200,000
18 Customer Deposits	28,789,576	13,063,641
19 Cash letters of credit	0	0
20 Special deposits	140,000	140,000
21 Payment orders/transfers payable	0	0
22 Bankers' cheques and draft issued	0	0
23 Accrued taxes and expenses payable	0	0
24 Acceptances outstanding	0	0
25 Interbranch float items	0	0
26 Unearned income and other deferred charges	280,104	266,267
27 Other liabilities	2,770,105	500,903
28 Borrowings	4,169,402	100,000
<b>29 TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>37,449,187</b>	<b>14,270,811</b>
<b>30 NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>11,731,423</b>	<b>3,778,211</b>
<b>C. CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>		
31 Paid up share capital	8,250,834	2,791,382
32 Capital Reserves	1,389,166	0
33 Retained earnings	(875,003)	789,129
34 Profit/(Loss) account	2,687,497	(241,700)
35 Other capital accounts	278,929	439,400
36 Minority interest	0	0
<b>37 TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>	<b>11,731,423</b>	<b>3,778,211</b>
<b>D. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS</b>		
38 Contingent liabilities	38,497,295	40,116,084
39 Non Performing Loans & Advances	5,333,900	410,614
40 Allowances for probable losses	2,474,402	532,606
41 Other non performing assets	0	0
<b>E. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS</b>		
i Shareholders funds to total assets	24%	21%
ii Non performing loans to total gross loans	15%	4%
iii Gross loans and advances to total deposits	115%	72%
iv Loans and advances to total assets	66%	51%
v Earning Assets to Total Assets	76%	74%
vi Deposits Growth	119%	9%
vii Assets growth	174%	5%

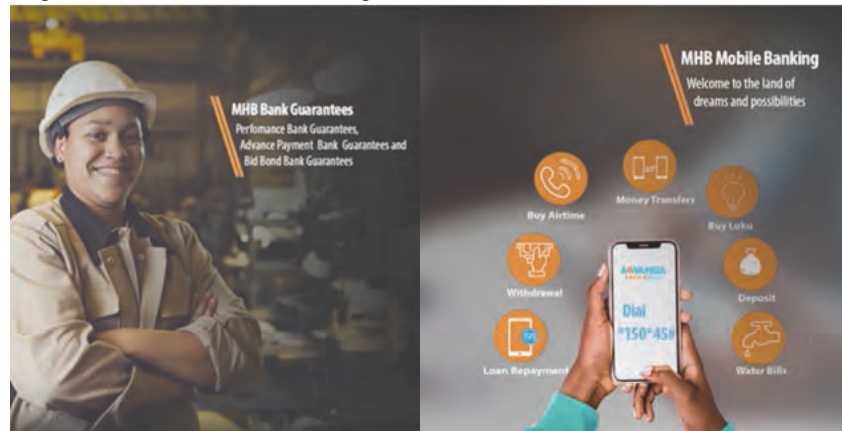
The above extracts are from the audited financial statements of the bank for the year ended 31 December 2020 which have been prepared in accordance to the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The financial statements have been audited by Innovex, Certified Public Accountants and received an unqualified opinion.

**Signed by:**  
 Isaack Chahe Ag. Managing Director ..... 7-Apr-21  
 Dominick Mnzava Ag. Head of Finance ..... 7-Apr-21  
 Eilufaha Charles Internal Auditor ..... 7-Apr-21

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the faithful representation of the above statements. We declare that the statements have been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief, have been prepared in conformance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 2006 and they present a true and fair view.

**Attested by:**  
 Eng. Ridhuan Mringo Board Chairman ..... 7-Apr-21  
 Zukra Ally Board Member ..... 7-Apr-21

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#### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Curr Yr 31-Dec-20 TZS '000'	Previous Yr 31-Dec-19 TZS '000'
1 Interest Income	4,031,422	2,144,198
2 Interest Expense	1,396,353	682,429
<b>3 Net Interest Income (1 minus 2)</b>	<b>2,635,069</b>	<b>1,461,769</b>
4 Bad debts written off	0	991,380
5 Impairment losses on Loans and Advances	(1,359,637)	(63,588)
<b>6 Non Interest Income</b>	<b>1,809,889</b>	<b>1,312,306</b>
6.1 Foreign Currency Dealings and Translation Gains/(Loss)	172,616	62,101
6.2 Commissions and fees	1,321,520	845,433
6.3 Dividend Income	0	0
6.4 Other Operating Income	315,753	404,772
<b>7 Non Interest Expense</b>	<b>3,562,241</b>	<b>2,192,325</b>
7.1 Salaries and Benefits	1,667,071	1,056,046
7.2 Fees and Commission	0	0
7.3 Other Operating expenses	1,895,170	1,136,279
<b>8 Operating Profit/(Loss) before Income Tax</b>	<b>2,242,354</b>	<b>(846,042)</b>
9 Income Tax Provision	445,143	104,342
<b>10 Net Income/(Loss) after Income Tax</b>	<b>2,687,497</b>	<b>(241,700)</b>
11 Other Comprehensive Income	0	0
<b>12 Total comprehensive income/(Loss) for the year</b>	<b>2,687,497</b>	<b>(241,700)</b>
13 Number of Employees	97	40
14 Basic Earnings Per Share	1,629	(0)
15 Number of Branches	7	3
<b>SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS</b>		
(i) Return on average total assets	5.44%	-1.34%
(ii) Return on average shareholders' funds	22.91%	-6.40%
(iii) Non Interest Expense to Gross Income	60.98%	63.43%
(iv) Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets	6.98%	10.90%

#### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Current Yr Cumulative 31-Dec-20 TZS '000'	Previous Yr Cumulative 31-Dec-19 TZS '000'
<b>I Cash Flow from Operating Activities:</b>		
Net (loss)/income	2,242,354	346,041.00
<b>Adjustments for non cash items:</b>		
- Gain/loss on Sale of Assets	0	0
- Depreciation of property and equipment	287,878	128,546.00
- Amortization of Intangible Assets and Refurbishment	61,476	28,050.00
- Amortization of Capital Grant & Reserve	(202,551)	(324,661.00)
- Prior Year adjustment	(33,267)	0
- Expected credit loss IFRS 9	(1,667,308)	(178,588.00)
- Loans Written Off	0.00	991,380.00
- Change in Statutory minimum reserve (SMR)	688,583	298,687
- Net change in loans and advances	(950,539)	391,731
- Net change in other assets	(21,570,169)	(3,340,113)
- Net change in other assets	(584,541)	(894,202)
- Net change in deposits	17,025,935	1,260,028
- Net change in placement with other bank	2,247,731	2,604,200
- Net change in other liabilities	307,792	(164,499)
- Tax paid	3,523,791	(142,257)
<b>Net cash provided (used) by investing activities</b>	<b>(2,883,208)</b>	<b>56,858</b>
<b>II Cash Flow from Investing Activities</b>		
Dividend Received	0	0
Purchase of property, plant & equipment	(1,008,307)	(39,870)
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment	0	0
Purchase of Intangible assets	(654,888)	0
Goodwill	1,122,306	0
Proceeds from sale of Non-Dealing Securities	0	0
<b>Net cash provided (used) by investing activities</b>	<b>(2,785,501)</b>	<b>(39,870)</b>
<b>III Cash Flow from Financing Activities</b>		
Repayment of Long term Debt	0	0
Proceeds from issuance of long term debts	0	0
Capital Grants	42,078	105,652
Proceeds from issuance of paid up capital	5,459,452	189,477
Payment of Cash Dividends	0	0
Net change in other borrowings	4,069,402	25,318
<b>Net cash provided (used) by investing activities</b>	<b>9,570,932</b>	<b>320,447</b>
<b>IV Cash and Cash equivalents</b>		
Net increase (decrease) in cash & cash equivalents	3,902,223	337,434
Cash & equivalents, beginning of Year	3,026,604	2,689,170
<b>Cash &amp; equivalents, end of Year</b>	<b>6,928,825</b>	<b>3,026,604</b>

#### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

Year ended 31 December 2020	Share Capital	Share Premium	Retained Earnings	Regulatory Reserve	General Provision Reserve	Others	Total
Balance as at 31/12/2019	2,791,382	0	547,429	0	0	0	3,338,811
Profit for the year	0	0	2,687,497	0	0	0	2,687,497
Prior year adjustment	0	0	8,286	0	0	0	8,286
Adjustment during the year	0	0	(41,552)	0	0	0	(41,552)
Other Comprehensive Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transactions with owners	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dividends Paid	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Regulatory Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
General Provision Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Issued during the year	1,944,028	0	0	0	0	0	1,944,028
Gain from Merger	3,514,828	0	0	0	0	0	3,514,828
Advance toward share Capital	600,000	0	0	0	0	0	600,000
Transfer to retained earnings	0	0	(1,389,166)	1,389,166	0	0	0
<b>Balance as at 31/12/2020</b>	<b>8,250,834</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,812,494</b>	<b>1,389,166</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,452,494</b>
Balance as at 31/12/2019	2,465,730	0	(47,503)	790,617	54,116	0	3,482,950
Loss/profit for the year	0	0	(217,500)	0	0	0	(217,500)
Prior year adjustment	0	0	11,724	0	0	0	11,724
Adjustment during the year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Comprehensive Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transactions with owners	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dividends Paid	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfer to retained earnings	0	0	844,933	(790,817)	(54,116)	0	0
Donated assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Regulatory Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
General Provision Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Issued during the year	105,652	0	0	0	0	0	105,652
<b>Balance as at 31/12/2019</b>	<b>2,791,382</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>547,429</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,338,811</b>

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# Health official alleges 'sexual slavery' in Tigray; women blame soldiers

ADIGRAT, ETHIOPIA

**T**HE young mother was trying to get home with food for her two children when she says soldiers pulled her off a minibus in Ethiopia's Tigray region, claiming it was overloaded.

It was the beginning of an 11-day ordeal in February, during which she says she was repeatedly raped by 23 soldiers who forced nails, a rock and other items into her vagina, and threatened her with a knife.

Doctors showed Reuters the bloodstained stone and two 3-inch nails they said they had removed from her body.

The woman, 27, is among hundreds who have reported that they were subjected to horrific sexual violence by Ethiopian and allied Eritrean soldiers after fighting broke out in November in the mountainous northern region of Ethiopia, doctors said.

Some women were held captive for extended periods, days or weeks at a time, said Dr Fasika Amdelessie, the top public health official for the government-appointed interim administration in Tigray.

"Women are being kept in sexual slavery," Fasika told Reuters. "The perpetrators have to be investigated."

Reports of rape have been circulating here for months. But Fasika's assertion, based on women's accounts, marks the first time an Ethiopian official - in this case, a top regional health officer - has made a sexual slavery accusation in connection with the conflict in Tigray.

In addition, eight other doctors at five public hospitals told Reuters that most of the rape victims described their attackers as either Ethiopian government soldiers or Eritrean troops. It was more common for women to report sexual violence by Eritrean soldiers, the doctors said.

The Eritreans have been helping Ethiopia's central government fight the region's former ruling party, the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), in the conflict plaguing the Horn of Africa nation.

Taken together, the descriptions paint the most detailed picture to date of the sexual violence against women in Tigray and the military's alleged involvement in it.

Most people interviewed for this article declined to be identified. They said they feared reprisals, including possible violence, by soldiers who guard the hospitals and towns.

Ethiopia's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed acknowledged in a speech to parliament on March 23 that "atrocities were being committed by raping women" and promised that the perpetrators would be punished. He did not identify the alleged perpetrators.

He said then for the first time that Eritrean soldiers had entered the conflict in Tigray in support of the Ethiopian government after the TPLF attacked military bases across the region in the early hours of Nov. 4. Ethiopia's government had previously denied this, and the Eritrean government still does not acknowledge their troops' presence. The TPLF was the dominant power in the central government when Eritrea fought a bloody border war with Ethiopia a generation ago.

Neither the Ethiopian nor the Eritrean governments responded to Reuters' questions about specific cases raised by women and their doctors, or about the accusation of sexual slavery. No charges have been announced by civilian or military prosecutors against any soldiers. However, officials in both countries emphasized that their governments have zero tolerance for sexual violence - a point Abiy's spokeswoman, Billene Seyoum, said the prime minister reiterated recently in discussions with military leaders.

**The alleged sexual violence has drawn international attention.**

Billene said the United Nations, the African Union and Ethiopia's state-appointed human rights commission have been authorized to carry out joint investigations into alleged abuses by all sides in the conflict. That includes the "criminal clique," she said, referring to the TPLF.

An Ethiopian military spokesman and the head of a government task force on the Tigray crisis did not respond to phone calls and text messages seeking comment. Reuters could not reach military leaders in either country.

Asked about the reports that Eritrean troops have committed rapes in Tigray and are keeping women in sexual slavery, the country's information minister, Yemane Gebremeskel, accused TPLF activists of "coaching 'sympathizers' to create false testimonies."

"All the fabricated stories - which are alien to our culture and laws - are peddled to cover up the crimes of the TPLF which started the war," he told Reuters in a written response.

Reuters was unable to reach a TPLF spokesman.

## RECORDS OF ABUSE

Fasika, the health official, said at least 829 cases of sexual assault have been reported at the five hospitals since the conflict in Tigray began.

Those cases were likely "the tip of the iceberg," Fasika said. Rape is underreported here in Ethiopia because it carries a huge stigma. Also, most of the region's health facilities are no longer functioning, and travel between towns remains dangerous, he said.

Most of the women who have come forward are either pregnant or sustained severe physical injury from the rapes, Fasika said.

Reuters interviewed 11 women who said they had been raped by soldiers from Eritrea, Ethiopia or both. Four said they were kidnapped, taken to military camps and gang raped, in some cases alongside other women. The women did not know the camp names but said they were located near Mekelle and the towns of Idaga Hamus, Wukro and Sheraro.

Five other women said they were held in fields or deserted houses for up to six days. And two said they were raped in their own homes.

Reuters could not independently verify their accounts. However, all told similar stories of being beaten and brutalized. Healthcare providers confirmed that the 11 women's injuries were consistent with the events they described, and they showed Reuters medical records for three of the women detailing their conditions.

The healthcare providers also



An Ethiopian woman who says she was gang-raped by armed men is seen during an interview with Reuters in a hospital in the town of Adigrat, Tigray region, Ethiopia, March 18, 2021. The Ethiopian government did not respond to the woman's specific allegations but promised perpetrators of sexual violence would be punished. REUTERS

shared details of nine other cases of sexual assault, including the ordeals of two 14-year-old girls.

Although Ethiopia's government declared victory over the TPLF in November, fighting continues in some areas, and medical workers say new rapes are reported at the region's health facilities every day.

"This is being done to dishonour the women, to break their pride," said a doctor at Ayder Referral Hospital, in Mekelle, citing the brutality of the attacks and humiliation of victims. "This is not for sexual gratification. The rapes are to punish Tigray."

## 'TELL MY STORY'

The 27-year-old mother said uniformed soldiers from Eritrea pulled her off a minibus on the road from Mekelle to the city of Adigrat on Feb. 6. They tied her up and marched her through fields to a bush camp, she said. After 11 days of rapes and beatings, she said, the soldiers forced nails, cotton, plastic bags and a rock into her vagina and left her alone in the bush.

Villagers found her unconscious and brought her to a nearby hospital.

She said she was still bleeding from severe internal injuries and could not control her urine, walk without a crutch or sit up for long periods. One leg was broken, she said.

She also described a different kind of pain: While in the hospital, she has no way to speak to her

4-year-old son and 6-year-old daughter because the Eritrean soldiers took her cell phone. She had left the children with her mother to search for food and never returned. At the time, the family had less than a week's worth of bread.

"I don't know anything, if they are dead or alive," she said. "The enemy destroyed my life."

A 32-year-old mother in Mekelle told Reuters that soldiers removed her from a minibus on the same road at the end of February. They were dressed in Ethiopian uniforms, she said, but spoke with an Eritrean accent and had traditional facial scarification typical of the neighbouring country. She said they shot her 12-year-old son dead in front of her, then brought her to a camp where she was held with other female captives and repeatedly raped for 10 days.

"Tell my story," she said. "This is happening to women out there right now. I want this to end with me."

A 28-year-old house cleaner said soldiers grabbed her from a street in Mekelle on the afternoon of Feb. 10 and took her to a field outside a military base where she was raped by more than 10 men wearing Ethiopian or Eritrean uniforms.

Wiping away tears, she said that during her two-week ordeal, soldiers doused her with alcohol and mocked her as they assaulted her. She escaped when her captors were distracted by gunfire, she said.

## SHOT FOR RESISTING

The government has set up a task force separate from the human rights commission to investigate the reports of sexual violence. Its head, Mebrihit Assefa, said the body includes representatives from the regional health bureau, the attorney general's office and federal police.

The task force plans to set up five centers where rape survivors can file reports with law enforcement and receive medical and psychosocial support.

"Our prosecutors (and) police officers are there to investigate all crimes committed, including sexual violence," said Awol Sultan, a spokesman for the attorney general's office.

He did not respond to questions about the women alleging they were raped during captivity, or whether prosecutors were in touch with either the Eritrean or Ethiopian militaries. The results of the criminal investigations will be released publicly at an unspecified date, he said.

Abera Nigus, the head of Tigray's justice bureau, said the legal process was likely to be complicated because most courts are not functioning in Tigray, and many rape victims cannot identify their assailants.

Knowing their rapists are still at large also has discouraged women from seeking help, doctors said.

Many of the women who sought treatment at hospitals had vaginal and anal tears, sexually transmitted diseases and injuries that rendered them incontinent, said the Ayder hospital doctor, an obstetrician gynecologist. The doctor shared notes from 11 cases the hospital had treated involving women raped by soldiers.

One woman had been gang raped on three separate occasions, according to the hospital notes.

Another was five months pregnant when she was raped, the notes indicate. Two 14-year-old girls were sexually assaulted in front of their families. One girl had a hand and foot amputated.

She had been shot for resisting her assailant.

Agencies

# Iran says Israel behind sabotage at nuclear facility to disrupt Vienna talks

TEHRAN

**I**RAN accused Israel of plotting an incident at an Iranian nuclear facility to disrupt Iran's efforts to have U.S. sanctions lifted in the recent Vienna nuclear talks.

A blackout struck the Natanz enrichment facility in central Iran on Sunday morning. Media in Iran widely reported that Israel's Mossad intelligence agency was behind a cyberattack that caused the incident.

## 'NUCLEAR TERRORISM'

Israel "wants to take revenge on the Iranian people for their success in lifting the unjust sanctions, but we will not allow it," Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif was quoted by official news agency IRNA as saying on Monday.

Zarif said that the centrifuges damaged at the Natanz facility were the first generation, and will be replaced with more advanced devices, which will strengthen Iran's position in the negotiations aiming to have U.S. sanctions against Iran lifted.

Iran, Zarif warned, will not allow Israel to prevent the sanctions from being lifted, and will "take revenge on" Israel for the incident in Natanz.

Meanwhile, Sunday's incident was "a bold act of nuclear terrorism on the Iranian soil," Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh was quoted by Press TV as saying on Monday.

Ali Akbar Saleh, head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI), on Sunday also described the incident as an act of "nuclear terrorism."

"Necessary measures are being taken to arrest the main element behind the disruption in the power system of Natanz complex," Iran's Nour News report-



**Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif**

ed, citing a security source.

The incident at the nuclear facility came a day after 164 IR-6 semi-industrial centrifuges were injected with gas and became fully operational at a uranium enrichment plant in Natanz, and 30 IR-6S centrifuges entered the first phase of gas injection at the same plant.

## ISRAEL-IRAN TENSIONS

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Monday that Israel will never allow Iran to obtain nuclear weapons.

"We both agree that Iran must never possess nuclear weapons. My policy as prime minister of Israel is clear: I will never allow Iran to obtain the nuclear capability," Netanyahu said in joint statements with visiting U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin.

In November 2020, Iranian nuclear scientist Mohsen Fakhri-zadeh was killed by an armed attack on his car. At that time, Tehran held Israel accountable for

the assassination.

In July 2020, Iran said an "incident" affected a shed under construction at the Natanz complex. Later, AEOI spokesman Behrouz Kamalvandi described the incident as "an act of sabotage."

A decade ago, the Stuxnet cyberattack, revealed in 2010, delivered a blow to the nuclear program of Iran. Although neither country has openly admitted responsibility, the computer worm is widely believed to be a cyberweapon built jointly by the United States and Israel.

Earlier this month, Iran confirmed an explosion in the country's commercial ship Saviz in the Red Sea. Abolfazl Shekarchi, spokesman of the Iranian Armed Forces, said on Friday that Israel and the United States are suspected to be behind the recent attack on an Iranian ship in the Red Sea.

The New York Times called the attack against the Iranian ship as "an escalation of the shadowy naval skirmishing" between Iran and Israel, which has gone on for two years and opened "a new maritime front in a regional shadow war that had previously played out by land and air."

## PROSPECTS OF NUCLEAR DEAL

These recent developments have also complicated efforts to rescue the 2015 nuclear deal, officially known as the Joint Commission of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), as nuclear talks have been held in Vienna this month, with the lifting of sanctions on Iran and nuclear implementation measures topping the agenda.

Iran gradually stopped implementing parts of its JCPOA commitments from May 2019, one year after the administration of former U.S. President Donald

Trump unilaterally abandoned the agreement and re-imposed sanctions on Iran.

As the Biden administration has expressed its desire to rejoin the nuclear agreement, Israel, a staunch opponent of Iran, has repeatedly voiced against Washington returning to the JCPOA.

Wang Jin, an associate professor at Northwest University of China, told Xinhua that Israel's recent actions against Iran are aimed at exerting strategic pressure on Iran's regional influence and Vienna nuclear meetings.

"At a time when the international community hopes to put the Iran nuclear deal back on track, Israel tried to deteriorate regional relations, block the return to the Iran nuclear deal, and create a favorable regional landscape for Israel," he said.

The White House said on Monday that the United States was not involved in the attack on Iran's Natanz nuclear facility.

"The United States was not involved in any manner," White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki told reporters during the daily briefing, adding that Washington is focused on discussions scheduled this Wednesday in Vienna to revive the Iran nuclear deal.

In Iran, voices asking the government to halt the Vienna talks were clear heard after the incident. In response, Zarif called on the Iranian people not to "fall in a trap" set up by Israel.

Similarly, Iranian Students News Agency on Monday published an opinion piece titled "Let us not walk into the trap set by Iran's enemies."

Their goal is "to block the normalization of Iran's relations with the world, the reduction of economic pressure and the continuation of the security-building project for Iran," it said.

Xinhua



## STANCHART LEAPS BIG FROM DIGITAL INVESTMENTS AS NEW CLIENTS TOP 80K

By Francis Kajubi

INVESTMENT in digital channels has seen Standard Chartered Bank Tanzania Limited increase its customer base by adding 80,000 in the past two years.

Addressing journalists in Dar es Salaam this week during the launch of a 'Bank more, score more' campaign, the bank's Head of Consumer, Private and Business Banking, Ajmair Riaz, said the exponential growth was made possible by use of digital platforms by both existing and new customers.

"This April, we are celebrating the second anniversary of the launch of our full digital mobile banking to the market that has witnessed the opening of thousands of individual accounts on top of the previous 20,000 we had before embarking on the digital path. This is an exponential growth of 700 percent to enable us reach 100,000 individual accounts mark," Riaz said.

He said the 'Bank more score more' campaign that will last for two months is also a digital pan-bank league competition offering customers across eleven markets globally, an opportunity to accumulate points that lead to prizes.

"This is an initiative on the back of the bank's partnership with Liverpool FC, the competition is open to the bank's existing and prospective clients and will see over 350 prizes ranging from authentic Liverpool-branded merchandise, to a grand prize of a trip to Anfield to watch the team play," he added.



Standard Chartered Bank Tanzania Limited's head offices at International House in Dar es Salaam.

Other StanChart markets on the continent where the competition is taking place include: Botswana, Brunei, Cote D'Ivoire, Kenya, Nigeria, Taiwan, Uganda, United Arab Emirates and Vietnam.

On her part, the bank's Corporate Affairs and Brand Marketing Manager, Juanita Mramba said to partake in the competition, new customers simply need to open an account via Standard Chartered's full digital bank on mobile and take up more products to earn points.

Mramba explained that the competition covers the bank's various products and services ranging from account opening, use of its debit cards to make payments and to acquiring loans and insurance from the bank.

"The bank has also looked into ways to make it easier for its clients to earn points by making payments using debit cards by partnering with over 100 merchants and outlets in Dar es Salaam, Arusha and Mwanza to offer services," she noted. About forty winners will be picked every week and at the end of the campaign a winner who will score 200 points will win a trip to Anfield.



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## Radisson signs 3 hotel in Zambia

LUSAKA

RADISSON Hotel Group has announced its first resort and third hotel in Zambia, with the signing of Radisson Blu Resort Mosi-oa-Tunya, Livingstone, Zambia. Due to open by the end of 2022, this new addition places the group firmly on track to achieving its objective of reaching 150 hotels in operation and under development in Africa by 2025.

Nestled on the banks of one of Africa's longest rivers, the Zambezi, in Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, 5km south of the historic city of Livingstone, just 4km northwest of the Victoria Falls, one of the seven natural wonders of the world and a Unesco world heritage site. Convenience is amplified with Harry Mwanga Nkumbula International Airport located just 15 minutes away.

### New hotel offering

Situated next door, is Safari Par Excellence, offering on and off the river adventure activities, from Victoria Falls bridge activities, water rafting, canoeing and game drives to helicopter rides, river cruises and elephant encounters.

The hotel will be constructed and operated with the greatest respect to its close proximity of the natural wonders and aims to obtain the Edge green building certification as well sign the Unesco Sustainable Tourism Pledge, becoming a best practice in the implementation of the

hotel's responsible business programme.

The construction of the new hotel is currently underway, with the design fully integrating local materials and focuses on employing and upskilling local craftspeople. It will consist of a contemporary 174-room main hotel and 26 villas.

During their stay, guests can enjoy the hotel's expansive swimming pool, the spa or maintain their health at the sports and fitness gym. Ideal for all occasions, the hotel's meetings and events facilities will include a ballroom of over 500sqm, boardrooms as well as meeting rooms, perfect for leisure and business use.

### Africa hotel development

Ramsay Rankoussi, vice president development, Africa and Turkey, Radisson Hotel Group, says: "We have been present in Zambia for many years and have long recognised the potential of the country. It was essential for us to complement our presence in Zambia with a resort offering in one of Africa's most visited leisure tourism destinations - the Victoria Falls.

"This marks our third hotel in the country, complementing our existing portfolio of one hotel in operation, Radisson Blu Hotel, Lusaka, and the under-development Park Inn by Radisson Lusaka, Longacres, due to open early next year.

"Through this unique resort, we look forward to demonstrating our strong responsible business heritage and sustainable programmes and initiatives



An illustration of Radisson Blu Resort Mosi-oa-Tunya in Zambia.

which will further promote the destination and ensure the preservation of this unique reserve and location. We are truly proud to have partnered with Napsa for the launch of the Radisson Blu Resort Mosi-oa-Tunya, Livingstone as we further seek to reinforce our collaboration in promoting tourism across Zambia."

Yollard Kachinda, director-general of Napsa, the owning company says: "It is an honour to be partnering with Radisson Hotel Group, a company that

believes in thriving, sustainable, and responsible business that supports people, communities and the planet with various procedures and programs to build better futures. We are proud to be associated with the creation of several jobs, both directly and indirectly.

"It is also satisfying to note that most of the materials are locally sourced, such as steel coming from Kafue Steel, timber coming from Zambezi Sawmills and other materials such as quarry and stones also being sourced within the

community. We are looking forward to introducing this unique resort to the market and are confident that the various sustainable elements of the hotel will uplift the community and enhance the overall experience of this beautiful destination and its economy."

In the run-up to the opening of Radisson Blu Resort Mosi-oa-Tunya, Livingstone, Zambia will implement the group's brand standards including the hotel's safety protocol related to safety and security.

## Anglo American to shed SA thermal coal assets

JOHANNESBURG

ANGLO American is to transfer its thermal coal assets in South Africa to a new company, Thungela Resources Limited, amid growing pressure from shareholders who want to minimise their exposure to fossil fuels.

The proposed demerger recognises the diverse range of views held by Anglo American's shareholders in relation to thermal coal and therefore provides them, including those with specified investment criteria, with the choice to act on such views and, following the implementation of the proposed demerger, to either retain, increase or decrease their interests in Thungela. The proposal also allows Thungela to attract new shareholders and to access new sources of capital as an independent company offering direct exposure to thermal coal, a statement from Anglo says.

The separation will be implemented through: the transfer of Anglo's operations to a new holding



Anglo American's mine in Johannesburg.

company, Thungela Resources Limited; the demerger of the Thungela shares to Anglo American shareholders; and the primary listing of Thungela's shares on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange and standard listing on the London Stock Exchange.

But, although chief executive, Mark Cutifani, says: "Anglo American has been pursuing a responsible transition away from thermal coal for a number of years now," there is no actual reduction in carbon emissions as Thungela will continue producing thermal coal.

Anglo American will provide an initial cash injection of R2.5bn

(approximately \$170m) and further contingent capital support until the end of 2022 in the event of thermal coal prices in South African rand falling below a certain threshold.

Following the implementation of the proposed demerger, Anglo American's marketing business will continue to support Thungela in the sale and marketing of its products for a three-year period with an additional six-month transitional period thereafter.

This transitional arrangement ensures that customers receive a consistent service and supply of thermal coal while Thungela concentrates on enhancing the performance of its operations while continuing to receive optimal value for its products in the market. The three-year term, and the additional six-month roll-off period, also provide time for Thungela to build its own global marketing capabilities should it choose to do so.



## MOBILE MONEY AGENTS WIN MILLIONS IN TIGO PESA PROMOTION TO MARK 10 YEARS

By Property Watch Reporter

**A** dozen Tigo Pesa Agents who handled the most transactions between 2nd and 31st March this year have been awarded with cash and material prizes worth 260m/- by Tigo Tanzania Limited.

The telecommunications company which is marking a decade of Tigo Pesa operations said the 12 agents have eared much of the 260m/- paid while the bulk of the 2,700 agents countrywide also earned something as per the volume of their transactions.

Speaking at the cash handover ceremony of the 12 agents in Dar es Salaam mid this week, Chief Officer for Mobile Financial Services -Tigo Pesa, Angelina Pesha said the past decade of operations has been made successful by the wakalas hence the decision to award them.

"In the last 10 years, we have worked hand in hand with the agents to ensure that our services reach customers with ease in all corners of the country. Wakalas are a major pillar of our Tigo Pesa operations and in celebrating 10 years of operations, we wanted to share our success with them thus far through this promotion," Pesha said.

She said the promotion acknowledges and awards the agents for the significant role they have played in serving customers across the country with the twelve winners emerging as the most outstanding.



Tigo Tanzania headquarters in Dar es Salaam.

"As a company, we come up with different initiatives, whereby our agents across the country can engage in. We are proud of our contribution in driving the financial inclusion agenda, through Tigo Pesa, by making it possible for millions of Tanzanians

to send and receive money and carry out several financial transactions, thus giving a huge financial boost to the individuals, communities and the country's economy," Pesha remarked.

Tigo Pesa is the market's second-largest

mobile money service provider boasting of over nine million registered customers and a growing network of over 50,000 merchants and around 120,000 agents.

Tigo Tanzania started operations in the country in 1995 and has since pioneered digi-

tal innovations such as offering the first smartphone in Kwahili, free Facebook in Kiswahili, TigoPesa Application, Tigo Mobile Application as well as the first East African cross-border mobile money transfer with currency conversion.

## Malfunction of equipment denigrates Maputo International Airport

MAPUTO

THE failure of essential equipment at Maputo International Airport is constraining services provided there. In mid-March, "Carta" received reports of various equipment malfunctioning. We went to the site and found that, in fact, most of the elevators and escalators do not work.

'Carta' also found that passenger boarding bridges had stopped working years ago. Until the first half of March, the airport's control tower and core room were without air conditioning. However, in an interview with the news-



Maputo International Airport.

paper, the spokesperson for the company Aeroportos de Moçambique, Saide Júnior, said that that problem had been addressed, explaining that the delay in replacing the equipment was due to issues of public procurement being particularly time consuming.

"With regard to passenger boarding bridges, there are unfortunately almost no companies capable of repairing them. They were installed when the airport was built. When they broke down, we reported it, and at the

moment the parts are being made at the factory in China. We had hoped that all the bridges would be functioning last November, but unfortunately, the pandemic crisis intervened. The last communication we had with the Chinese company is that the parts will be produced by May, and Chinese technicians will then arrive to do the repairs," Júnior explained.

To avoid the delays in repairing the boarding bridges in future, Aeroportos de Moçam-

bique intends to use its own staff to repair them, and the Chinese technicians will train them when they are here, repairing.

"In relation to elevators and moving walkways and escalators, ditto. The pieces of that equipment are produced outside the country. We had spare parts, but they were used and, unfortunately, there was no replacement, because the supplier closed in the cri-

sis. But now that things have started up again, we have placed orders," the spokesperson said.

Júnior acknowledged that the repairs were taking time, because of the pandemic in which the world remains immersed, but said he was aware that it was necessary to replace damaged equipment, and that "the maintenance of equipment at airports occupies a top position in the company's priorities."

## Perkins+Will transforms 1920s Greater Accra Regional Hospital into modern facility

ACCRA

DESIGNED by international firm Perkins+Will, the Greater Accra Regional Hospital is the result of the transformation of a small, simple hospital dating from the 1920s into a modern, expandable facility.

Originally a wood-frame building with 191 beds, the facility now stands on five levels with nearly 600 beds and more than 12 operating theatres to meet the country's growing need for quality healthcare.

Lacking state-of-the-art technology, the design team exploited other means to give the project optimal resilience. The facility is designed to operate independently of technology, electricity and water supplied by the municipality.

To achieve maximum efficiency and autonomy, the facility is designed to make the most of the resources offered by the site and its environment. Numerous systems have thus been implemented - some of the most basic are the recovery, storage and use of rainwater, as well as the passive cooling of the various spaces. All areas that do not present high risk thus benefit from natural ventilation.

Natural gas-powered generators provide backup energy in the event of a power failure. Water is also reused and solar heating is used to meet hot water needs. The choice of locally sourced, light-coloured exterior materials reduces solar gain while enhancing the cultural aspect. In this respect, the design of the facades was inspired by the Kente fabric, an icon of African heritage around the world.



Perkins Accra hospital.

Concrete, wood and steel, the major materials used in the project, are traditional Ghanaian building materials.

The project aims to significantly improve the quality of life of both patients and their families, as well as

that of medical, administrative and support staff through the way it meets their needs and expectations. Referring to the local architecture where circulation and gathering spaces have cultural value, the designers attached great

importance to these spaces. The Greater Accra Regional Hospital has become the largest hospital in the country to date. The project is also very sustainable, having been awarded LEED Silver certification.

## Concrete, cement additive suppliers facing severe pressure as demand soars

CAPE TOWN

ACCORDING to Norman Seymore, CEO of the Chryso Southern Africa Group and vice-president of Chryso internationally, local concrete and cement additive suppliers are under severe production pressures due to the global shortage of many primary chemical industry raw materials essential to produce concrete and cement admixtures.

This as demand soars in the revived post-Covid-19 environment internationally. Admixtures and additives - key components of the concrete mix - play a vital role in enhancing concrete performance in terms of strength, durability, material costs, as well as general site productivity.

Chryso Southern Africa has three major plants (in Boksburg, Durban and Cape Town) producing admixtures and additives that service the cement, ready-mix concrete, precast concrete, new construction, and mining industries. Seymore warned: "This crippling shortage of vital raw materials will not resolve itself overnight. In fact, we fear that the supply and cost constraints are expected to continue for the foreseeable future."

He said the severe shortage of raw materials was caused by a combination of several factors totally beyond Chryso's control. Included are: Extremely cold weather conditions in the US in February this year, which caused production interruptions and force majeure setbacks for many players in the petrochemical industry; and A severe industrial accident at a major chemical company in Europe which led to a chain of force majeure declarations, slowdowns, and even shutdowns of several chemical production units.



## TECHNOLOGY

## AVERAGE BRITISH HOUSE PRICE HITS NEW RECORD HIGH OF £254,606

## LONDON

**T**HE average British house price hit a new record high of £254,606 (\$348,891) in March, as the market saw a resurgence in activity after UK Finance Minister Rishi Sunak's extension of the stamp duty holiday in his annual budget.

House prices in March were 1.1 per cent higher than in February, the first rise since November, the Halifax House Price Index showed, and 6.5 per cent higher than in March 2020 - the equivalent of £15,430 in cash terms. Prices were 0.3 per cent higher in the first quarter of this year compared to the preceding three-month period.

Russell Galley, managing director of Halifax, said the renewed activity in March followed a subdued start to the year. "Casting our minds back 12 months, few could have predicted quite how well the housing market would ride out the impact of the pandemic so far, let alone post growth of more than £1,000 per month on average," Mr Galley said.

"The continuation of government support measures has been key in boosting confidence in the housing market. The extended stamp duty holiday has put another spring in the step of home movers, while for those saving hard to buy their first home, the new mortgage guarantee scheme provides an alternative route on to the property ladder."

Britain's housing market has soared since the start of the pandemic, partly fuelled by pent-up demand following the first lockdown and later by Mr Sunak's first tax break, unveiled in July last year, which keeps the first £500,000 of the purchase price of a main residence in England and Northern Ireland exempt from the levy.

The move caused a surge in transactions that sent house prices soaring to an average record high of £252,000 in 2020, the Office for National Statistics said - up 8.5 per cent from 2019. At the start of the year, buyers feared Mr Sunak would stick to the existing March 30 expiry date for the tax holiday, causing heightened activity in the market to ease.

However, he extended the tax break in his March 3 budget until the end



Village homes in Great Budworth in Cheshire, England. UK house prices were 6.5 per cent higher in March than in the same month a year ago - the equivalent of £15,430 in cash terms.

of June to keep the property market buoyant as the country eases out of lockdown. He also introduced a new mortgage guarantee scheme, which helps first-time buyers on to the property ladder by encouraging lenders to provide mortgages on deposits as low as 5 per cent.

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors said on Thursday that new buyer inquiries in March showed their highest increase since September, with demand continuing to outstrip supply, despite an increase in sellers bringing new properties to the market.

The outlook for sales was the most upbeat since before the pandemic, and prices rose across all regions of the country, according to RICS.

"Demand is outstripping supply," Simon Rubinsohn, chief economist at RICS said. "Prices continue to move upwards. More worryingly, this is also being reflected in the price expectations data both at the 12-month hori-

zon and beyond."

Tom Bill, head of residential research at global property consultancy Knight Frank, said during March and the start of April, the UK housing market was in the middle of "a perfect storm." "Sellers who hesitated earlier in the year because they were home-schooling or had concerns about missing the stamp duty deadline are now listing their property," Mr Bill said.

"Meanwhile, the prospect of summer holidays means a spring surge in activity is more discernible this year as plans are brought forward, buoyed in many cases by high levels of personal savings accumulated over the last year."

Looking ahead, Mr Galley expects the elevated levels of activity to continue in the coming months, with consumer confidence spurred on by the successful vaccine campaign, and buyer demand still fuelled by a desire for larger properties and more outdoor space because work-life pri-

orities shifted during the pandemic. "A shortage of homes for sale will also support prices in the short term, as lower availability always favours sellers," he said.

However, with Britain's economy plunging 9.9 per cent last year - the biggest contraction in more than 300 years - and unemployment hitting 5 per cent in the three months ending in January, he remains cautious about the longer-term outlook.

"Given current levels of uncertainty and the potential for higher unemployment, we still expect house price growth to slow somewhat by the end of this year," Mr Galley said

## Nestlé launches plant-based food factory in Malaysia

## KUALAR LUMPUR

NESTLÉ has launched a plant-based meal solutions manufacturing facility in Malaysia, the first in Asean and one of only two in Asia.

The new facility will cater to the rising demand for plant-based foods and will supply local demand as well as exports. Getting people to eat more plant-based food is a priority for the Nestlé Group globally. Nestlé Malaysia has invested a total of RM150 million (approx. \$36.3m) in this facility, which has been the main contributor to the RM280 million capital expenditure in 2020, the highest in the last six years.

Located within Nestlé's existing Shah Alam Industrial Complex in Selangor, the new production site, with a build-up area of approximately 6,000sqm, has an annual production capacity of 8,000 tonnes and is equipped with the latest food processing machinery and automated packing lines.

Chris Johnson, executive vice president and chief executive officer, Zone Asia, Oceania and Sub-Saharan Africa, Nestlé S.A., commented, "We have chosen Malaysia, and Selangor, as the location of this new manufacturing hub, as we find here the right infrastructure, trade links and access to talent and capabilities."

"We also build on Nestlé's 108 years of successful pres-

ence in Malaysia. We are confident that with this new facility we will be able to capture the exciting growth opportunity for plant-based products in this region, which is a very important growth priority for the Nestlé Group worldwide."

Nestlé's new plant has already commenced production of its new Harvest Gourmet plant-based products for the out-of-home market and is soon to launch its consumer range. Made with plant-based ingredients such as soy, wheat, beetroot, carrot, pomegranate and blackcurrant, the range currently includes the Sensational Burger patty as well as Schnitzel, chargrilled pieces and ground mince products that can be easily integrated in home cooking recipes.

Mr Juan Aranols, chief executive officer, Nestlé (Malaysia) Berhad, said, "This production site in Shah Alam will allow us to supply locally produced, high-quality, great-tasting and Halal certified plant-based meals. In the same way as it is happening in other parts of the world, Malaysians are becoming interested in exploring alternatives to meat consumption, either because of health reasons or for environmental considerations. For them, we have developed an exciting range of new products that provide an excellent nutritional alternative supporting healthier and more sustainable lifestyles."



Nestlé's Shah Alam Industrial Complex in Selangor, Malaysia.

## Aldar's Yas Island project sells out in 48 hours

## ABU DHABI

ALDAR Properties said Noya Viva, the second phase of its Noya development on Yas Island, sold out within 48 hours of its launch. It follows a first phase launch in November that sold out within four hours.

"Abu Dhabi's real estate market continues to go from strength to strength, as demonstrated by the significant appetite for Noya Viva," Rashed Al Omaira, chief commercial officer at Aldar Development, said in a statement on Monday.

"Central to this market-leading sales performance is Aldar's commitment to addressing current market demand and launching customer-centric products." Aldar has already generated more than Dh1 billion of sales at Noya Viva, the UAE's biggest listed developer said. The development contains 480 properties, including four-bedroom villas and two- and three-bedroom townhouses.

Unit prices start from Dh1.65 million and are offered with a 40:60 payment plan, meaning 40 per cent is payable during construction and the remainder on completion. A 5 per cent down payment is required, according to the project's website.

So far, UAE nationals account for 61 per cent of buyers, women 26 per cent and under 40s 42 per cent, the developer added. Some 63 per cent are first-time purchasers from Aldar, the developer said. Noya Viva is located in an investment zone on Yas Island,



Noya Viva on Yas Island in Abu Dhabi comprises 480 units, including four-bedroom villas and two- and three-bedroom townhouses.

with properties available to purchase on a freehold basis for all nationalities. Construction is due to begin in the fourth quarter of 2021, with the first handovers expected in the first quarter of 2024.

The property market in Abu Dhabi is expected to stabilise in 2021 amid balanced supply, according to a report from consultancy ValuStrat. "Rents and capital values in established villa locations could stabilise and perhaps witness gradual appre-

ciation. Apartments could follow suit towards the end of 2021," the report said.

The focal point within the Noya masterplan is The Village, a community hub that will include a British curriculum school operated by Aldar Academies, shops and cafés, health facilities, a mosque and a library. Aldar's residential portfolio on Yas Island also includes Noya, Yas Acres, Water's Edge, Lea, Ansam and Ma-

yan. Aldar Properties reported a 28 per cent increase in its fourth-

quarter net profit in 2020 on the back of higher revenue. Net profit for the three months to December 31, 2020, jumped to Dh729m, the company said. Revenue grew 19 per cent to Dh2.53bn.

Alpha Dhabi Holding, an entity known until recently as Trojan Holding, bought a 12.21 per cent stake in Aldar Properties from Mubadala Investment Company for Dh3.5 billion (\$953 million) on April 4. Mubadala will retain a 25 per cent stake and remain as Aldar's largest shareholder.

## WeWork seeks SPAC deal after recording \$3.2bn loss in 2020

## NEW YORK

WEWORK lost \$3.2 billion last year, the office-sharing start-up disclosed in a presentation shown to prospective investors as part of a pitch for \$1bn in investment and a stock market listing, according to a source.

The company's losses narrowed from \$3.5bn in 2019 and it plans to go public at a valuation of \$9bn including debt through a merger with a special purpose acquisition company (SPAC), the sources said.

A SPAC is a shell company that raises funds in an IPO with the aim of acquiring a private company, which then becomes public as result of the merger. Reuters reported in January that WeWork was in talks to go public through a merger with a SPAC and was exploring raising funds from private investors.

The company's plans for a high-profile initial public offering imploded in October 2019 due to widespread criticism over its business model and its founder Adam Neumann's management style. SoftBank Group later bailed out the start-up.

WeWork is now in talks with BowX Acquisition Corporation, a blank-check company that raised \$420 million in August, according to the Financial Times, which first reported the news. WeWork declined to comment on the report.

The report said that WeWork forecast occupancy to rebound to 90 per cent by the end of 2022, from 47 per cent at the end of last year when the Covid-19 pandemic shut its co-working spaces around the world. The company expects adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization of \$485m next year, the report added.



## WORLD

# Standing among US graves, Biden explains Afghanistan decision in personal terms

WASHINGTON

AS President Joe Biden stood in the rain on Wednesday among the tombstones of U.S. soldiers killed in Afghanistan, thoughts of his late son Beau were not far from his mind as he explained his decision to begin America's exit from its longest war.

The president's elder son earned the Bronze Star while serving in Iraq from 2008-09. His death in 2015 from a brain tumor still haunts his father.

"I have trouble these days ever showing up at a cemetery not thinking of my son Beau, who proudly insisted on putting on that uniform and going with his unit to Iraq and giving up his spot as attorney general in the state of Delaware because he thought it was the right thing to do," Biden told reporters at Arlington National Cemetery outside Washington.

"Look at them all," Biden said, gesturing to the rows of white gravestones stretching behind him.

Beau Biden's military experience was among the reasons the president gave for

deciding to withdraw all 2,500 U.S. troops remaining in Afghanistan by Sept. 11 in a televised speech before the cemetery visit.

"I'm the first president in 40 years who knows what it means to have a child serving in a war zone," Biden said, speaking from the Treaty Room at the White House, where President George W. Bush declared the beginning of the war in 2001.

"Throughout this process, my North Star has been remembering what it was like when my late son Beau was deployed to Iraq," Biden said, and the impact it had on Beau and his family.

Biden said that since he became vice president in 2009, he had carried a card of the exact number of U.S. troops and personnel killed and wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan - 2,488 dead in Afghanistan and 20,722 wounded as of Wednesday.

"Every one of those dead are sacred human beings who left behind entire families," he said.

The war in Afghanistan began as a search for al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden after he masterminded the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks



U.S. President Joe Biden places a wreath among graves in Section 60 during a visit to pay his respects in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia, U.S., on Wednesday. REUTERS

on the United States that turned Bush into a war president.

U.S. troop numbers in Afghanistan reached a peak of more than 100,000 in 2011. Afghan security forces are fighting an insurgency by the Islamist Taliban.

A full withdrawal by Sept. 11 made sense, Biden said on Wednesday, because the original mission - getting bin Laden - had been achieved, and Afghanistan was no longer a safe haven for Islamist militants like him. Bin Laden was killed in Pakistan by American forces in 2011.

"We already have service members doing their duty in Af-

ghanistan today whose parents served in the same war. We have service members who were not yet born when our nation was attacked in 9/11," Biden said in his speech, adding the war was never meant to be a multi-generational affair.

Was it a hard decision? Biden was asked in Arlington.

"No, it wasn't. To me, it was absolutely clear. Absolutely clear. ... From the very beginning, you may recall, I never thought we were there to somehow unify ... Afghanistan. It's never been done. It's never been done," he said.

Agencies

# South Africa embraces TCM with new centre

NAIROBI

SOUTH Africa's University of Johannesburg launched a center in cooperation with Fujian University of Traditional Chinese Medicine on Monday to teach traditional Chinese remedies.

The center, called the Acupuncture Centre and Museum, has a teaching clinic and a museum. It was first conceptualized a few years ago, with renovations and design commencing in 2019.

The teaching clinic consists of 10 consultation rooms and 20 beds, which serve as the clinical teaching base and research facility where the training of clinical and research skills by students will take place.

The museum aims to provide a visual history of acupuncture as a part of traditional Chinese medicine. The history from ancient to cur-

rent times has been presented and exhibited, including stories of the classics, stories of famous doctors as well as historical items.

Speaking at the launch, Sehaam Khan, dean of the Faculty of Health Science of the University of Johannesburg, welcomed the opening of the center and said it would provide access to Chinese traditional medicine while serving as a resource to students and the general public.

## Revised curriculum

"Last year we began offering the bachelor of complementary medicine, which is a four-year qualification. As part of this revised curriculum, acupuncture and phototherapy were included to introduce our students to a broader range of holistic and traditional medicines," Khan said.

The Department of Complementary Medicine at the



Faculty of Health Sciences last year announced it will be offering new and unique professional programs in complementary medicine to allow for comprehensive theoretical and practical training in the disciplines of acupuncture, homeopathy and phototherapy in cooperation with China's

Fujian University of Traditional Chinese Medicine.

Graduates under this program will be eligible to register with the Allied Health Professions Council of South Africa as acupuncture therapists. Successful graduates will also be able to register with other health profession

councils of South Africa to practice acupuncture in the country, according to the university website.

Ylva Rodny-Gumede, the head of the Division for Internationalization, praised the launch saying the Acupuncture Centre and Museum will improve the wellbeing of South African people.

"This will provide the best treatment for the community we serve. It will improve the mental well-being of the people. The World Health Organization has said acupuncture is important for complementary treatment of various diseases," Gumede said.

The launch is the latest in a number of moves by South Africa to embrace and learn more about traditional Chinese medicine.

The Confucius Institute for Chinese Medicine, the first of its kind on the African continent, was launched in 2019.

# Yuri Gagarin: 60 years since first man blasted into space

MOSCOW

RUSSIA on Monday celebrated the 60th anniversary of the legendary flight that made Yuri Gagarin the first man in space, a major source of national pride for millions of his countrymen.

Gagarin's mission on April 12, 1961, marked a historic achievement for the Soviet Union, which beat the United States in a tight race to launch

the first human into space.

The flight was limited to a single orbit because of questions about weightlessness. Gagarin was supposed to parachute out of the capsule on return because a soft-landing system was not ready yet.

In a letter to his wife, Valentina, Gagarin asked her to raise their daughters "not as little princesses, but as real people", and to feel free to remarry if his mission proved



fatal. "Poyekhali!" (Off we go!), the cosmonaut shouted as he took off at 9:07am Moscow time on April 12, 1961.

The 27-year-old cosmonaut's mission was fraught with drama: a break in data transmission, glitches involving antennae, a retrograde rocket, and the separation of modules.

But the flight went off safely, and Gagarin became a poster boy for the communist world and is still a national idol 53

years after his death in a jet training accident.

Gagarin bailed out as planned and parachuted onto a field near the Volga River about 720km (450 miles) southeast of Moscow.

On April 14, the cosmonaut was flown to Moscow, where he was greeted by Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev and driven into town on a highway lined with cheering Russians.

Agencies

# Young blacks fare worst in pandemic hit to UK jobs

LONDON

YOUNG black people have been hit harder by unemployment in the United Kingdom over the course of the novel coronavirus pandemic than any other minority group, a study by the Resolution Foundation think tank has revealed.

Successive lockdowns have had a particularly large impact on sectors such as hospitality and leisure, where young people are more likely to be working. Within that group, racial divisions have emerged, with unemployment among young black people rising by more than 10 percent, to 35 percent.

By contrast, the unemployment rate among young people of Asian descent is 24 percent, and 13 percent for young white people. Both these rates have risen by 3 percent during the pandemic.

The Resolution Foundation focuses on the welfare of people on lower and middle incomes, and senior research and policy analyst Kathleen Henehan said the heavy toll taken by young people showed they needed prioritization in the pandemic's economic aftermath.

"The furlough scheme has done a fantastic job of minimizing job losses amidst unprecedented shutdowns of our economy," she said.

"But young people have still experienced a sharp rise in unemployment during the COVID-19 crisis, with recent education-leavers and young black people being hardest hit.

"Young people have sacrificed their livelihoods in order to save the lives of others ... and putting their careers back on track must be a priority for government in the months and years ahead."

Recent graduates and school leavers have struggled to get a foothold in the job market.

"The rise in youth unemployment is not just about those losing their jobs, but also about young people not finding work in the first place," the foundation's report said.

"Those who left education just before or during the crisis the so-called class of 2020 have faced particular difficulties, with unemployment rising fastest among those who recently left education. Having a degree has not protected recent graduates from this effect."

The report comes in the wake of other research by the London School of Economics into significant wage disparity in the UK along ethnic lines, which was quoted by the foundation in the aftermath of the highly contentious and much disputed report by the government's Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities.

"Black, Bangladeshi and Pakistani men earn 10-25 percent less than similar white men. Female employment gaps haven't closed either. These findings of persistent disadvantage match our own work (ignored by the commission) and are consistent with discrimination and structural inequalities," Torsten Bell, chief executive of the foundation, wrote in The Guardian.

"Wealth gaps are bigger. Black home-ownership rates are under half those of white. Bangladeshi adults have a quarter of the wealth held by white adults on average. With evidence of such inequalities, it's beyond me how anyone thinks it's job done."

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# Turkey, Egypt plan talks on restoring ties in early May

By Bloomberg



TURKEY will send a diplomatic delegation to Egypt early next month, Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said yesterday, for talks aimed at mending relations strained for years over Islamist politics and regional conflicts.

"Egypt has invited a delegation from Turkey. The delegation will go to Egypt at the beginning of May," Cavusoglu told NTV television in an interview. "The talks will be held at the level of deputy foreign ministers."

Turkey said last month it had resumed diplomatic contacts with Egypt though both governments stressed that it would take time to rebuild trust and upgrade ties. Under President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Turkey has been a supporter of Islamist political movements that are seen by many Arab governments as a threat to the ruling order.

Relations between Turkey and Egypt soured after Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah El-Sisi toppled the country's Islamist leader, Mohamed Mursi, in 2013. Since then Egypt and Turkey have also clashed over maritime claims, Libya and Iraq.

Erdogan has made a number of overtures aimed at repairing ties in recent months, with Turkey even saying it was hoping to reach a deal with Egypt over maritime boundaries in the gas-rich eastern Mediterranean.

CHINA recently hit back after a few western countries took a unilateral move to sanction Chinese individuals and entities over Xinjiang affairs based on lies and misinformation and under the pretext of human rights.

It announced sanctions on 10 individuals and four entities from the EU, nine individuals and four entities from the UK, as well as relevant individuals and entities from the US and Canada that have severely harmed China's sovereignty and interests and maliciously spread lies and disinformation.

China's countermeasures were necessary, legitimate and righteous. They sent a clear signal to the relevant arrogant and biased countries in the west that they must pay the price for fabricating and spreading lies.

The fact that Xinjiang residents of vari-

# Those who fabricate and spread lies must pay the price

ous ethnic groups enjoy stability, security, development and progress, makes it one of the most successful human rights stories. However, some politicians in the US, the UK, Canada and the EU clearly don't want to acknowledge this fact. They grabbed the so-called "evidence" maliciously fabricated by some anti-China politicians and scholars, even though the so-called "facts" are nothing but patchwork based on false "internal documents," "victim statements" and information from unknown sources. They have even taken out of context and distorted Chinese official documents and data.

Facts prove that what some politicians from certain western countries care about is

not truth or human rights protection. They are merely interfering in China's domestic affairs under all kinds of excuses, trying to contain China's development and undermine its stability. They don't want to see a prosperous China, or a better life of the Chinese people. They did everything to fabricate lies, slander and offend the reputation and dignity of the Chinese people, and threaten the national interests of China.

Lawrence Wilkerson, former chief of staff to former US Secretary of State Colin Powell and retired US Army Colonel even said openly that "The CIA would want to destabilize China and that would be the best way to do it to foment unrest and to join with

those Uyghurs in pushing the Han Chinese in Beijing from internal places rather than external."

Some politicians from a few western countries believe they can hit China by just fabricating stories and lies. However, that is nothing but daydreaming. Their hegemonic practices don't go with China, as the Chinese people do not stir up troubles, and they are not cowards when involved in some. The Chinese side will never accept any political blackmail, and justice must be practiced. Just as what international observers commented, China is able and willing to fight back western oppression.

Over than 80 countries voiced support for China's righteous position on Xinjiang affairs, through joint and separate statements, at the 46th regular session of the United Nations Human Rights Council. This proves that justice will finally prevail. The political manipulation by a few western countries is not the mainstream voice of the international society, nor will it deceive the world.

China is firmly determined to safeguard its sovereignty, security and development interests. The retrogressive behavior of some politicians from a few western countries can't stop China from progressing forward, or reverse the trend of historical development. If they keep going down the wrongful path, they will definitely pay the price for their own stupidity and vicious practices.

People's Daily



## US-China cooperation on sustainable finance 'positive step' for world: IMF chief

WASHINGTON

IT is a "positive step" for the world that the United States and China are cooperating on sustainable finance under the Group of 20 (G20), International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva has said.

"Certainly having the two largest economies cooperating on sustainable finance is a very positive step in a world that is undergoing transformation, primarily because of the pressures that are coming from climate risks, and also to make sure that social and environmental issues are well integrated in investment strategies," Georgieva said in an exclusive interview with Xinhua on Tuesday.

Georgieva's remarks came after G20 finance ministers and central bank governors agreed last week that the sustainable finance study group will be upgraded to a fully-fledged working group, co-chaired by China and the United States.

"What we expect is that the G20 will come up with a clear roadmap for how

sustainable finance can more deeply be integrated in financial systems," she said.

Georgieva said the IMF strongly supports the immediate objectives of the G20's sustainable finance agenda, citing standardized reporting and the role of international financial institutions in sustainable finance.

"We will be of course engaged in providing technical support as the work moves forward," she said.

Climate change presents pressing risks to financial stability in two ways, namely physical risks and transition risks, Georgieva said.

On the one hand, more frequent and devastating climate-related natural disasters are already causing financial losses and putting pressures on financial institutions to more adequately recognize and buffer against these risks.

On the other hand, as policies shift towards low-carbon climate-resilient development, some sectors become less attractive for financing and also a high risk in the portfolio of investors,



International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva speaks at a press conference in Washington D.C., the United States, on March 4, 2020. (Xinhua)

she said.

"What the IMF is doing is using a very well-established tested instrument, financial sector assessment programs, to help countries identify these risks and integrate them in their financial sector policies," she said.

Georgieva also praised the People's Bank of China, the Chinese cen-

tral bank, for its efforts to encourage financial institutions to support green investments while attaching great importance to the quality of these investments.

"I am so pleased that the People's Bank of China is very systematically engaging in providing a good guidance on green standards. In addition to that, it is taking to heart the other aspect of the transition to the new climate economy, which is climate-related financial stability risks," she said.

The IMF and the People's Bank of China are scheduled to hold a high-level seminar on green finance and climate policy on April 15-16, discussing international experience on green finance and the role of central banks, financial regulators, financial institutions and investors.

By the end of last year, China's outstanding green loans reached nearly 12 trillion yuan (about 1.84 trillion U.S. dollars), the highest in the world, official data showed.

Xinhua

## Nearly half of women in 57 developing countries denied bodily autonomy - UN report

UNITED NATIONS

NEARLY half of women in 57 developing countries are denied the right to decide whether to have sex with their partners, use contraception or seek health care -- the three dimensions of bodily autonomy, according to a UN report.

Only 55 percent of women in those countries are fully empowered to make choices over all three dimensions of bodily autonomy, the annual flagship State of World Population Report of the UN Population Fund (UNFPA), the UN sexual and reproductive health agency.

"The fact that nearly half of women still cannot make their own decisions about whether or not to have sex, use contraception or seek health care should outrage us all," said UNFPA Executive Director Natalia Kanem in a press release on Wednesday.

"In essence, hundreds of millions of women and girls do not own their own bodies. Their lives are governed by others."

The report is based on responses to questions posed to women aged 15 to 49 years in demographic and health surveys in 57 countries, most of which are in sub-Saharan Africa.

Percentages vary across regions. While 76 percent of adolescent girls and women in eastern and southeastern Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean make autonomous decisions in all three dimensions, this figure is less than 50 percent in sub-Saharan Africa and central and southern Asia, the report shows. Xinhua

## Probe of deadly Jan. 6 attack turns to US Capitol police inspector general

WASHINGTON

CONGRESS' probe into security failures that allowed the deadly January assault on the U.S. Capitol by former President Donald Trump's supporters turns on Thursday to the inspector general of the police department charged with securing the seat of American democracy.

The House of Representatives Administration Committee will hear testimony from Michael Bolton, the U.S. Capitol Police inspector general leading the investigation into the department's preparation for and response to the Jan. 6 violence.

Those internal probes recommended that the Capitol Police immediately improve its intelligence operations and beef up the readiness of a unit that handles civil disturbances. Trump and some of his fellow Republicans have tried to downplay the attack, when hundreds of his supporters stormed the Capitol in an attempt to disrupt Congress' certification of President Joe Biden's election victory.

Five people including Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick died in the violence and many more officers suffered injuries. Law-



A mob of supporters of then-U.S. President Donald Trump climb through a window they broke as they storm the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, U.S., January 6, 2021. File photo

makers were forced to huddle in secure rooms while law enforcement battled the rioters.

Nonetheless, some congressional Republicans have sought to downplay the violence. Republican Senator Ron Johnson has expressed doubts that Trump supporters were behind the riot and a recent Reuters/Ipsos poll found that only three in 10 Republicans said Trump bears some responsibility for the attack.

A summary of Bolton's report to Congress found the Capitol Police Civil Disturbance Unit was operating on Jan. 6 "at a decreased level of readiness" and that the department needed to improve its management of weapons, ammunition and riot shields.

The violence shook lawmakers, aides and the large support workforce.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, speaking on the Senate floor following the attack, said, "I have never lived through or even imagined an experience like the one we have just witnessed in this Capitol."

## China gradually improves elderly care service system

REMARKABLE progress has been made by China to improve its elderly care services in recent years, as the country ramps up efforts to renovate rural nursing homes, establish community nursing centers and offer government-subsidized elderly care services.

Ping'an village is a village inhabited by people of Zhuang ethnic group in Guilin, south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. A nursing home sits at the center of the village.

At the northeast corner of the nursing home's first floor, a group of seniors were playing Chinese chess, while in the center of it, aged women were having casual talks around burning firewood. By a wall of the nursing home there were two computers and some newspapers.

The nursing home was used to be a senior recreation center years ago. Since 2013, Guangxi has vigorously started construction of rural nursing homes, and subsidized each of them with 60,000 yuan (\$9,140). With the money, Ping'an village upgraded the former senior recreation center, setting up a canteen, a kitchen and four lounges with beds. Besides, it also purchased health examination machines, computers and televisions.

Rheumatism is a problem that bothers many seniors in



A senior woman talks with her family on a video call under the guidance of a care giver in an elderly care center in Julu County, Xingtai, north China's Hebei Province, Feb. 10, 2021. File photo

the humid village deep in the mountain. It causes mobility problems. Fortunately, the nursing home is a mini therapy center for the seniors.

"I had a pain in my feet, and I felt better after receiving acupuncture from Liao," said an 83-year-old woman. Liao is a doctor who has been working in Ping'an village for 20 years. Every week he offers therapy services for the seniors. Besides, the township health center also offers physical examinations for them each year.

On a sunny day, 91-year-old man Liu Yangsheng was bathing in the sun on a wheelchair pushed by a care worker. Liu

lives in Jindi community, Shazitang neighborhood, Changsha, central China's Hunan Province. Troubled by mobility problems, it's not easy for the man who lives alone to go out.

"Liu is not the only one in similar situations," said Zhou Pingliang, director of the resident committee of Jindi community. According to him, over half of the residents in the community are retired workers and their relatives.

"The biggest wish of the seniors is to have sufficient elderly care services," Zhou told People's Daily. Five years ago, over 200 residents expressed one shared wish - to establish a

community elderly care center.

Soliciting suggestions and learning from the experiences of other cities, Shazitang neighborhood finally decided to establish an elderly care center based on relevant policies of Changsha. The center was built by the government, and the services are offered by social organizations.

In 2017, the center officially started operation, offering recreational activities, dining, day care, short-term care and long-term care services for seniors. Liu was among the earliest to move into it.

"My life is more convenient since I started living here," Liu said. There are staff members taking care of the seniors, who help the latter measure blood sugar and blood lipids, and take medicines. The center is also in in-depth cooperation with hospitals in case emergencies happen.

Besides, the center is also trying its best to meet the recreational demands of the seniors. It has a reading room and a chess room where seniors can read books and play Chinese chess. A government-subsidized canteen is offering meals for seniors every day, and each meal costs only four to seven yuan.

People's Daily

## Kremlin vows tit-for-tat action against any new anti-Russian sanctions from Washington

MOSCOW

RUSSIA condemns Washington's sanctions plans and will respond to them on the principle of reciprocity in order to best ensure its interests, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov announced yesterday.

"We condemn any pursuit of sanctions, we consider them illegal. In any case, the principle of reciprocity in this matter is valid; reciprocity in a way that best serves our interests," he specified.

He called information from the US media about the new sanctions against Moscow a "leak", adding that "there is no smoke without fire." "For now, we will not comment on media reports. We will wait for any specific decisions by Washington to be officially announced. We certainly wouldn't like to act based on Lenin's formula 'One Step Forward, Two Steps Back' in our bilateral relations," Peskov explained.

Earlier, Bloomberg reported that the new US anti-Russian sanctions may affect several dozen individuals and legal entities, and will also include restric-



tions related to Russia's sovereign debt. According to him, these restrictive measures may be announced on Thursday. In particular, a ban may be introduced prohibiting the purchases of debt securities by US financial institutions directly from the Bank of Russia, the Ministry of Finance, and its sovereign fund.

**On Putin-Biden meeting**

Peskov said that hypothetical US sanctions against Russia by no means promote preparations for a meeting of Russian President Vladimir Putin and US President Joe Biden.

"It goes without saying that possible sanctions being discussed would by no means promote such a meeting," Peskov said.

A bilateral meeting between Putin and Biden can hardly be arranged in the coming weeks while the issue is still being analyzed, according to Peskov.

"Naturally, it won't be possible to organize a bilateral meeting so quickly. This issue is still being analyzed," the Russian presidential spokesman said, replying to a corresponding question.

The Kremlin spokesman added that most likely "this relates to a climate summit planned for next week."

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken earlier announced that during a telephone conversation with the Russian leader Biden proposed holding a meeting with Putin in the coming weeks.

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CHINA will bring people's well-being to a new level and take solid steps toward achieving common prosperity during its 14th Five-Year Plan period (2021-2025), according to the country's Outline of the 14th Five-Year Plan for National Economic and Social Development and the Long-Range Objectives Through the Year 2035.

By 2035, people will lead a better life, and more notable and substantial progress will be achieved in promoting well-rounded human development and achieving common prosperity for everyone, said the document.

The ultimate goal of China's endeavors to advance reform and opening up as well as socialist modernization is to ensure that development is for the people, by the people, and with people sharing in its fruits.

## China strives to achieve common prosperity for all

The people-centered philosophy of China, a major country in the world, and the Communist Party of China (CPC), a major political party, has attracted worldwide attention.

The key to governance of a country is to improve its people's lives, and common prosperity is the shared aspiration of all Chinese people.

The CPC has always been committed to its original aspiration and mission of seeking happiness for the Chinese people and rejuvenation for the Chinese nation.

Eliminating poverty, improving people's livelihood, and achieving common prosperity are the essential requirements of socialism as well as important goals of China's efforts to advance economic and social development.

Through an arduous journey over a long period of time, China has significantly improved the quality of life among the Chinese people and promoted the sharing of development fruits in the society.

In the new era, China determines to pursue shared development, aiming to "make the pie bigger" and

divide it fairly at the same time and bring people a stronger sense of accomplishment and gain.

China has won the battle against poverty and completed the daunting task of eradicating absolute poverty. Such a historic miracle of China marks a milestone on the country's journey to improving people's well-being and achieving common prosperity.

Since the 18th CPC National Congress in 2012, the country has lifted 98.99 million rural poor residents living under the current poverty line out of poverty, removed all of its 832 poor

counties and 128,000 poor villages from the poverty list, and resolved overall regional poverty.

It has pulled an average of more than 10 million people out of poverty each year, equivalent to the population of a medium-sized country.

Such achievements in poverty alleviation are considered a tremendous change in the more than 5,000 years of history of the Chinese nation, as well as an unprecedentedly brilliant feat in the history of the world.

"We will work to ensure that growth and develop-

ment benefit all countries and peoples and that the livelihood of all people, especially those in developing countries, will get better day by day," said Chinese President Xi Jinping, pointing out the direction for joint efforts of countries.

Over the years, China has always been a contributor to global development, and an active advocate and strong promoter of global poverty reduction.

The country has been engaged in facilitating South-South cooperation, pushing forward the high-quality joint construction

of the Belt and Road, and supporting and assisting other developing countries, the least developed ones in particular, in their fight against poverty, shouldering its responsibilities on the path of pursuing common development.

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the poverty-stricken population in the world has risen for the first time in many years, which poses challenges to the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development of the United Nations (UN).

Against the background, China has fully shaken off poverty, marched toward comprehensively building a moderately prosperous society, and progressed steadily along the road to common prosperity, which has greatly inspired and encouraged the rest of the world.

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# SPORT



Tanga's Handeni District Administrative Secretary, Mashaka Mgeta, speaks at a bonanza, which brought together jogging outfits from Tanga, Dar es Salaam, Dodoma and Coast Region, at Mkata Primary School ground in the district recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

## Dewji comments on FCC directive on Simba SC's transformation

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

CHAIRMAN of Simba SC's Board of Directors, Mohammed Dewji, has decided to end his silence on the process of transforming the club's operations.

Dewji, via his social network page, identified what hinders the process, much as he is ready to follow all procedures.

He wrote: "I am sorry that we are holding meetings with the Fair Competition Commission (FCC) and agreeing to finish and then we get letters to start all over."

"Maybe the Members of Parliament are right that there are conspiracies to stop us, this is very bad, our big plans are being delayed," he said.

The club's operational transformational process gives the investor 49% of the shares and 51% of the shares to members of the club through the FCC.

The FCC initially issued Simba SC a 21-day notice of the process.

Although the FCC has previously reported that one of issues it needs in the process is clarification on the exact amount that the investor Dewji should invest to overcome the confusion.

The statement, which came from the commission's director, stated that despite a number of unresolved issues, the commission sought clarification on the actual amount that the investor should invest as the terms of the previous agreement are different from those stated in the media.

Later Simba made it clear that the amount in the agreement is 19.6bn/- while noting that the investor has decided to pay more than the amount specified in the agreement to reach 20bn/-.

Simba clarified that they submitted their case to FCC on July 23, 2020 with the aim of fulfilling the conditions to complete the process and continued to have positive

communication with FCC until October 16, 2020 held a meeting between the two parties at Simba offices with a view to finalizing the process.

A few days after the meeting, Simba stated that it had received a letter dated October 13, 2020 informing all creditors of the club's operating changes to the FCC's decision to suspend the operational transformation process in order to review various legal and regulatory issues that arose during the process.

The letter informed Simba that the FCC would inform the debtors to resume the process of reviewing the club's application for a change of system and nine days later, on October 22, 2020 the club received a letter from the FCC asking them to submit additional information required to approve the club's application and change the system operation.

On his social media account, Dewji expressed his dismay at sitting with the FCC and agreeing to end it and then receiving letters to start all over.

Another member of Simba's Board of Directors, Mulamu Ng'ambi, said that the negotiations with the FCC on their club's operational change process is what the two parties focus on.

He disclosed: "The matter between FCC and Simba is still under discussion and so far we are still in talks to get to the end. What you see is just pieces of information so when it comes to the end we will report it."

He revealed: "We receive a lot of letters from the FCC, and even today, we can't say anything because that is ongoing communication between us and them so when it comes time to bring it to the public we will bring it in a proper manner and order."

Regarding Dewji's tweet demanding that the process need to be restarted, Ng'ambi said: "I would like to opt out of discussing the issue on social media because one can post anything and it depends on what he has translated, so let's wait until the time comes when we will notify the public."

## TPLB to closely follow all remaining matches in VPL

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA Premier League Board (TPLB)'s Chief Executive Officer, Almasi Kasongo, has affirmed that all eyes are on all top flight matches, which will be played across the country, and he urged fans and teams to adhere to the rules.

Recently there have been several indiscipline acts in the league, as fans have been beating match officials with bottles and the former sometimes enter the stadiums, thereby violating the league's regulations.

The issue has been a source of punishment for the respective teams when the problem is identified.

The TPLB official stated there have been many incidents that endanger the safety of players as well as referees, a situation which is currently

being closely monitored.

Kasongo said: "We are keeping an eye on all remaining matches and we follow them closely, the goal is to see to it that everything goes smoothly and nothing goes wrong."

"It is important supporters, players and teams adhere to the rules that exist as football is governed by the rules," he insisted.

This season has seen many embarrassing incidents, since the top flight's kick off, as fans of certain clubs had been seen beat fans of the opposing sides, a situation which caused a stir in the country.

It is a good thing to see such acts are brought to an end, a situation that will even prompt Simba and Yanga followers to harmoniously use the same stands in various stadiums.

## SPORTS

# SBL affirms commitment in sports promotion in Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter

UNLIKE in the past, sports today are more than just physical activities.

This is because the sports sector has, with time, morphed into an industry, and with it a roaring market that involves equipment and clothing, infrastructure, event organization and endorsements, among others.

Sports are a huge boost to both the developed and developing nations.

The sector plays a pivotal role in contributing to economic growth, improving health, hence happiness and providing employment to thousands of youth and more people across the entire value chain.

Sport also act as a unifier because when people support the same team, they instantly become close and friendly even if they do not know one another.

Through sports, people are able to interact, enjoy and sometimes forge lasting relationships.

There are therefore, myriads of reasons as to why the sector should be supported due to its multi-dimensional space it creates for a country's social and economic development.

In Tanzania, the sports sector has grown and continues to grow exponentially, thanks to the government's and other stakeholder's efforts to prop it up.

Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL) through its Serengeti Trademark stands out as one of the most visible private sector players that have immensely supported local sports, always chipping in to boost different types of sports whenever it's requested to do so.

Granted, whether it is in football, athletics, golf, Serengeti Trademark has been visibly present- a testimony to the fact that when called upon to give a helping hand, the country's second beer brewer responds without discrimination.

And as in the Greek mythology, most of SBL's sponsorships usually turn out to be Midas touch, as evidenced in football where the beer-maker has consistently provided support, with excellent results.



Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) Secretary General Wilfred Kidau speaks at a fuction for signing a contract between the federation and Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL), which took place in Dar es Salaam in October last year.

Taifa Stars, Tanzania's senior men's national soccer team, achieved an almost impossible feat in 2019 when they qualified, after a 38-year lull, for the prestigious Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) showpiece.

It was an achievement that the national soccer governing body, the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) and other soccer pundits, attributed largely to SBL's sponsorship.

Prior to the qualification, Serengeti Premium Lager, SBL's flagship beer brand, had bankrolled the hitherto cash-strapped national soccer custodian with 2.1bn/-, becoming Taifa Stars' main sponsor and effectively enabling TFF and indeed the national team to meet their financial obligations.

Suffice it to say, due to the team's sterling performance, Serengeti Premium Lager once again renewed the national team's sponsorship, this time raising the kitty to a whopping 3bn/-.

"We believe that by supporting Taifa Stars, we are contributing to not only the growth of the sports sector but also in reinvigorating local football, a game that Tanzania and the world in general hold so dear," SBL's Managing Director, Mark Ocitti was quoted as saying during the sponsorship renewal event.

The TFF president, Wallace Karia, replied: "The renewal of this sponsorship is a clear testimony to the confidence that Serengeti Premium Lager has on TFF leadership. We promise that we will not let SBL down, rather, we will endeavour to ensure that the money is spent prudently in order to catapult Taifa Stars' to even higher altitudes of soccer excellence."

In a similar sponsorship, one of SBL's most loved brands, Serengeti Premium Lite, accepted to jumpstart the otherwise hitherto 'sleepy' Tanzania Women's

Premier League (WPL), once again playing a trail-blazers role by funding a league that had previously never tasted a sponsor in its history of existence.

To this end, Serengeti Premium Lite pumped 450m/- into the Serengeti Women's Premier League in 2018, effectively revitalizing the drowsy league and for its efforts, the brand enjoyed the credit of being the first sponsor of the league, ever.

It is true that the gamble has paid off because since then, a new-found excitement among female soccer clubs is evident, giving rise to 'Malkias' (Queens) clubs across the country.

They are the league's former champions, Mlandizi Queens and JKT Queens.

Other prominent participants are Alliance Girls, Simba Queens, Yanga Princesses, Tanzanite Queens and many others.

## Lwandamina: Azam FC in pursuit of VPL top spot

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

AFTER cruising to 2-0 win over Mtbwa Sugar in a Vodacom Premier League clash, which took place in Dar es Salaam last week, Azam FC head coach George Lwandamina has said he is still not satisfied with his side's position in the league's standing.

The Zambian coach noted he wants to see to it the side fights for the top flight's top spot held by Yanga.

The victory catapulted Azam FC to the second position, temporarily edging Simba to the third position. Simba, nevertheless, reclaimed their position, clobbering Mtbwa Sugar 5-0 in Dar es Salaam two days back.

Yanga are the league leaders with 51 points after featuring in 23 fixtures, followed by Azam FC that has managed to collect 47 points in 25 outings.

Commenting on their plans, Lwandamina said: "I am happy with the result of the 2-0 win over Mtbwa Sugar, we are well aware that our results have not been very satisfactory this season."

"We have had time to rectify the shortcomings we had, and now we will make sure we do our best to be able to move up in the standings, we are not disappointed with the second position we have because we are confident we can move up the standings," he said.

Zimbabwean striker, Prince Dube, Azam FC's leading forward, scored a brace to help the outfit post the 2-0 win over Mtbwa Sugar.

He posted the opening goal on the eighth minute from a penalty spot that Azam FC had got when midfielder Mudathir Yahya was fouled by a Mtbwa Sugar defender within the area.

The attacker scored the second goal on the 86th minute to give his outfit three points.

Simba SC is currently placed



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third with 46 points after featuring in 20 matches, whereas Yanga lead with 51 points.

Azam FC, consequently, took revenge for a loss they faced in the first phase match against Mtbwa Sugar, which took place at the Jamhuri

Stadium in Morogoro and ended with Mtbwa Sugar notching 1-0 victory over Azam FC.

Dube has scored a total of 10 goals this season and he is now leading the list of the domestic top flight goal getters.



## 'We love this competition' - Klopp focused on Champions League return

LONDON

LIVERPOOL manager Jurgen Klopp admitted his side have to quickly bounce back from the disappointment of Champions League elimination at the hands of Real Madrid to ensure they do not miss out on the competition next season.

Despite enjoying a host of chances, Liverpool fluffed their lines in front of goal as Madrid held onto their 3-1 first leg lead in a 0-0 draw in the second leg of the quarter-final at Anfield on Wednesday.

The English champions are sixth in the Premier League with just seven games to go, three points adrift of the top four place which guarantees a spot in Europe's premier club competition.

Liverpool have qualified for the Champions League for the last four seasons, twice reaching the final under Klopp.

After also losing 3-1 to Madrid in the 2018 final, the Reds beat Tottenham to lift the trophy in the Spanish capital in 2019.

However, after also ending a 30-year wait to be crowned English champions, Liverpool have suffered a drastic dip in form.

Missing out on Champions League football would not only be a blow to Liverpool's prestige, but also have financial ramifications for Klopp's ability to revamp his squad in the summer transfer market.

"We have to (bounce back). We love this competition and for different reasons it is very important for the club," said

Klopp.

"It doesn't make it now easier, these two or three games would've fitted easily in our schedule, but now we can concentrate on the Premier League.

"Monday night, Leeds, is the next challenge. We have to run and work our socks off. That is what we try to prepare now."

Liverpool have now won just one of their last eight games at Anfield as a previously impressive home record has crumbled in a season behind closed doors due to coronavirus restrictions.

However, they have won three consecutive Premier League games for the first time since their opening three matches of the season.

And James Milner is hopeful his side are turning a corner despite failing to make the most of their dominance of the second leg against Madrid.

"You can't not take the chances we did tonight," said the veteran midfielder.

"We had more than enough chances to do what we needed to do and we didn't take them.

"The positive is that we are creating them. We've done enough tonight to go through, we were obviously the better team and we did enough to win the game.

"The most important thing is we replicate this form and those sort of performances."

Meanwhile, a window on the Real Madrid team bus was smashed ahead of the Spanish giants' Champions League clash with Liverpool at Anfield on Wednesday.

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## Matched officials! World Cup final referees get married

BERLIN

CONGRATULATIONS are due to former World Cup and Champions League final referees Howard Webb and Bibiana Steinhaus, who have revealed that they got married recently.

The two elite officials, who have each taken charge of matches at the very top of the sport and officiated at five World Cups between them, tied the knot last month in Steinhaus' hometown of Hannover, Germany.

In what may have been a nod to his profession, Webb wore an all-black outfit as the refereeing world's answer to Brangelina (Howiana? Bibward? Webbhause?) posed for their wedding pictures.

"It's true. We married during the last international break and are very happy," Bibiana, who now goes by the name of Steinhaus-Webb, told Bild. "Because of the coronavirus regulations we sadly could only make this important step alone.

"They didn't even allow witnesses to the marriage. And naturally we haven't been on honeymoon yet."

Webb, 49, is a former Premier League official who took charge of more than 500 first-class competitive matches during his career including, in 2010, both the Champions League final and the notoriously fractious World Cup final between Netherlands and Spain.

Steinhaus is similarly accomplished, having refereed at every level of the women's game including a Champions League final, the 2011 World Cup final, and the 2012 Summer Olympics gold medal match.

The 42-year-old then made history during the 2017-18 season when she became the first-ever female referee to officiate in the men's Bundesliga. She was at times the subject of abuse from the terraces, but she didn't let that stop her from enjoying an elite career in which she was named DFB Women's Referee of the Year on seven occasions. Steinhaus retired in September 2020 after overseeing the DFL Supercup match between Bayern Munich and Borussia Dortmund.

Howard and Bibiana were both police officers before becoming professional refs, and between them they took charge of hundreds of matches since qualifying in 1995 and 1999 respectively.

Webb took charge of 534 games between 2000 and 2013, administering 1,694 yellow cards and 68 reds. However, he later admitted he was "guttured beyond belief" not to have shown a 69th to Nigel de Jong of the Dutchman's flying stamp on Xabi Alonso during the first half of the 2010 World Cup final. De Jong somehow escaped with a yellow card despite planting his studs into Alonso's chest, though Webb later recalled that due to his position on the pitch he'd missed the actual impact and therefore only deemed the challenge to warrant a caution.

According to FIFA, Steinhaus-Webb ended her career having refereed 23 Bundesliga matches, along with a further 92 matches in the German second division and 35 in the Women's Bundesliga, where she made her officiating debut. As per Soccerbase, she dished out 164 yellow cards and three reds in competitive men's fixtures between 2015 and 2020.

For the time being, at least, the happy couple will be based on either side of the Atlantic: Webb in New York City, where he works as the general manager for Major League Soccer's Professional Referee Organization; Steinhaus in Germany, where she works as a VAR official based at the DFB's headquarters in Cologne. But with such a shared passion for maintaining law and order on the football field, they are clearly meant for each other.

While news of two professional referees getting married is something of a novelty, it isn't entirely without precedent.

Back in 2019, the Romanian fourth division clash between CA Oradea and CS Diosig got off to an unusually romantic start as one of the match officials on duty proposed to another on the pitch.

Assistant referee Marius Matica got down on one knee and popped the prematch question to girlfriend Gyorgi Duma, who just so happened to be running the other line. Spoiler alert: she said yes.

ESPN

## A fourth Champions League title would be Zidane's best

By Mark Ogden, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

THIS may be the year that Zinedine Zidane finally earns full recognition for his achievements as Real Madrid coach because, if he guides this squad to Champions League glory following Wednesday's 0-0 quarterfinal second-leg draw at Liverpool, it will be his finest triumph yet.

Real's 3-1 victory in last week's first-leg in Spain ultimately provided a comfortable cushion for the return fixture at Anfield and book a semifinal clash later this month with Chelsea. In front of empty stands once more due to the coronavirus pandemic, Zidane's team stood firm against Liverpool's attacking forays to edge one step closer to winning a record-extending 14th European Cup.

"I won't say anything, we're alive in the two competitions [along with La Liga], we're happy but we haven't won anything either. We've had tough moments but we're here at the end of the season when you play for everything and we have to keep going," Zidane said.

Liverpool created plenty of chances to win the game and the tie, but unlike their incredible 4-0 Anfield win against Barcelona in the 2019 semifinal, the ball did not roll for Jurgen Klopp's team on this occasion.

Real, full of experience and know-how, simply held their nerve and got the job done. And that in itself is testament to the kind of qualities that this team possesses, such as durability, patience and tenacity, which tend not to be associated with Real Madrid.

When Zidane guided the club to three successive Champions



Zinedine Zidane is on track to win his fourth Champions League title as Real Madrid manager. (Agencies)

League titles in 2016, 2017 and 2018, it was a team of glittering talents led by Cristiano Ronaldo and bolstered by Gareth Bale in his prime, with the defensive solidity of Pepe at the back. Toni Kroos, Luka Modric, Karim Benzema and Sergio Ramos were also part of Zidane's hat-trick of Champions League successes when each was at the peak of their careers.

But when Zidane's Real were eliminated at the Round of 16 stage by Manchester City last season, it seemed as though the club were set for a period of transition, with a new wave of players needing to be bought and blooded to replace the old guard. That still needs to happen with Kroos, Modric, Benzema and Ramos all the wrong side of 30 years old, but despite the obvious decline of this Real team from its heights during the later years of the last decade, Zidane has somehow got them to a Champions League semifinal.

"It's the character they have. They always want more, the more difficulties the team has, the more they come together. After that, we have more than enough quality of

course, but it's the character the players have," Zidane said of his players.

Liverpool, despite their domestic problems in a season when several key injuries have de-railed their Premier League title defence, remain a threat in Europe and Klopp's team could have won this tie comfortably had they taken their second-leg chances. But Zidane and Real still came through the test and they will now believe that they can once again emerge as European champions this season.

They will hope to have captain Ramos fit and available for the tie against Chelsea, with the centre-half missing this tie due to injury before testing positive for COVID-19 and Raphael Varane, who missed both legs of this tie because of the virus, will also likely be back to face Thomas Tuchel's side.

So Real go forward knowing that they will be stronger. But although Benzema continues to be a world-class centre-forward, with 20-year-old Vinicius Junior offering pace alongside the Frenchman, this Real team lacks the adventure and star quality of its predecessors. It is a

## Bayern face painful rebuild after Champions League exit

By Gabriele Marcotti, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

BYERN Munich were knocked out of the Champions League on Tuesday night by Paris Saint-Germain. It was 3-3 on aggregate, meaning it came down to the away goals rule, and if you caught the two legs, you will appreciate how this tie could have easily gone either way, and by a sizable margin to either club. Bayern created far more in the first leg ... and lost. PSG created more in the return leg ... and lost.

That's the nature of this screwy, wacky sport. It gets even screwier and wackier when, at the tail-end of a congested, grueling pandemic-conditioned season, the list of unfit and unavailable threatens to exceed that of the able-bodied. Bayern took the pitch without Niklas Sule, Corentin Tolisso, Douglas Costa, Leon Goretzka and, above all, Robert Lewandowski. PSG walked out without Marquinhos, Mauro Icardi, Layvin Kurzawa, Marco Veratti and Alessandro Florenzi. (The latter two, just recovered from COVID-19, were on the bench, but in no condition to play.)

So let's pump the brakes on those sweeping conclusions one way or another, shall we?

Still, folks in Bavaria woke up on Wednesday to reports that manager Hansi Flick - who delivered a Treble less than a year ago and is on track for another Bundesliga title, as Bayern are five points clear at the top, with six games to go - will depart in the summer, possibly to take the Germany job after the Euros. (Lothar Matthaus said Wednesday that it's happening.) Among the reasons cited is an "incompatibility" with sporting director Hasan "Brazzo" Salihamidzic.

Inevitably, Bayern are already linked with Julian Nagelsmann, who happens to coach Leipzig, their main contenders for the German title. (In other leagues, there'd be some consternation at the possibility of the biggest, richest team making overtures to a direct rival during the season; they're used to it in the Bundesliga.)

But the fact is that, as far as Bayern are concerned, there will be a necessary rebuild in the next 12 months. And this time, it might make sense for the club not to believe their own hype and ask themselves whether, despite impressive achievements on and off the pitch - eight league titles, five German Cups and two Champions League titles, all while operating at break-even or in profit - they're actually getting the most bang for their considerable buck. Whoever replaces Flick will become

their fifth manager in the past four years. Nobody has lasted more than three seasons since Ottmar Hitzfeld two decades ago. (Admittedly, Pep Guardiola could have stuck around longer, but chose not to. Hey, he's Pep.) Bayern's ability to weather the revolving managerial door and still win was often put down to the club's solidity and the enlightened guidance of Karl-Heinz Rummenigge and Uli Hoenes (when not serving time in prison) in the club's executive branch.

Maybe so. But then you're left to imagine what they might have achieved with better decision-making, particularly on the recruitment side.

You can take this season as an example. In late-September, Flick himself was sounding the alarm, noting how they were short on players and depth. Salihamidzic addressed it with a Supermarket Sweep just before the transfer window closed that brought in Eric-Maxim Choupo-Moting, Bouna Sarr, Marc Roca and Costa. The point isn't that the quartet haven't been particularly good (though, as a group, they haven't) - it's that Flick had to beg and wait until the final hours of the window to address the issue.

Yes, global pandemic and all that. But this is, supposedly, the richest, best-run club in Germany, nein?

Flick himself commented that this Bayern side were nowhere near as good last season's version. The remarks may have struck some as odd - other than Thiago Alcantara, it was largely the same players - but was undeniably true. Heroics from Lewandowski, Thomas Muller, Manuel Neuer and Joshua Kimmich (when fit) were papering over cracks. It might still have been enough to win the Champions League and Bundesliga this year, but it wouldn't have changed the underlying facts: there's some major plumbing to do.

Up front, Muller turns 32 in Septem-

ber and Lewandowski 33 in August. They will need to find replacements in the very near future. Muller is such a unique player that his replacement will likely be a totally different sort of footballer. Unless they sign Erling Haaland or Kylian Mbappe (and they won't), Lewandowski will be replaced by somebody substantially worse. Both replacements will be pricey.

At the back, David Alaba and Jerome Boateng become free agents in June. Here, you have some sympathy for the club. Alaba, having come through the ranks (and therefore having been somewhat underpaid) and turning 29 in June, is looking for one last payday. (This explains why he's being advised by super-agent Pini Zahavi.) Boateng turns 33 in September and, while he's been generally fit and productive this year, has had injury woes in the past.

The club don't want to lock themselves into onerous long-term deals for older players - fine. Dayot Upamecano is on his way from RB Leipzig to fill one of the slots at the back - great. But there is little question that the way both their exits have been handled, with Hoenes labelling Zahavi a "greedy piranha" and Boateng treated like some stiff (despite Flick openly lobbying on his behalf), hasn't helped matters.

The question then becomes how much faith you have in Bayern's ability to reload. Here, the track record isn't great, particularly when they've spent big, as a look at their record signings suggest. Lucas Hernandez - whose transfer cost €80 million from Atletico Madrid - is the third-most expensive central defender in the history of the game. He has started barely a third of Bayern's games since arriving in 2019 and, in fact, has made more than 13 top-flight starts in a season just once in his career. (He's 25 years old.)

Next up is Leroy Sane: €45m rising to a possible €60m with bonuses,

more prosaic team, without an obvious clutch player, so Zidane must find a way to ensure that Real can overcome Chelsea before a final against either City or Paris Saint-Germain.

And that is the challenge which, if achieved, will elevate Zidane to a different level as a coach. It would also make him the first coach to win four European Cups, so history truly beckons for the 48-year-old.

Chelsea, with just two defeats in 18 games under Tuchel, will not fear this Real team, but their dismantling of Liverpool in the first-leg will serve as a warning to the Stamford Bridge side. Liverpool allowed Kroos far too much time and space to cause havoc with his passing and they were caught out by the pace of Vinicius.

But Real's shortcomings at the back were also exposed by Liverpool in both legs and it required a commanding second-half performance by former Chelsea goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois to keep Liverpool at bay.

Zidane will be happy to be facing Chelsea in the next round rather than City or PSG, however. On present form, City and PSG would go into a tie against Real as favourites, but in a one-off game in the final in Istanbul, few would write Real off. If he guided Real to glory on those three previous occasions, Zidane knew he was in charge of the best team in Europe and they proved that each time.

This season, Real are one of the outsiders and it is an unfamiliar position for them to be in, which is why it will be all the more special, and significant, if Zidane can mastermind yet another Real Madrid Champions League triumph.





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Standard Chartered Bank's Head of Corporate Affairs, Brand and Marketing, Juanita Mramba (L), addresses journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday during the launch of a quiz involving the bank's customers which will end with the one, who will score 200 points, landing an opportunity to jet off to United Kingdom to visit a stadium owned by English Premier League (EPL) club, Liverpool FC. Looking on is the institution's Retail Banking Department's Head, Ajmair Riz. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

## Yanga defender bemoans outfit's inconsistency in VPL

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

YANGA's central defender, Abdallah Shaibu, has openly admitted that he is not happy with the difficulties they are going through in this season's Vodacom Premier League.

Shaibu was adamant that Yanga are hardly a team he knows as they are now showcasing below par performance.

The defender, who has not assured himself of featuring in the outfit's first team, was last in the club's first team in this year's Mapinduzi Cup showdown, which took place in Zanzibar.

Yanga clinched the showdown's top honour, edging age-old rivals, Simba SC, in the final through penalties.

Shaibu issued the statement shortly after his outfit had locked horns with Kinondoni Municipal Council (KMC) FC in a Premier League match, which took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

The clash ended with the two outfits locked to 1-1 draw. Left fullback David Bryson netted for KMC FC, whereas attacker Yacouba Songne leveled matter for Yanga.

seen in the Revolutionary Cup in January this year, made the statement following the 1-1 draw in the Mainland Premier League against KMC.

Shaibu was in Yanga's starting line up alongside Ghanaian central defender, Lamine Moro in the match that was played at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium.

The defender pointed out that they are currently going through a difficult period due to a lack of coordination they have experienced.

He noted: "In fact, I don't even understand why we are playing like this because in practice we play well and the motivation among the players is high and, even in matches, the players still seem to be motivated to fight but things are beyond our expectations."

"Personally this is not the Yanga that I am used to seeing play, it has been extremely difficult for us despite the fact that we are fighting to ensure the team achieve goals but I do not know what is happening to us," Shaibu disclosed.

Yanga were held to 1-1 draw by KMC FC in the second round fixture of the domestic top flight.

Yanga's interim head coach, Juma Mwambusi, said that the squad failed to emerge victorious given it wasted opportunities.

Mwambusi noted his team could have come out victorious if his players could have made the most of the opportunities.

He noted: "The team overall played well, we had a bad period in the middle of the game but at the beginning of the game and at the end of the game we had better moments and if we were careful we could have won in those moments."

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## Tanzanian boxer opens up on defeat in non-title fight

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

TANZANIAN professional Middleweight boxer, Mfaume Said, has opened up on his defeat in an international, non-title bout against Russian, Rizvan Elikhanov, which took place in Russia last week.

The Tanzanian pugilist suffered Technical Knockout (TKO) loss to Elikhanov in the second round of the scheduled eight-round fight.

Although Said's coach, Ramadhan Uhadi, previously stated that his boxer was given a fight by surprise and was unprepared, the former pointed out the circumstances of the fight frustrated him psychologically early.

"I did not know how many kilograms my opponent had, although he appeared to be overweight, he had 72 kilograms in his form and I had 71 kilograms, we did not weigh together as required by the bout's procedures, he weighed elsewhere and I did not witness it," he revealed.

The boxer said another thing that bothered him was that he was paid 20 percent of his payment, contrary to the agreement he had previously reached with the fight's hosts.

According to Said, he was told 80 percent had been deducted from the payment.

He noted: "It all happened when I was there, I would not have accepted to feature in this fight if I would have known in advance."

"What I have experienced in Russia is not at all fair and I will not accept to lose my rights. I will send my complaints to the Tanzania Professional Boxing Regulatory Commission," the boxer claimed.

He said out of the 10m/- they had agreed he will be presented with in the contract, he was given only 2m/-.

He pointed out: "I got about 2m/-, taking part in a bout at home would earn me more than that amount, strangely enough the person I went to Russia with after the fight told me my money has been deducted because I lost the fight."

He stated: "Boxing's rules are known all over the world, the boxer is paid what is written in the contract, he told me 80 per cent has been deducted from my cash, he did not say who deducted it and reasons for the decision."

He stated: "People should be punished for this."

"Then when I searched him I found he had more money than what he should have been paid, I asked him where did he get this money, he did not answer," he said.

"I do not agree with this, I just did not want to engage in violence there because there are people out there looking for reasons for sending people to jail, but I ought to be fully paid," he said.

The boxer pointed out he was sent to a different destination on the bout's day.

He noted: "We were sent for lunch at nine o'clock, knowing we had enough time to rest before going to bed at night, but before we could wash our hands after finishing eating, we were told we had to go to the hall for the fight."

## Azam FC looks to put pressure on Simba SC, Yanga in Premier League



JKT Tanzania's midfielder, Jabir Aziz (L), marks Azam FC's Ally Nyonzima when the sides clashed in a Vodacom Premier League encounter, which took place at Azam Complex in Dar es Salaam recently. The two clubs were locked to 1-1 draw. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

Azam FC will today look to build pressure on Vodacom Premier League leaders, Yanga, when the former faces JKT Tanzania in the league's clash, which will take place in the afternoon at Jamhuri Stadium in Dodoma.

The 2013/14 Premier League champions closed to within four points of the top of the log when they defeated Mtibwa Sugar 2-0 at home on April 14, thanks to a brace from attacker, Prince Dube.

A win would see Azam FC move back to second place with one point more than Simba SC and one point less than log leaders Yanga.

Yanga will be in action in Dar es Salaam tomorrow afternoon against fourth-placed Biashara United.

Azam FC has claimed 19 points from 12 away matches this season, with their last results as visitors turning out to be a frustrating goalless draw against bottom-placed Mwadui

FC in early March. Hosts JKT Tanzania broke a three-game losing streak in the league by defeating Mwadui FC 3-1 at home on Friday with a brace from attacker Daniel Lyanga and one goal from defender Edson Katanga.

The military side has claimed 17 points from 12 home matches, winning five, losing five and drawing two in the 2020/21 campaign.

They desperately need points if they are to survive relegation this season with only nine matches of the campaign remaining.

In head-to-head stats, Azam FC and JKT Tanzania have met in five league matches since the 2018/19 season.

Azam FC boasts of posting an unbeaten record in the sequence, with three wins and two draws recorded.

When the teams met earlier this season, at Azam Complex in Dar es Salaam in October 2020, they settled for a one-all draw.

An early goal from fullback Michael Aidan put JKT Tanzania 1-0 up, Azam FC's midfielder Salum Abubakar thereafter notched an equaliser.

The teams' last five league meetings have produced just 15 goals.

In Dar es Salaam, Kinondoni Municipal Council (KMC) FC could complete a league double over Gwambina FC if they beat the Mwanza-based side in the afternoon at Uhuru Stadium.

When the teams met earlier this season, at Gwambina Stadium in Mwanza in October 2020, KMC FC won 3-0 thanks to goals from Lusajo Mwaikenda, Reliants Lusajo and David Bryson.

A revived Gwambina extended their unbeaten run in the league to four matches with a comprehensive 4-0 demolition of Coastal Union in Mwanza on Saturday.

Since coach Mohamed Badru replaced sacked Novaltus Fulgence, Gwambina FC has claimed seven points from their last three away matches.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko



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