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Presumed members of Chadema's women's wing pictured in downtown Dar es Salaam yesterday marching and chanting from the Old Post Office headed for the National Assembly sub-offices. They said they were protesting what they have seen as the continued "unconstitutional" recognition by the Speaker's Office of 19 Special Seats women legislators as representing the opposition party. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msaia

VPO consulting on vast outlays in conservation, cleaner energy

By Guardian Reporter

VAST outlays for clean energy projects are in the pipeline, sponsored by the World Bank, the government has declared.

Dr Swibert Mkama, the Acting Permanent Secretary in the Vice President's Office, made this observation when opening a workshop in the capital yesterday on the results of the 27th preparatory talks and the 28th UN Climate Change Conference in Egypt, otherwise known as COP 27.

"You will recall that during COP 27, Tanzania had its own pavilion to bring up opportunities when the country is recognised and

accessible," he said.

Discussions were held and clarifications given regarding investment opportunities in relation to the country's priorities in environmental conservation and supervision, he elaborated.

Energy organisations working with China renewable energies entity, with Equinor pledged to complete a contract agreement for sponsoring a natural gas project by late last year.

Taqar Arabia, an Egyptian firm, pledged to build 12 gas fuel stations beginning 2023, while seeking to empower the youth

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ACT demands law to protect Open Government re-entry

By Correspondent James Kandoya

GOOD governance stakeholders now want the legislature to endorse Tanzania's expected reentry into Open Government Partnership (OGP).

Zitto Kabwe (pictured), the national leader of ACT-Wazalendo, made this demand at a panel discussion to mark the OGP Week in Dar es Salaam yesterday, airing views on what should be done now that the government wishes to rejoin the governance platform.

Tanzania was the first country to pull out of the OGP, thus ACT demands that its membership be underlined by a legal statute, to avoid the executive branch choosing to withdraw in the future, without consultations.

Twaweza, an education sector civil society organisation, organised the event, where the ACT leader said the government needs to be more open and responsive.

Rejoining the partnership should be presented to the legislature as it is vital to have more institutionalised players in the governance monitoring process, to prevent the government withdrawing due to make shift reasons, he said.

"OGP has made great contributions to openness, democracy and accountability. As we prepare to restore it, we must return it using a parliamentary resolution," he argued.

Some laws must be amended to increase transparency especially in asset declaration law, he said, noting that those in political office are supposed to declare their assets "but currently, nothing is done." "We have good laws and regulations but enforcement is a big challenge," he stated.

Rukia Masanyika, an animation official, focused on the need for the country to have legal procedures to withdraw from an international organisation, as the decision



impacts wide sections of the population. Withdrawing simply due to political views lacking broad public interest is negative, she stated.

Aidan Eyakunze, the NGO's executive director, said that the event provided highlights of Tanzania's journey in the partnership from 2011 to 2017, and what lies ahead as Tanzania seeks to return to OGP.

He described OGP as a fantastic community of reformers-from government and civil society, "who come together to learn from one another and encourage each other in finding ways to serve fellow citizens better."

Tanzania was a member of the OGP from September 2011 to July 2017 when it withdrew, citing membership in the Africa Peer Review Mechanism (APPRM), an initiative with similar objectives.

Back in March 2023 President Samia Suluhu announced plans for Tanzania to restore its membership in OGP.

In a video delivered address, she said that supporting democracy, human rights and good governance at home and abroad was vital, so the government would look into the issue of returning to OGP at the earliest opportunity.

Sanjay Pradhan, the OGP chief executive officer, said that the OGP community has been encouraged by the positive progress Tanzania has made in recent years.

It has given testimony to steadfast commitment to the open government cause, he added.

US carbon trade investor readying to start business

By Guardian Reporter

ZEDLINER Global Green Economy Partnership (ZGGEP), a carbon trade investment firm based in the United States, is exploring business opportunities in Tanzania.

Donovan Griay, CEO of the firm, held talks with Dr Selemani Jafo, the Union and Environment state minister in the Vice President's Office in Dodoma yesterday.

He said he was impressed with the potential, promising to open up business opportunities for various communities around the country. VPO said in a statement that the minister assured the visitor of government readiness and intent to cooperate to set up sustainable carbon trade projects.

Carbon trading is a vital tool in promoting the economy and creating



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development opportunities for the people, he said, noting that the VPO and kindred institutions have undertaken policy review, setting out clear principles, strategies and guidelines on the matter.

The rules and guidelines set procedures and conditions for carbon trading stakeholders and entrepreneurs to observe for new and ongoing carbon trading projects, he said.

The rules and guidelines are designed for a friendly environment for environment management and carbon trade, he stated, assuring potential investors of cooperation and open doors.

"We have large areas of forests and other areas of natural vegetation suitable for carbon trading," he stated, in the talks attended by VPO experts, local investors and officials of Global International and GIS

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LHRC: Have English as basic teaching medium

By Getrude Mbago

THE English language ought to be put in the forefront in the newly proposed education and training policy to be the medium of instruction in all levels of education, the Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) has declared.

Anna Henga (pictured), LHRC executive director, said at a press conference in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the idea is to facilitate the generation of a competent workforce to accelerate the country's development prospects.

She tasked the government to think of making a strategic shift in teaching medium policy, noting that the government has done a great job in reviewing curriculums and improving



various educational issues so far.

But there are some big gaps that need to be covered so as to facilitate provision of quality education for all, she stated, underlying that Tanzanians cannot escape the world and its conditions of development.

Putting English as the medium of instruction in schools is vital, she asserted, elaborating that if the country is to invest intensively in English and Kiswahili it will have better prospects of prosperity.

English is an essential language linking Tanzania with the rest of the world through technology, commerce and learning generally, so nurturing children with that language is a matter of paramount importance to broaden their opportunities in life.

"We cannot distance ourselves from what is going on around the world because we are connected to it. For the sake of our development, there are many things that should be improved to link us

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on natural gas technology in transportation, he said.

Environmental and climate change projects including renewable energy are projected to reach 42.4trn/- depending on their rate of realisation, on the basis of nationally determined contribution funding intended to reduce tree cutting for domestic fuel.

The ministerial executive asserted that this framework was agreed after President Samia Suluhu Hassan brought together in a summit the presidents of Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Botswana and the Angola Vice President.

The World Bank (WB) and the African Development Bank (AfDB) were part of the consultations and launching of the network for joint production of renewable energy for

Southern Africa. The summit dwelt upon investment opportunities in renewable energy and projects for halting effects of climate change.

The Nature Conservancy (TNC), a nonprofit, tax-exempt charitable organisation based in the United States, is ready to assist the Union and Zanzibar governments in establishing the blue bond trade, he said.

It also targets blue economy initiatives encompassing efforts to resist climate change impacts in Africa, supported by the World Bank, while Norway has pledged to assist in the implementation of the national plan against climate change.

COP 27 was convened in the Sharm el Sheikh resort city and COP 28 is billed for November 28-30 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Premier to legislators: Government committed to ensure every citizen gets a national ID card

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has expressed the government's commitment to ensure every Tanzanian gets a National Identity Card in their localities.

The PM made the remarks yesterday in the National Assembly when responding to a question by Biharamulo legislator Ezra Chivelesa during a question-and-answer session to the PM.

The legislator asked in his prime question why was the government not working on aligning the process to issue national IDs because there are a number of youth who have reached the age of 18 years especially in remote areas.

He said the government was continuing with the process to issue national IDs saying earlier it was halted due to challenges which has now been addressed.

"Earlier, we had shortage of staff to reach out to the people but the IDs are issued at a high speed now," he said.

PM Majaliwa said he had personally made a tour in regions of Kigoma, Kagera and Arusha (in districts of Biharamulo and Longido) where he was told of the challenges.

"It is possible that those who did not get the IDs have some challenges with their nationality, because the ID is a national security issue," he said.

He said the government will

issue the IDs to all the people and that those who will not get this time will be issued with National Identification Numbers (NIN) so that they access services.

In another development, the PM said the government will begin a campaign to educate the people on the need to protect reserved areas.

The PM was responding to a question by Tarime rural MP Mwita Waitara who wanted to know what was the government doing to address conflicts among people in areas surrounding National Parks and game-controlled areas.

The PM told the National Assembly that the government has started working on the conflict in Tarime after sending a team of ministers who met with the people in the area.

"The team of ministers have finalised their work and they will bring it to me, we will go through it and then we will go back to the people to see how this can come to an end," he said.

He said the plan was to work together with people surrounding the protected areas and then together carry out an analysis to identify where the boundaries are before finding a solution to it.

"We want Tanzanians to know the importance of conservation but also those responsible for conservation should also understand the importance of people living surrounding the protected areas," he said.

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with global needs, she emphasized.

Producing competent graduates should be our major priority, she affirmed, pointing out experience where our neighboring countries are reaping in terms of employment and other benefits as their youths grew up with English as medium of instruction in all levels of education.

In policy changes now envisaged, primary school will be set at six years instead of seven, thus pupils will proceed directly to lower secondary school, she said, underlining LHRC support for the shift, but on condition that the medium of instruction shifts to English.

She alluded to remarks on Tuesday where Prof Adolf Mkenda, the Education, Science and Technology minister said that the government had finalised reviewing the policy.

The first draft of the new education policy has been completed, opening the door for stakeholders to submit their views before coming up with the final draft, the minister had stated, urging stakeholders to present their views on the draft.

LHRC wishes that the government proceeds with taking the draft

to institutions and operating experts in culture, academic and information technology, along with education offices like secondary schools where the new policy draft is unlikely to have haven't been recognized.

"We also want the policy to take up science and technology policy, along with the small industries policy in line with the language shift need, so as to produce competent graduates who have all the required skills.

She similarly pointed out that the draft policy hasn't spoken anything on the issue of corporal punishment, leaving stakeholders in doubt on current purposes.

"We also want to see the policy speak on the issue of adolescent girls who drop out of school for pregnancy in particular, to be allowed to resume their studies. This needs to be spoken clearly in the policy," she specified.

The transformation of the country's education system is a matter of paramount importance as this will help ensure competent human resources to meet the country's current needs.

It will also enable Tanzanian children and youth to realise their full potential after graduating from schools or colleges, she added.



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi exchanges greetings with the outgoing Norwegian Ambassador to Tanzania, Elizabeth Jacobsen, who paid him a courtesy call at Zanzibar State House yesterday to bid him farewell on the completion of her tour of duty. Photo: Zanzibar State House

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companies.

Carbon business enabling includes strengthening the registration of carbon trade investors to increase efficiency and ensure social and economic

benefits for communities.

The Environment Department at VPO works with sectoral ministries, local government authorities and development stakeholders to ensure inclusion of communities and various

stakeholders in the carbon trade business.

The US investor expressed appreciation for the set up for the development of carbon trade in the country, hinting at starting business projects and creating

opportunities for Tanzanians.

Tanzania is a member country of the Climate Change Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement on which carbon trade is anchored, officials noted.



Nachingwea district commissioner Mohamed Hassan Moyo has a word earlier this week with 17-year-old Nambalapa village resident Khadija Mohamed (R), who has physical disability. She asked him to help her get a three-wheeler, saying that would make her realise her dream of going to school. The DC granted the request on the spot, also promising to ensure that she enrolled for classes as would be appropriate. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Panic rampant in Mbozi District as five bodies found dumped in ravine

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

PANIC has gripped Mbozi District, Songwe Region following the discovery of five bodies of unknown people in Mt Senjele close to Tanzania-Zambia Highway (TANZAM).

The bodies, all male aged between 25 and 30 years are claimed to have been dumped in the area on Tuesday night by some unknown people.

Songwe Regional Police Commander Theopista Mallya said in a statement that the bodies were discovered Wednesday morning and taken for preservation at Mbozi

District Hospital.

The RPC said the cause of the death was not known and that as for now they were waiting for the medical autopsy reports.

"In the circumstances, we appeal to the people who have lost their relatives to go to the hospital for identification," she added.

She also called for cooperation from any person who may know anything about the incident.

However, some people, including truck drivers appealed to the police to boost security in the area by conducting frequent patrols.

One of them, Damas Thobias said

the truck he is driving developed some mechanical faults the previous evening near the area where the bodies were found, but decided to move along up to the area where traffic police are usually found.

He added that near the same area in the same evening stood a Toyota Canter vehicle that was covered with a blue tarpaulin which appeared to have broken down.

He said after sunrise he went to visit his friend whose vehicle had also developed faults when he saw the dead bodies thrown into a ravine.

"As I was walking I met a person who appeared dirty all over the body

that was covered with mud and he did not know where he was heading to, I was not bothered by him as we know the area being unsafe," said Thobias.

He added that after discovering the dead bodies he suspected the shabby person he met earlier in the morning was among those who had escaped being killed.

Dickson Mbuta, another truck driver said when they inspected the bodies, they saw most of them had bruises and that they were naked.

He called on the government to boost security in the area saying its security was very poor.

In the past, the Mt Senjele area experienced various kinds of crime incidents including abduction, the situation that made the police mounting regular patrols during the night.



Legal and Human Rights Centre executive director Anna Henga briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the centre's recommendations on the government's draft of the new policy on education now under review. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

Mpango decries case postponements

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

VICE President, Dr Philip Mpango has called upon lawyers to stop the habit of postponing cases in courts, creating inconveniences to the public as well as cases backlogs.

Opening the Tanzania Law Society (TLS) meeting here yesterday, Dr Mpango stressed on work ethics, saying some of advocates involve themselves in acts of bribery thereby betraying their clients.

He said there are some advocates who violate professional ethics by taking bribe from the other side to delay proceedings.

He said postponement of court cases was not good, hence advocates should evaluate themselves and stressed that the government will continue working together with TLS and other institutions in pursuit of justice.

He also stressed the dispensation of justice in time to assist people without financial ability to attend court sessions.

He also directed advocates to respect ethics professional ethics and that TLS should take steps against those without

ethics and those who like to take bribes.

He instructed all government and private institutions to make sure they use electronic rubber stamps to ward off forgeries.

Dr Mpango also called on the courts to participate in the National Development Vision process that will soon come to the end to pave way for another national vision by having in place other priorities for the coming development vision for economic growth.

He also commended TLS for its development since its creation in 1954 for submitting views, publication of views and improving the country's laws in order to obtain a better constitution that is being envisaged.

He called on the coming TLS President to cooperate with the government, as justice is the foundation for peace and development.

He also praised the society for providing legal aid to poor people as many of them are denied justice for failing to get advocates.

Meanwhile, the Minister for Constitutional and Legal affairs, Dr Damas Ndumbaro said the community that is denied of justice has no equality

or development, hence TLS lawyers have been providing a great contribution in the dispensation of justice.

He said the legal aid campaign will continue in various regions countrywide, including bringing together various legal aid stakeholders and thanked TLS President, Prof Edward Hosea for serving two consecutive terms.

He said the process to write a new constitution has already been announced hence it would be better for lawyers to participate to get a new better constitution to be used for the next 100 years.

"Do not hesitate to submit your views by cooperating with us for a better constitution of the country," Dr Ndumbaro said.

In the same development, TLS President, Prof Edward Hosea said cooperation that aims to build has brought any achievements to the society including the parliament and the Judiciary.

He said TLS continues to evaluate the systems of criminal justice including the integration of their licences and the payment of other charges to court, but added that legally the money is supposed to be returned to TLS instead of going to the Treasury.

Govt allocates 1bn/- to reduce water loss

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

THE Ministry of water has in its 2023/24 budget allocated 1bn/- for servicing dilapidated water supply infrastructure as a way to contain water loss before it reaches consumers.

In its next budget tuned at 756.21bn/- tabled in the National Assembly on Wednesday by the Water Minister Jumaa Aweso, the ministry plans to mobilize the funds from local sources.

The plan comes when a series of MPs showed concern on the importance of allocating specific funds for servicing old and dilapidated water pipeline networks across the country during the two consecutive days of debating.

Debating the budget estimates yesterday which were later approved in the evening, MPs sliced down the problem urging the ministry to come up with a permanent solution.

Juliana Shonza, Special Seats, argued that water loss is among issues that have been for many years forgotten in the ministry's development plans.

She quoted the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) 2021 annual report that highlights water loss as among key challenges facing the sector. She said in the report Vwawa, Tunduma and Mlowo towns have high water loss rates at about 60 percent.

"The global water loss cap limit is estimated at an average of 20 percent as a favorable water loss limit rate in developing countries;

But, the majority of local water authorities go beyond this limit. Dilapidated water pipelines are the main cause of the loss," said Shonza.

According to her, Arusha Water Authority comes next in the report's list with 51 percent of water loss, Dar es Salaam 39 percent, Lindi 37 percent, Mwanza 36 percent and Moshi has the favourable 20 percent.

"It is high time the ministry came up with a strategic plan for combating water loss in the country. The ministry must identify all water distribution networks with dilapidated pipelines and allocate a specific budget for this matter," said Shonza.

She further suggested that the ministry should embrace installation of water meters for consumers to trace the loss and attract transparency on the billing system which will also contribute to reducing complaints from consumers on overestimated bills.

Mwanaisha Ulenge, Special Seats, blamed that water distribution infrastructure has been abandoned for many years thus it is high time for the ministry to take the matter into serious consideration.

She said dilapidated pipelines have been the major cause of water outages in many parts

of the country. For her, the reviving of old infrastructure is a commendable decision.

"Water distribution should be monitored. In the Netherlands for instance, water supply is monitored by the Geographical Information System Technique. The system helps in managing water loss incidents. We can engage development partners in addressing this matter," she advised. She also advised the ministry on the establishment of proper strategic water infrastructure maintenance projects as a way of discouraging losses.

Dr Oscar Kikoyo West Muleba legislator said during the project inspection by the Public Investment Committee (PIC) to various water authorities of which he is a member they learnt that most of them face water loss of above 30 percent.

He said most of the incidents that involve bursting of water pipelines are not fixed on time leading to the loss of thousands of liters.

He argued that there must be emergency operating teams ready for immediate fixing of the incidents.

Dr Rita Kabati, Special Seats, said that she is aware that in some Iringa region district councils' water loss meets 40 percent. She said the problem can be solved with regular maintenance. "There is a shortage of engineers at the district level for handling incidents relating to pipeline bursts. The ministry should now engage graduates from the Water Institute of Tanzania on special arrangements to fix the gap," said Kabati.

She suggested that water authorities should be allowed to recruit experts because the government recruitment model is somewhat complicated.

On the other hand, legislators have emphasized on the establishment of a national water grid and the National Water Master Plan.

Sebastian Kapufi, Urban Mpanda legislators argued that the ministry should start considering the establishment of the national water grid as it has been done in the energy sector by forming a specific network of large water bodies such as lakes and perennial rivers.

In achieving this, he proposed the documentation of the National Water Master Plan which will highlight plans and implementation modalities.

However, Kapufi said that treating sewage should also be the other priority of the ministry.

Japheth Hasunga, Vwawa legislator also supported the idea of forming the water national grid in line with the master plan saying that it will be a remedy to proper planning of water allocation for domestic and industrial consumption.



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1. HALI YA SEKTA YA MAJI NCHINI

1. Maelezo kuhusu hali ya Sekta ya Maji nchini kwa kuzingatia hali ya rasilimali za maji; ubora wa maji; na upatikanaji wa huduma za maji na usafi wa mazingira vijijini na mijini.

2.1 Hali ya Rasilimali za Maji

2. Rasilimali za maji zilizo nchini ni wastani wa mita za ujazo bilioni 126 kwa mwaka ambapo juu ya ardhi ni mita za ujazo bilioni 105 na ardhi ni mita za ujazo bilioni 21. Hivyo, kiasi cha maji kilichopo kwa kila mtu kwa mwaka ni wastani wa mita za ujazo 2,105. Hii ni kwa idadi ya watu milioni 59.8 waishio Tanzania Bara kwa mujibu wa Sensa ya mwaka 2022. Kiwango hicho ni juu ya wastani wa mita za ujazo 1,700 kwa mtu kwa mwaka kinachokubalika kimataifa. Hivyo nchi haijaingia kwenye uhaba wa mahitaji ya maji.

3. Takwimu zinaonesha kwamba nchi yetu inatarajiwa kufikia kiwango cha wastani wa mita za ujazo 1,700 kwa mwaka kwa mtu ifikapo mwaka 2030. Aidha, takwimu zinaonesha kwamba mahitaji ya maji nchini kwa sekta mbalimbali mwaka 2022 yalikuwa ni wastani wa mita za ujazo bilioni 62 na yanatarajiwa kufikia mita za ujazo bilioni 75 mwaka 2030. Hivyo, tunao wajibu wa kuendelea kuongeza msukumo katika utunzaji wa rasilimali za maji, kuongeza ufanisi katika matumizi ya maji pamoja na kuongeza upatikanaji wa maji ikiwa ni pamoja ujenzi wa mabwawa

2.2 Hali ya Ubora wa Maji

4. Ubora wa maji ni kigezo muhimu katika kutoa maamuzi juu ya matumizi mbalimbali ya maji. Hali ya ubora wa maji katika maziwa, mito, mabwawa, chemichemi na visima inakidhi viwango hivyo vinaweza kuendelezwa na kutumika kwa matumizi mbalimbali ya shughuli za kiuchumi, kijamii na mazingira. Aidha, Wizara kwa kushirikiana na wadau imeendelea kuwekeza katika teknolojia mbalimbali za kusafisha na kutibu maji ili kuhakikisha maji yanayotumika yanafaa kwa matumizi yaliyokusudiwa.

2.3 Hali ya Upatikanaji wa Huduma ya Maji Vijijini

5. Hali ya upatikanaji wa huduma za maji vijijini imeongezeka kutoka wastani wa asilimia 74.5 mwezi Desemba, 2021 hadi wastani wa asilimia 77 mwezi Desemba, 2022. Kiwango hicho kimeongeza idadi ya wananchi wanaopata huduma ya maji kwenye maeneo ya vijijini kufikia 30,209,409 hivi sasa

2.4 Hali ya Upatikanaji wa Huduma ya Majisafi na Usafi wa Mazingira Mijini

6. Hali ya huduma ya majisafi na salama katika maeneo ya mijini imeongezeka kutoka wastani wa asilimia 86.5 mwezi Desemba, 2021 hadi wastani wa asilimia 88 mwezi Desemba, 2022. Kiwango hicho kimeongeza idadi ya wananchi 2,345,537 wa maeneo ya mijini wanaopata huduma ya maji.

7. Huduma ya uondoshaji majitaka katika maeneo ya mijini imeendelea kuimarika ambapo mtandao wa mabomba wa majitaka umeongezeka kutoka kilomita 1,385.8 mwezi Aprili 2022 hadi kufikia kilomita 1,416.93 mwezi Aprili 2023. Aidha, kwenye miji ya Geita, Kahama, Magu, Misungwi, Lindi, Kigoma, Sumbawanga, Bukoba na Lamadi ambayo haina mtandao, huduma ya uondoshaji majitaka inatolewa kwa utaratibu wa magari na mabwawa ya kutibu majitaka.

3.0 UTEKELEZAJI WA BAJETI KWA MWAKA 2022/23

3.1 Upatikanaji wa Fedha

8. Mwaka 2022/23, Fungu 49 – Wizara ya Maji iliidhinishwa jumla ya Shilingi bilioni 709.36; kati ya fedha hizo Shilingi bilioni 51.46 ni fedha za matumizi ya kawaida na Shilingi bilioni 657.89 ni fedha za maendeleo. Hadi mwezi Aprili 2023, Wizara imepokea jumla ya Shilingi bilioni 686.37 sawa na asilimia 96.76 ya bajeti iliyodhinishwa. Kati ya fedha zilizo pokelewa, Shilingi bilioni 648.08 ni za kutekeleza miradi za maendeleo na Shilingi bilioni 38.29 ni kwa ajili ya matumizi ya kawaida.

3.2 Programu na Miradi Mbalimbali Iliyotekeleza katika Mwaka 2022/23

9. Wizara imeendelea kutekeleza Programu ya Maendeleo ya Sekta ya Maji, hatua zilizoifikiwa katika utekelezaji wa miradi na mafanikio yaliyopatikana ni kama ifuatavyo:-

3.2.1 Usimamizi na Uendelezaji wa Rasilimali za Maji

10. Usimamizi na uendelezaji wa rasilimali za maji unahusisha tathmini na ufuatiliaji wa rasilimali za maji; kuhifadhi na kudhibiti uchafuzi wa vyanzo vya maji; kugawa maji kwa sekta mbalimbali kwa kuzingatia mahitaji na kiasi cha maji kilichopo; na kuendeleza rasilimali za maji. Hadi mwezi Aprili 2023, vituo 136 vya kufuatilia mwenendo wa rasilimali za maji vimekarabatiwa na vituo sita (6) vimejengwa; vibali vipya 1,554 vya matumizi ya maji na vibali 630 vya kuchimba visima vya maji vimetolewa; leseni 105 zimehuishwa; na vyanzo 63 vimewekewa mipaka. Vilevile, ujenzi wa mabwawa 10 ya ukubwa wa kati na madogo umekamilika na ujenzi wa mabwawa 40 unaendelea.

11. Naomba niwahimiza wananchi wote wanaotaka kutumia maji kutoka katika vyanzo mbalimbali wafahamu kuwa wanao wajibu wa kisheria wa kuomba vibali vya matumizi ya maji kutoka katika Bodi za Maji za Mabonde.

3.2.2 Huduma za Ubora wa Maji

12. Mwaka 2022/23, Wizara ya Maji kupitia Maabara za Ubora wa Maji imeendelea kusimamia na kufuatilia ubora wa maji nchini. Vilevile, Wizara imeendelea kuhakiki na kufuatilia ubora wa madawa ya kusafisha na kutibu maji pamoja na kuhakiki ubora wa majitaka yanayorudishwa kwenye mazingira. Jumla ya vyanzo vya maji 1,473 ambavyo ni

mito, maziwa, chemichemi na mabwawa vilihakikiwa ubora wake. Matokeo ya uchunguzi yalionesha kuwa ubora wa maji wa vyanzo vya maji nchini na mitandao ya kusambaza maji ni wa kuridhisha.

13. Notoa wito kwa wadau wote kutambua umuhimu wa kupima maji kabla ya kuyatumia kwa matumizi mbalimbali.

3.2.1 Huduma za Usambazaji Majisafi na Usafi wa Mazingira Vijijini

14. Mwaka 2022/23, Serikali kupitia Wakala wa Maji na Usafi wa Mazingira Vijijini (RUWASA) ilipanga kutekeleza jumla ya miradi 1,029 ya maji na usafi wa mazingira vijijini. Hadi mwezi Aprili 2023, jumla ya miradi 586 imekamilika na miradi mingine utekelezaji wake unaendelea.

15. Katika kuhakikisha miradi ya maji vijijini inakuwa endelevu, hadi mwezi Aprili 2023, jumla ya vyombo 111 vya Watoa Huduma ngazi ya Jamii (CBWSOs) vimeundwa na kusajiliwa na hivyo kuwa na jumla ya CBWSO 2,515 zilizo sajiliwa. CBWSOs hizo zimeajiri jumla ya wataalam 5,296 kwa ajili ya uendeshaji. Vilevile, Serikali imeendelea kujengeza uwezo CBWSOs kwa kutoa mafunzo maalum kuhusu utunzaji, uendeshaji na usimamizi wa miradi ya maji vijijini; kununua vitendea kazi; na kujenga majengo ya ofisi.

16. Wizara ya Maji kupitia RUWASA inatekeleza Programu ya Uendeleu wa Huduma ya Maji na Usafi wa Mazingira Vijijini (Program for



GF Trucks & Equipment Ltd sales manager Paul Msuku (L) symbolically presents mining and road construction excavator to ASA-General Supplies & Construction Ltd representative Said Mnyagura, who had just bought it at a discount floated at a minerals exhibition held recently in Mwanza city. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Tanzania-Denmark bilateral ties going stronger - Majaliwa

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

TANZANIA-Denmark economic and political diplomacy is here to stay, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa assured the National Assembly yesterday.

Majaliwa said two weeks ago he personally contacted Denmark's Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen, and chatted on issues related to strengthening the successful diplomatic relations for the benefit of the people of the two countries.

The premier was responding to a question by Ramadhan Suleiman Raman Chakechake legislator who wanted to know the current diplomatic relationship between Tanzania and Denmark.

"It's true that Denmark has reviewed its foreign policy. The new policy has a limitation of only having embassies in countries with insecurity and internal political disputes and Tanzania is none of them;

But, the talks I held with the Prime Minister intended at asking Denmark not to close its embassy in Dar es Salaam Tanzania either," said Majaliwa.

He asserted that Denmark intends to reduce the number of embassies it has in Africa especially in peaceful countries

like Tanzania.

Majaliwa declared that he has already held the same diplomatic talks with Denmark's ambassador to Tanzania where he was assured for a mutual continual relationship.

"Through the ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation there are ongoing talks to convince Denmark to hold the decision and retain its presence in Tanzania," said Majaliwa.

According to him, Tanzania would wish the diplomatic relation between the two countries would last forever in line with embracing notable achievements realised for over 50 years now.

The premier said the government believes that mutual agreement will be reached even before next year that Denmark had set as the deadline for its embassy closure in Dar es Salaam.

Late August 2021, the Danish government announced intention to close its mission in Dar es Salaam in 2024, citing adjustment of its international presence as one of the reasons.

In his question, Ramadhan wanted to know the truth of circulated information through social media that the two countries' long lasting relationship is on the brink of falling apart.

Tanzania, Netherlands partner for vibrant, robust potato eco-system

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

TANZANIA has agreed with the Netherlands government to establish a joint roadmap towards having a vibrant and robust potato eco-system in the country, it has been revealed.

Minister for Agriculture, Hussein Bashe made the revelation during a workshop on developing the horticulture sector in Tanzania, adding that the government's quest to see importation of potatoes from outside the country would be

realised.

He said he had agreed with the Netherlands ambassador to Tanzania to develop the potato sub-sector by establishing strong public and private potato partnerships.

The minister argued that there was enough land in the country for cultivation of potatoes as he asked investors from the private sector to tap the opportunity insisting that the government was ready to offer land.

Bashe also directed that whoever

was interested was free to submit a proposal detailing all the plans including how many hectares of land one wanted to have as well as showing how many tonnes of potatoes they were likely to produce.

He said upon satisfaction, the government was ready to enter into contracts with farmers after which it would offer block farms to enable them kick off production.

At the event, the minister equally launched the Guideline for Avocado Sub-sector Development,

with copies of the guideline distributed to all stakeholders in the horticulture sector.

Bashe expressed government's commitment in engaging the Private Sector in horticulture especially on seed multiplication.

"The government is committed to engage our partners from the private sector in seed multiplication because the government cannot do it alone," said the minister.

The minister said horticulture was among the top priorities of the government, calling for a proper

plan from the ministry officials on how best to develop the sub-sector.

The ambassador of the Netherlands to Tanzania Wiebe de Boer assured the minister of his country's commitment to developing the horticulture sector.

He insisted: "Tanzania and Netherlands have all the time having strong partnership in sustainable agriculture and I wish to pledge that this partnership will remain intact."

At the workshop, stakeholders in the horticulture sub-sector

said that Tanzania was still facing a challenge of air transport for perishable agricultural produce, something that was causing loss to some businesspersons in the sector.

Tanzania Horticultural Association (TAHA), Business Environment Manager, Kelvin Remen, said that apart from the various efforts currently being undertaken by the government, still, there was a challenge on transporting horticultural products outside the country.

Results-P4R) ambapo fedha hutolewa kutokana na matokeo ya utendaji. Awali, Programu hii ilianza kutekelezwa katika mikoa 17 (Geita, Iringa, Kagera, Katavi, Kigoma, Lindi, Manyara, Mara, Mtwara, Mwanza, Rukwa, Ruvuma, Shinyanga, Simiyu, Singida, Songwe na Tabora). Awali Programu hiyo ilitungwa Dola Milioni 350, katika kipindi cha miaka miwili ya utekelezaji wake, programu imeonesha mafanikio yaliyopelekea Benki ya Dunia kuongeza kiasi cha Dola za Marekani Milioni 300 na kufanya kuwa na jumla ya Dola Milioni 650.

17. Fedha zinazotolewa zinatokana na matokeo ya utendaji ambapo anayefanya vizuri anapata fedha nyingi zaidi. Kwa mfano Halmashauri ya Nzeza ilianza kwa kupewa fedha za awali Shilingi Bilioni 1.3 mwaka 2020/21 na mwaka 2022/23 imeweza kupata Shilingi Bilioni 10.3. Kutokana na utendaji mzuri na kuongezeka kwa fedha, programu itatekelezwa katika mikoa 25. Mikoa iliyoongezeka ni Njombe, Mbeya, Morogoro, Pwani, Tanga, Kilimanjaro, Arusha na Dodoma ambapo kwa kila Halmashauri ya Wilaya itapewa Shilingi Milioni 961 kama fedha za awali.

3.2.2 Huduma za Usambazaji wa Majisafi na Usafi wa Mazingira Mijini

18. Serikali kwa kushirikiana na wadau imeendelea kutekeleza miradi ya majisafi na usafi wa mazingira katika miji mbalimbali. Katika mwaka 2022/23, jumla ya miradi 175 ilipangwa kutekelezwa ambapo hadi mwezi Aprili 2023, miradi 40 imekamiliwa na miradi 135 inaendelea kutekelezwa na ipo kwenye hatua mbalimbali. Baadhi ya miradi ni kama ifuatavyo:-

(a) Mradi wa Kuboresha Huduma ya Maji katika Jiji la Mbeya

19. Serikali imeanza utekelezaji wa mradi wa kutoa maji kutoka chanzo cha Mto Kiwira kupeleka katika Jiji la Mbeya kwa gharama ya Shilingi bilioni 117. Mradi huo utaongeza uzalishaji wa maji kutoka lita milioni 66.5 hadi lita milioni 184 kwa siku na kuimarisha hali ya huduma ya maji kutoka asilimia 80 hadi asilimia 95.

(b) Mradi wa Kuboresha Huduma ya Maji katika Jiji la Dodoma

20. Katika mpango wa muda mfupi wa kuboresha huduma ya maji katika Jiji la Dodoma, Serikali inaendelea na utekelezaji wa mradi wa maji Nzuguni unaogharimu Shilingi bilioni 5. Mradi huo utaongeza uzalishaji wa maji kutoka lita milioni 68.7 hadi lita milioni 76.3 kwa siku na utawanufaisha wakazi wa

maeneo ya Nzuguni, Ilazo, Swaswa na Kisasa.

21. Serikali inaendelea kutafuta vyanzo vya maji vya uhakika kwa ajili ya Jiji la Dodoma ikiwemo ujenzi wa Bwawa la Farkwa na kutoa maji Ziwa Victoria.

(c) Miradi ya Kuboresha Huduma ya Majisafi katika Mkoa wa Dar es Salaam na baadhi ya Maeneo ya Mkoa wa Pwani

22. Serikali inatekeleza miradi ya kuboresha huduma ya majisafi na usafi wa mazingira katika Mkoa wa Dar es Salaam pamoja na miji ya Kibaha, Kisarawe, Mkuranga, Chalinze na Bagamoyo katika Mkoa wa Pwani. Baadhi ya miradi hiyo ni pamoja na mradi wa ukarabati na upanuzi wa mfumo wa kusambaza majisafi ambao umekamilika na kuzinduliwa na Mheshimiwa Kassim Majaliwa Majaliwa, Waziri Mkuu wa Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania tarehe 16 Machi, 2023; mradi wa usambazaji maji maeneo ya Mbezi - Makabe; na ujenzi wa miundombinu ya usambazaji maji kutoka katika visima virefu vya Kimbiji na Mpera. Katika kuhakikisha maji yanapatikana kwa kipindi chote cha mwaka, Serikali imeanza ujenzi wa bwawa la Kidunda na mkandarasi yupo eneo la kazi na malipo ya awali shilingi bilioni 49 yamefanyika.

(d) Mradi wa Kuboresha Huduma ya Majisafi katika Jiji la Mwanza

23. Serikali kwa kushirikiana na Benki ya Uwekezaji ya Ulaya pamoja na Shirika la Maendeleo la Ufaransa imeendelea kutekeleza mradi wa ujenzi wa miundombinu ya kusafisha na kutibu maji katika eneo la Butimba kwa gharama ya Euro 26,165,102 (sawa na shilingi bilioni 69). Hadi mwezi Aprili 2023, utekelezaji wa mradi umefikia asilimia 71. Mradi unatarajiwa kukamilika mwezi Julai, 2023 na utawanufaisha wakazi wa maeneo ya Jiji la Mwanza (Nyegezi, Mkolani, Buhongwa, Nyamazobe, Nyahingi, Bugando, Luchelele, Lwanima, Sahwa, Fumagila, Kishiri na Igoma); Magu (Kisesa, Bujola na Kanyama) na Wilaya ya Misungwi (Usagala, Fela, Bukumbi na Nyashishi).

(e) Mradi wa Maji Mugango - Kiabakari - Butiama

24. Serikali inatekeleza mradi wa maji Mugango - Kiabakari - Butiama kwa gharama ya Dola za Marekani milioni 30.69 (sawa na shilingi bilioni 70.5). Hadi mwezi Aprili 2023, utekelezaji wa mradi ulikuwa umefikia asilimia 79 na unatarajiwa kukamilika katika mwaka 2023/24. Mradi huo utawanufaisha wakazi 100,000 waliopo katika eneo la mradi pamoja na vijiji vilivyopo ndani ya kilomita 12 kutoka bomba kuu.

(f) Simiyu Mradi wa Kukabiliana na Athari za Mabadiliko ya Tabianchi katika Mkoa wa Simiyu

25. Mradi wa Kukabiliana na Athari za Mabadiliko ya Tabianchi unatekelezwa kwenye Wilaya tano (5) za Busega, Bariadi, Itilima, Maswa na Meatu katika Mkoa wa Simiyu. Mradi huo unatekelezwa na Serikali kwa gharama ya Shilingi bilioni 444.6. Hadi mwezi Aprili 2023, kiasi cha Shilingi bilioni 1.97 kimetumika kulipa fidia kwa wananchi wapatao 1,364 kati ya 1,395 waliofanyika uthamini. Aidha, taratibu za kuwapata wakandarasi kwa ajili ya ujenzi wa mradi zinaendelea na utekelezaji unatarajiwa kuanza katika mwaka 2023/24.

(g) Mradi wa Kuboresha Huduma ya Maji katika Miji 28

26. Serikali imeanza utekelezaji wa mradi wa uboreshaji huduma ya maji katika miji 28 unaogharimu Shilingi triloni 1.48. Wakandarasi kwa ajili ya ujenzi wa mradi wamepatikana na wameanza maandalizi ya awali ya maeneo ya ujenzi pamoja na kukamilisha kazi ya usanifu. Miji itakayonufaika na mradi huu ni Kiliwa Masoko, Nanyumbu, Makonde, Njombe, Makambako/Wanging'ombe, Ifakara, Chunya, Rujewa, Singida, Kiomboi, Manyoni, Chamwino, Chemba, Mugumu, Tarime/Rorya, Sikonge, Urambo/Kaliua, Kasulu, Mpanda, Songea, Geita, Chato, Kayanga, Mafinga, Handeni, Korogwe, Muheza na Pangani.

(h) Miradi ya Maji katika Miji mingine

27. Miradi mingine inayoendelea kutekelezwa katika baadhi ya miji ni pamoja na: Majiji ya Arusha na Tanga; Manispaa za Morogoro, Shinyanga na Mtwara/Mikindani; na Mji wa Tunduma, Tinde na Shelui.

4.0 MAFANIKIO YA MIKA MIWILI YA SERIKALI YA AWAMU YA SITA KATIKA SEKTA YA MAJI

28. Katika kipindi cha miaka miwili (2021 - 2022) ya Serikali ya Awamu ya Sita inayoongozwa na Rais wetu Mpendwa, mpenda wananchi wake, mwenye dhamira njema ya kumtua mama ndoo kichwani, Mheshimiwa Dkt. Samia Suluhu Hassan, Rais wa Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania mafanikio makubwa yamepatikana katika Sekta ya Maji. Mafanikio hayo ni pamoja na:-

(i) Mageuzi makubwa ya kiutendaji yaliyofanyika kwa watumishi 9,422 waliopo ambao wamechangia mafanikio makubwa ya sekta kutokana na kuwa na ari ya kazi, kujituma, weledi na kubeba maono mema ya Rais wetu ya kumtua mama ndoo kichwani.

(ii) Kukamilika kwa miradi 1,373 ya usambazaji maji inayotoa huduma katika vijiji 2,649 na kufikisha jumla ya vijiji 9,737 vinavyopata huduma ya maji nchini;

(iii) Kukamilika kwa miradi 80 ya usambazaji maji mijini ambayo inatoa huduma kwa wananchi 4,305,801;

(iv) Kukwamuliwa kwa miradi 157 kati ya 177 ya maji vijijini iliyoikuwa na changamoto kwa muda mrefu;

(v) Kuanzishwa kwa mfumo wa takwimu za miradi (MajiApp) na mfumo wa usimamizi wa ankara za maji (Unified billing system);

(vi) Kuongezeka kwa maabara za ubora wa maji zenye hadhi ya Ithibati kutoka maabara moja (1) ya Mwanza iliyoikuwepo mwaka 2021 hadi kufikisha maabara saba (7). Maabara hizo ni Singida, Shinyanga, Kigoma, Bukoba, Musoma na Dar es Salaam;

(vii) Kuanza kwa ujenzi wa mabwawa ya Kidunda na Farkwa;

(viii) Kununuliwa na kuanza kutumika kwa seti 25 za mitambo ya kuchimba visima na seti tano (5) za mitambo ya ujenzi wa mabwawa;

(ix) Kuzinduliwa kwa Mpango wa Uhifadhi wa Vidakio vya Maji nchini wa mwaka 2021 hadi 2035. Kupitia Mpango huo, jumla ya miti rafiki ya maji 2,541,803 imepandwa kwenye maeneo ya vyanzo vya maji katika mabonde yote tisa nchini; na

(x) Kufanyika kwa Marekebisha No. 8 ya Mwaka 2022 ya Sheria ya Usimamizi wa Rasilimali za Maji Na. 11 ya mwaka 2009 ili kuimarisha usimamizi na uendelezaji wa rasilimali za maji nchini.

29. Katika kipindi cha miaka miwili ya uongozi mahiri wa Mheshimiwa Dkt. Samia Suluhu Hassan, Rais wa Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania, hali ya upatikanaji wa huduma ya majisafi na salama imeimarika kwa wananchi wa vijijini kutoka wastani wa asilimia 70.1 mwaka 2020 hadi asilimia 77 mwezi Desemba, 2022; na kwa maeneo ya mijini kutoka wastani wa asilimia 84 mwaka 2020 hadi wastani wa asilimia 88 mwezi Desemba, 2022.

5.0 CHANGAMOTO ZILIZOJITOKEZA NA HATUA ZINAZOCHUKULIWA

30. Changamoto kubwa zinazoikabili sekta ya maji ni:-

a) Mahitaji makubwa ya fedha za uwekezaji kwenye miradi mikubwa ya maji hasa ya kimbakati;

b) Uharibifu wa vyanzo vya maji unaotokana na uvamizi na uchafuzi; na

c) Mabadiliko ya tabianchi.

31. Katika kukabiliana na changamoto hizo, hatua mbalimbali zimeendelea kuchukuliwa ikiwemo kuendelea kutafuta fedha kwa ajili ya kutekeleza miradi mikubwa ya maji;

kushirikiana na wadau katika kuendeleza uhifadhi na udhibiti wa uchafuzi wa vyanzo vya maji; kutekeleza miradi ya maji ambayo itatumia vyanzo vya maji vya uhakika kama vile mito mikubwa na maziwa; ujenzi wa mabwawa ya kuhifadhi maji; na kutekeleza mkakati wa kukabiliana na mabadiliko ya tabianchi.

6.0 VIPAUMBE NA MPANGO WA UTEKELEZAJI KWA MWAKA 2023/24

32. Mwaka 2023/24, Serikali imepanga kuwa na vipaumbe vifuatavyo:-

- Kukamilisha mapitio ya Sera ya Taifa ya Maji ya mwaka 2002;
- Kuimarisha usimamizi na uendelezaji wa rasilimali za maji;
- Kuwa na mtandao wa taifa wa maji (National Water Grid);
- Kuwa na Mpango Kabambe wa Usambazaji Maji (Water Supply Masterplan);
- Kuimarisha usimamizi wa ubora wa maji;
- Kukamilisha ujenzi, ukarabati na upanuzi wa miradi inayoendelea na kukabiliana na upotevu wa maji (Non Revenue Water - NRW);
- Kuimarisha usimamizi na ufuatiliaji wa miradi ili kuwa na huduma endelevu ya upatikanaji wa maji;
- Kuendelea na utekelezaji wa mradi wa maji wa miji 28;
- Kuendelea na utekelezaji wa miradi ya usafi wa mazingira;
- Kuendelea na ujenzi wa mabwawa madogo, yenye ukubwa wa kati na makubwa yakiwemo Kidunda na Farkwa ili kukabiliana na mabadiliko ya tabianchi;
- Kuimarisha taasisi za Wizara ya Maji ikiwemo Chuo cha Maji, Mfuko wa Taifa wa Maji na RUWASA; na
- Kuimarisha ushirikiano na ushirikishwaji wa wadau wa sekta ya maji.

7.0 MAOMBI YA FEDHA KWA MWAKA 2023/2024

33. Ninaomba sasa kutoa hoja Bunge lako Tukufu liidhinishe jumla ya Shilingi 756,205,106,000 kwa ajili ya matumizi ya Wizara ya Maji kwa mwaka 2023/24. Kati ya fedha hizo, Matumizi ya Kawaida ni Shilingi 60,375,474,000 ambapo Shilingi 18,035,561,000 ni kwa ajili ya kugharamia Matumizi Mengineyo (OC) na Shilingi 42,339,913,000 ni kwa ajili ya kulipa mishahara (PE). Jumla ya bajeti ya maendeleo ni Shilingi 695,829,632,000 ambapo kati ya fedha hizo, Shilingi 407,064,860,000 ni fedha za ndani na Shilingi 288,764,772,000 ni fedha za nje.

Bajeti inapatikana katika Tovuti ya Wizara ya Maji, yenye kiko cha www.maji.go.tz

'Govt keen to ease accessibility of specialized health services'

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government has expressed its commitment to ease accessibility of specialized health services, making Tanzania above other countries in the region and beyond.

Prime Minister, Kassim Majaliwa stated this on Wednesday during the launching of bone marrow transplant at the Benjamin Mkapa Zonal Referral hospital in Dodoma.

The institution is becoming the second after Muhimbili National Hospital in provision of bone marrow transplant services, thus making it one of the few hospitals providing such services in East and Central Africa.

"Today's launch of these services at BMH testifies how the country is progressing in improving health services," the premier said, terming it a milestone taking into account that these services can be accessed in a few countries in Africa.

He said that the government decided to invest 2.7bn/- so that the hospital could start providing bone marrow transplant services in order to reduce treatment cost to the citizen.

Majaliwa observed that strengthening of specialised and super specialised services in the country has reduced the huge cost which was being incurred by the government in order to enable the needy patients to access the services abroad.

According to the PM bone marrow transplant at the BMH will cost between 50m/- and 55m/- per patient in comparison to being done outside the country at over 120m/-.

He expressed gratitude to President Samia Suluhu Hassan for continuing to disburse funds for the purchase of medical equipment, reagents and medicines as well as funding the training of health experts at specialised and super specialised services.

Majaliwa said that the provision

of the services at the hospital will relieve sickle cell patients from pains and recurrent infections while other patients get cured.

Before launching the services, the premier visited wards which are under bone marrow transplant unit and talked to children and parents whose children have undergone the procedure.

They all expressed gratitude to the government for establishing the services, which has helped a lot to improve the health of their kids.

Earlier in her remarks before inviting the premier, the Minister for Health, Umyy Mwalimu said procedures were on top gear to upgrade the BMH to become the second National Hospital after the Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH).

According to the minister, statistics show that globally, every year, 300,000 children are born with sickle cell complications and that in Tanzania each year the number stood at 11,000, out of which 6,000 were receiving medical services at the clinic level.

"Children who are born with sickle cell undergo pain and experience low blood counts. They also miss classes for several months," she pointed out.

According to the BMH Managing Director, Dr Alphonse Chandika, Tanzania is placed fourth in the world on the sickle cell disease burden and ranks third in the African continent.

According to Dr Chandika, since the inception of Bone Marrow Transplant services to patients suffering from Sickle Cell complications, already three children have been treated and their health is progressing well.

He said already, the hospital had received over 40 patients who were on the waiting list.

Medical experts say, life expectancy of people suffering from Sickle Cell shows that 50 to 90 per cent die before the age of five.



Toshiharu Surumar (2nd-R), Daikin Air Conditioning India Limited's deputy managing director, cuts the ribbon in Dar es Salaam yesterday to launch the city's Daikin-sponsored Don Bosco Oysterbay Centre of Excellence. It is meant to conduct training for students in an array of disciplines and vocations. With him are the Don Bosco Tanzania executive director Father Frederick Swai (L), Daikin Business Head (East Africa) Dinesh Kumar Sinha (2nd-L) and Dankin general manager (Overseas Business) Jayant Jawa. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

DAIKIN, a Japanese company dealing with air conditioning systems, has partnered with Don Bosco Tanzania, to set up a Centre of Excellence (CoE) equipped with machines worth over \$10,000 (235.5m/-) to be used in training students on the latest indoor air systems technology.

The initiative is expected to initially benefit 150 students, as part of Daikin's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) goal of positively impacting communities and the environment.

Daikin Business head East Africa, Dinesh Kumar Sinha said the project also seeks to promote the spread of environmentally-friendly air solutions as a way of combating climate change.

He said the learners will acquire

Japanese firm to establish well-equipped training centre in Dar

skills to handle advanced Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems featuring the latest innovative technology by Daikin, including state-of-the-art Variant Refrigerant Volume (VRV), inverter, heat pump, and refrigerant machines.

The training programme features different modules to make the student more knowledgeable in the HVAC field. These include general inspection, routine maintenance, troubleshooting, installation, innovations and soft skills training. In addition, a team from Daikin will regularly interact with the learners to immerse them in the unique features of the technology.

"Through this initiative, we are training future generations of technicians who can confidently and professionally handle Daikin's latest innovations in energy-efficient air conditioning technologies thus enhancing their future career prospects in employment and business," he said.

Fr Waldemar Jonatowski, Principal of Don Bosco vocational training centre thanked Daikin for supporting the training programme saying it will transform the lives of the beneficiaries by equipping them with new skills in a fast-

growing sector.

Demand for HVAC systems has been on the rise not just in Tanzania but also globally, driven by rising temperatures and rapid urbanisation. Many people are also installing cooling systems in their homes hence the need for more trained HVAC personnel.

"We are grateful to Daikin for choosing to partner with us to train needy youth in valuable skills that make them more competitive in the job market. The skills they acquire will help them expand opportunities to improve their lives and positively impact their communities," said Fr Waldemar Jonatowski Principal of Don Bosco vocational training centre.

Don Bosco runs vocational training programmes providing technical, moral and social education to young men and women aged 18-24 years. Apart from offering basic vocational certification in courses like electrical and mechanical engineering, the school aims to impart positive social skills to learners.

According to Dinesh Sinha the company chose to partner with Don Bosco because of the learning approach adopted by the

institution.

"Don Bosco's approach to a disciplined learning approach that focuses on the holistic development of learners makes them a good partner to set up this centre of excellence. Besides nurturing young minds and harnessing them for the HVAC industry, the programme will also inculcate entrepreneurial and social skills," said Daikin Business head East Africa, Dinesh Kumar Sinha.

He added that, as a good corporate citizen, Daikin is committed to contributing to the well-being and sustainability of communities which includes supporting education.

"Our social contribution is aimed at benefiting communities including supporting education initiatives that enhance opportunities for beneficiaries. Through our CSR activities, we support the education of future generations in order to contribute to the advancement of technology and the creation of a sustainable society."

Last year, Daikin launched a similar initiative in Kenya also working with the Don Bosco community, which has seen many students from humble backgrounds benefit.




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'Traditions and customs crucial in preserving of Africa's biodiversity'

By Jenifer Gilla, Brazzaville

INDIGENOUS women living in forest communities in Africa have mentioned traditions and customs among the things that help them in conserving biodiversity.

One of the traditions according to them is that women are restricted to eat some types of bush meat and they are not allowed to enter the forests without permission from ancestors—the main guardians of the forests.

People in these communities believe that animals are their relatives, they are not allowed to harm them once they pass through their areas. These traditions have helped in conservation efforts resulting in the presence of many flora and fauna.

They made the statement yesterday at the first conference of Indigenous Women of Central Africa and the Congo Basin being held in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo. It is organized by REPALAC, a non-profit organisation in partnership with the Right Resources Initiative (RRI).

Mariam Gisero from the community that lives in the Mibango forest, Butiama, Mara region in Tanzania said: "We believe that forests are protected by our ancestors, one is not allowed to cut trees without permission from traditional leaders because the action may anger the ancestors."

Gisero said once the spirits are

angered they could appear in different forms like snake, aunt, bird, bee, wind or draught.

"The respect and fear not to anger the ancestors and spirits, contribute in protecting our natural resources," she said.

Teresa Chemosop, from Ogiek community in Kenya said people in her community are not allowed to kill elephants because they believe the wild animals are their blood relatives. "Elephants are our blood brothers, whoever kills an elephant, is taken to the council of elders and warned. At council, one has to swear that he/she will not repeat the same mistake," he said.

The leader of the indigenous communities from Bananing in the DRC, Kabile Angel said in her village women are not allowed to eat leopard meat and 'tabanga' because it is believed that eating the meat will make a person sick.

She also said not every woman is allowed to collect medicines from the forest, but only those who specialize in picking them.

"There is a special way to pick medicines, some trees may die if you cut them wrongly, there are people who are experts in picking the leaves and digging roots," said Kabile.

Ndumeimana Gracia from Burundi, said in her community they normally close rivers temporarily where no woman is allowed to fetch water or catch fish, this helps in biodiversity conservation

because people respect the set rules over fears of being punished by ancestors.

Director of Global Strategy at Christensen Fund, Casey Box, which supports indigenous people in advancing their inherent rights, dignity, and self-determination, said traditions and customs seem to be the best way for indigenous to conserve biodiversity.

He said that in ten years of working with the native communities, he has discovered that despite the great efforts made by the natives to preserve biodiversity, they are insecure because some governments have started to remove them from their areas.

"There is no need to remove the natives from the forest; governments should sit down with them to see what they can do to co-exist with the forest and wild animals without affecting conservation activities," he said, adding there are communities where people live with wildlife without problems.

RRI Coordinator, Solange Bandiaky-Badji, advised the government to cooperate with those communities so that they continue to conserve biodiversity through their faith so that the whole community including the nation can benefit from its presence.

"Our organization has been helping indigenous women in communities surrounded by forests because we understand the power they have in preserving them, the goal is to ensure they continue to use their traditions to protect and preserve these important resources," she said.

PMI Tanzania partners HEBO Consult to boost skills among professionals engaging training

By Henry Mwangonde

THE Project Management Institute (PMI)- Tanzania chapter, yesterday signed a partnership agreement with HEBO Consult, a premier project management training firm aimed at enhancing skills among Tanzanian professionals through approved training programmes.

This renewed collaboration aims to equip Tanzanian project professionals with the essential knowledge and skills to excel in their field while qualifying them for globally recognised certifications such as Project Management Professional (PMP), the gold standard for project managers worldwide.

Newly appointed PMI Tanzania Chapter President, Advocate Kheri Mbiro, said since the partnership began in 2021, HEBO Consult has successfully trained over 500 project professionals and

facilitated nearly 100 project management certifications, making a significant impact on the growth and recognition of the project management sector in Tanzania and the region.

“Our collaboration with HEBO Consult reinforces our commitment to upskilling Tanzanian project professionals, which is crucial for the success of our nation’s development projects and overall economic growth.”

HEBO Consult Director Bulla Boma Hekeno said the partnership with PMI aligns perfectly with the institution’s shared mission of developing project management professionals across all sectors to ensure the overall success of projects and sustainable economic growth in Tanzania.

PMI Tanzania Chapter members will continue to benefit from exclusive 20-percent discounts on all PMI certification programmes

and customized professional development sessions for certified practitioners.

Programmes offered by HEBO Consult include the PMP Certification, PMI-Agile Certified Practitioner (ACP) Certification, PMI-Professional Business Analyst (PBA) Certification for experienced project professionals, and the Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM) certification for individuals new to the profession.

This partnership also aims to promote project management best practices and raise awareness of vital project management training programmes that build effective project managers.

Mbiro said PMI Tanzania is soon about to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the government of Zanzibar to establish a project management center of excellence.

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA Wildlife Management Authority (TAWA) Commissioner of Conservation, Mabula Misungwi Nyanda says hunting tourism activities in the national parks and forest reserves managed by the authority have great benefits to the country’s economy especially for those living around these areas.

Mabula made the remarks on Wednesday this week at Kizigo Forest Reserve Offices in Manyoni District, Singida Region while addressing forest reserve officials during his working visit in TAWA’s central Zone.

He said the government, through TAWA set aside 9.6bn/- for the beneficiary local councils and villages around the Reserve areas being money from 25 per cent of hunting fees and photo-tourism for the period April 2022 to December 2022.

In his visit, Commissioner Mabula inspected various development projects including digging of wells, staff houses and offices and spoke

Hunting tourism beneficial to country’s economy, says TAWA

to TAWA Central Zone officials and commended them for the good job they were doing.

“During the current financial year we should make sure we work hard to return our thanks to the government for taking care of us,” he said.

He also instructed TAWA Central Zone officials to make sure all hunting blocks at Kizigo forest reserve get investors, taking into consideration the reserve has a total of four hunting blocks, two of which have investors already.

In regard to fierce and destructive wildlife, Mabula said the stress by the ministry and TAWA is to make sure the inconveniences facing the people from fierce wildlife are fully controlled.

“The fierce wildlife challenge must be fought day and night, we must do everything we can to make sure the situation is placed under control,” he said.

He also stressed on the provision

of education to village and ward officials on the better land use as they are the ones who issue permits to villagers to build settlements.

Mabula directed Kizigo Forest Reserve officials to cooperate with stakeholders, including Wildlife Conservation Society for better relations in order to work together for the benefit of TAWA and the country in general.

Earlier, submitting his performance report, Kizigo Forest Reserve Commander for Conservation Ogossy Gasaya said during 2022/23 the reserve collected 704m/- from hunting tourism activities from five tourists and 14 observers who visited it and pledged for even more income in the coming financial year.

In regard to development projects, Gasaya said during the period 2020-22 the forest reserve has supervised five projects, four of which have been completed at 100 per cent and the remaining one at 90 per cent.



TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A CONSULTANT TO SUPPORT AHF’S START-UP PROGRAMS IN TANZANIA

Organisation: AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF)

Program Title: AHF Tanzania

Duty Station: Dar-es-Salaam

Duration: 9 months

Terms of Reference:

Background:

The Los Angeles-based AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) is a global nonprofit organization providing cutting-edge medicine and advocacy to over 1,750,000 people in 45 countries.

AHF funds its mission to rid the world of AIDS through a network of pharmacies, thrift stores, healthcare contracts and other strategic partnerships. Generating new, innovative ways of treatment, prevention and advocacy has been the hallmark of our success.

Since 1987, AHF has cared for thousands of people living with HIV and AIDS worldwide. As we create and implement new programs in communities across the U.S. and abroad, we expand delivery of healthcare and influence over policy with the aim of saving more lives.

In line with its mission of providing “Cutting edge Medicine and Advocacy regardless of ability to pay” AHF established its global programs in 2001 with the opening of first clinic in Umlazi, Durban South Africa and Masaka, Uganda in 2002. In addition to Uganda and South Africa, AHF has over the past two decades expanded its programs to eleven other countries in Africa including Eswatini (2005), Zambia (2005), Rwanda (2006), Kenya (2008), Ethiopia (2008), Nigeria (2011), Sierra Leone (2012), Lesotho (2013), and Zimbabwe (2017), Mozambique (2017), and Malawi (2018); bringing a total of 13 countries of operation in Africa with over 450 collaborating health facilities and over 900,000 patients receiving HIV treatment through collaborations with National Governments and other strategic partners. In these countries, AHF also supports HIV prevention efforts amongst Adolescent, Young Women and Girls through initiatives such as the Girls Act program, TB service delivery as well as implementation of SRH service delivery.

Under its global operational structures managed as Bureaus, AHF not only established programs in Africa, but across the Globe to include programs in Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean. The Asia bureau consists of programs in 8 countries including Cambodia, India, Nepal, Thailand, Indonesia, China, Myanmar, and Vietnam. Europe Bureau comprises of 7 countries including

Netherlands, Estonia, Ukraine, Lithuania, Russia, Greece, and Portugal. Latin America and Caribbean Bureau has programs in 10 countries including Mexico, Guatemala, Brazil, Argentina and Peru, Haiti, Argentina, Paraguay, Dominican Republic, and Jamaica as the countries of operation.

AHF brings services and resources to these countries by partnering and collaborating with National Governments, other development partners and civil society.

Objective:

To support the establishment of AHF Tanzania program as one of the countries of operation of AHF Global programs under the Africa Bureau.

Scope of Work:

- Conduct needs assessment to gather all pertinent information to facilitate AHF’s intended expansion in Tanzania with recommendations for possible regions/ health facilities that AHF can consider in short term (1-2 yrs), medium term (2-3yr), and long term (3 – 5 yrs.).
- Conduct health facility assessments to determine the most suitable location for implementation of HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment services; Sexual and reproductive Health and STI management and TB service delivery in one, or several regions where there is heightened need (per needs assessment) and security is at an acceptable level.
- Support the process of registration for AHF branch in Tanzania in collaboration with the designated legal representative.
- Take the lead in the development of a new program concept proposal in collaboration with the Africa Bureau team, detailing the envisaged operations of the AHF Tanzania program.
- In consultation with the Africa Bureau team, appraise and negotiate potential partnerships, agree to roles and responsibilities for AHF and potential partners including the Ministry of Health and other NGO and Community level partners.
- Support the development of and secure a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with National and local level Ministries of Health and other strategic NGO partners.
- In collaboration with Africa Bureau team, develop a workplan and budget for the AHF Tanzania program.
- Represent AHF in meetings and discussions with the government, and other stakeholders as may be required.
- Provide information on relevant vendors for medical consumables, medical equipment, pharmaceuticals, insurance service, furniture, and office equipment etc. that would support the start up of the program.
- Communicate and collaborate effectively with national and state/district government entities ensuring productive partnerships.
- Maintain regular communications with AHF Bureau and Global teams and adhere to all reporting deadlines.
- Adhere to active participation in regular online and in-person meetings to report on progress of program (once every two weeks or as otherwise requested).
- Submit a monthly (or as otherwise requested) written report detailing all achievements, challenges, constraints, action items and general status updates of the program.
- Other activities as requested or needed.

Expected Deliverables/ Outputs:

- A needs assessment report (following a desk review) of the HIV AIDS and TB situation in Tanzania detailing opportunities for establishing AHF programs. Recommendations should include possible regions/ health facilities that AHF can consider in short term (1-2 yrs.), medium term (2-3yr), and long term (3 – 5 yrs.).
- A concept proposal detailing AHF’s intended program implementation in Tanzania which will be submitted to AHF at an agreed to set date and later presented to the MOH.
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) with key partners including MoH, other key/line government agencies and NGO partners.
- A program needs and health facility assessment report.
- A profile and recommendations of key vendors to provide goods, supplies and services that will support the start-up of operations in Tanzania.
- A signed MoU with MoH and NGO partners with whom AHF Tanzania will collaborate.
- Regular communications with the Africa Bureau Team including attendance to meetings to strategize and report on progress (once every two weeks or as otherwise requested).
- A monthly (or as otherwise requested) written report by the 2nd of each month detailing all achievements, challenges, constraints, action items and general status updates of the program.

Methodology:

The consultant is expected to utilize and mix of desk reviews from qualified and most recent reports or research, health facility assessments, meeting minutes and interviews to complete each assignment and achieve the expected deliverables.

Duration of Work: 9 months

Duty Station: Dar-es-Salaam

Required Expertise and qualifications:

Medical Degree or Degree in Public Health and a minimum of 7 years of experience; or MPH, MA or MS degree and a minimum of 5 years of relevant experience; experience in operations of the NGO sector and collaborative partnerships with government is required.

To apply for this role, please click on the link below and submit your application:

[AIDS Healthcare Foundation | Careers | Africa Bureau Consultant in Kampala | Careers at Kampala \(icims.com\)](#)

Deadline for application will be on 26th May 2023

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT DIGITAL TOOLS RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

IITA-TZ2023-R4D-007-NRS-DAR ES SALAAM

The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) is a not-for-profit institution that generates agricultural innovations to meet Africa’s most pressing challenges of hunger, malnutrition, poverty, and natural resource degradation. Working with various partners across sub-Saharan Africa, we improve livelihoods, enhance food and nutrition security, increase employment, and preserve natural resource integrity. IITA is a member of CGIAR, a global agriculture research partnership for a food secure future. Please visit <https://www.iita.org/> for more information about IITA.

IITA is looking for a suitably qualified person to fill the vacancy of the Digital Tools Research Associate.

Position Summary:

The PROSSIVA Digital Tools Research Associate (DRA) will work with the project team of the Programme for Seed System Innovation for Vegetatively propagated crops (VPCs) in Africa (PROSSIVA) from IITA-Mikocheni, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The primary research focus for the DRA will be Tanzania, but she/he will also be expected to contribute to PROSSIVA activities in the other project target countries, including Ghana, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda. The DRA will work primarily with the Cross-Cutting Component of the project but will also engage with other Component teams and with the various partner institutions involved in the project.

Duty Station: This is a Nationally Recruited Position, and the incumbent will be based in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Core Responsibilities:

- Provide expertise to the PROSSIVA project in digital tool development, ICT data handling and web page development.
- Design and run a webpage for PROSSIVA, as a part of the IITA website, and manage the uploading and presentation of PROSSIVA project information on the webpage.
- Set up a data Dashboard on the PROSSIVA webpage, summarizing progress and key achievements of the project in a graphical and visual manner.
- Link with the Seed Tracker ICT platform team of IITA-Ibadan to support the scaling of the Seed Tracker application, the enhancement of its features, and the application of its use to all VPC target crops.
- Work with regulatory partners in East Africa to enhance their use of Seed Tracker and increase their capacity to run the system independently.
- Provide recommendations on approaches for scaling the application of digital tools for pest/disease identification by regulatory agencies during seed certification.
- Review the potential for the application of digital tools for the determination of ‘true-to-typeness’ for VPC varieties being delivered through seed systems of target countries.
- Work with plant scientist colleagues to compare costs vs benefits in the use of digital tools for seed certification compared with other approaches (visual assessment, molecular diagnostics)
- Provide recommendations for the development of novel digital tools, including digital marketing approaches, that will serve to enhance the efficiency of VPC seed systems in the target countries of PROSSIVA.
- Provide training, where required, to project members on how to share their data and how to make the most effective use of the project website and dashboard.
- Deliver quarterly reports summarizing progress, including metrics quantifying data delivery, ICT tool usage, and access to the project website and dashboard.
- Perform all other related duties that may be assigned from time to time by the supervisor.

Qualification, Experience and Key Skills

- Master’s degree in computer science or a closely related subject, preferably including course units and/or a practical project or dissertation work on the application of digital tools to agricultural or rural development.
- Minimum of three years of work and/or research experience following completion of a postgraduate degree
- Have excellent writing and oral communication skills in English for efficient communication with diverse project implementing partners and reporting.
- Practical knowledge of software applications for web development and app creation. At least some coding experience is essential. Some experience of machine learning is preferable. Be proficient in MS-Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook).
- Be well organized, able to multitask and work under pressure to meet deadlines with keen attention to detail.
- Have a positive attitude, strong team spirit and the ability to develop constructive research collaborations with individuals and institutions with a diverse set of backgrounds and geographies.
- The successful candidate should have experience of delivering high quality reports and some examples of successfully completed ICT products.
- A good understanding of opportunities for enhancing rural and/or agricultural development through the deployment of digital tools.

General information:

The initial contract for the position is for two years: renewable subject to performance and availability of funds. This is a nationally recruited position and IITA offers a competitive remuneration package.

Applications:

Applications including curriculum vitae, copies of certificates, telephone number, email address, and names and addresses of two referees should be sent to the Country Representative, IITA-Tanzania, Plot No. 25, Mwenge – Coca-Cola Road, Mikocheni Industrial Area P.O. Box 34441, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania or by email to IITA-Tanzania@cgiar.org

Applicants are requested to please indicate the reference number for the position as indicated on the heading of the announcement in your application as well as on the subject of your email if sending by email. If sending by post or hand delivery, please indicate the reference number on your application as well as on the left-hand side of your envelope. Please note that any applications without the reference indicated will be automatically disqualified.

Closing date: Friday MAY 26th. Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

We should know more about, and learn more from, history

SOME things we have known, lived with, experienced or otherwise come into contact with for so long that we automatically take them for granted. This is often notwithstanding their importance and relevance.

Small wonder as, after all, is it not common knowledge that familiarity breeds contempt?

One such thing is what is known as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, an international 30-article document enshrining the basic rights and fundamental freedoms of all human beings.

It was drafted by a UN committee and accepted by the world body's General Assembly on December 10, 1948.

So it is now a whole three-quarters of a century since the all-important declaration, which Tanzania has since ratified and which has long induced the birth of a number of similar - though by no means identical - documents specific to particular regions, sub-regions, countries, etc.

So, as official records show, the UDHR was endorsed for execution just over three years since the UN came into existence - on October 24, 1945.

Taken at face value, for many the readiest conclusion would be that the world body is little more than a lame duck or toothless bulldog and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights all but an extremely flamboyant expertly crafted document seldom taken seriously enough where it really matters.

But we would be the last to subscribe to such suggestions or fears as we know for a fact it would not have to take an António Guterres (current UN Secretary General) to convincingly argue to the contrary and therefore prove all doubting Thomases wrong.

Right from its early days, the UN has appealed to all its 190-plus member-states to cause the text of the UDHR "to be disseminated, displayed, read and expounded primary in schools and other educational institutions, without distinction based on the political status of countries or territories".

The distance Tanzania has covered in living up to the UN's demands and expectations on this score is hard to

say. But it would be overly optimistic saying our schools and colleges have necessarily been more active than any other institutions in serving as platforms from which to educate and sensitise our people about the declaration.

We can neither acquiesce nor defend our collective failure to appreciate the need to abide by these demands in simple facts like those in the declaration.

For instance, the declaration states, in part: "Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution.

"Marriage shall be entered into only with the free and full consent of the intending spouses. The family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State."

All this and related information is readily available in numerous publications by the UN and its specialised agencies. But just how much sense do the facts it revolves around make to humankind? Going by the poverty, cruelty, misery and deprivation we see all around us, not enough sense to make anyone happy or comfortable.

Do we genuinely agree with the UN that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights, that everyone has the right to life, liberty and security as a person, that no one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, and that everyone has the right to recognition everywhere as a person before the law?

If we do, why does this barbarism against innocent albinos, children, women and other disadvantaged people persist? Why do we have to incur heavy costs and waste precious time thinking of ways to guarantee them the equality and dignity that are as much our birthright as theirs?

We urgently need to take full stock of our record here and get back on track because, whatever direction the wind blows, the world has an immense lot to benefit from sincere respect for the UN and religious observance of the message the UDHR has for humankind.

Gender-targeted impacts fund a tightrope for method, results

NOVEL ways of running economies in the midst of local and global are heard each passing day, as schools of thought come up with ways to integrate specific groups of needy people.

These initiatives are also focused on operating in such a manner that the wider economy is stable and that the funds loaned are absorbed into a positive cycle of gainful activity, not the momentary uplifting of welfare. That is what the Swiss government is trying to achieve.

Didier Chassot, Switzerland's Ambassador to Tanzania, said at the recent launch of the 19.2bn/- fund that it is part of his government's Innovation for Social Change programme aimed at supporting the growth of small and medium-sized firms in various countries.

This approach is somewhere between traditional aid chiefly for public sector needs and investment flow projections whose enabling conditions are difficult to multiply around the world. It seeks to aid struggling innovators on local turf.

Targeting impact-driven enterprises is not like doing any business wishing to flourish in the market and, in pursuing the strategy, it appears that the fund managers will have to diminish the spread of variables contributing to evaluation

of results.

Looking at the range of problems and nature of firms they will be working with, a specific complexity is visible. The meeting was talking about micro, small and medium enterprises - a generic term usable for public gatherings and media platforms but not common in business strategies.

The problems facing most business entities are also hard to work upon from a singular viewpoint - inadequate access to capital and markets, regulatory constraints, underdeveloped infrastructure, limited innovation and insufficient human capital development, sequencing of problems, etc.

In that case, it is evident that a set of priorities is already in place for the fund managers, as the issue is to create greater impact in what small local firms are doing - provided that they have the right profile in terms of gender selectivity or projected impact.

Thus, the emphasis placed on supporting local entrepreneurs to gain access to essential skills and investment funding is vital, and in that order.

Left to themselves, quite a few local firms lament challenges relating to capital and market outlets, but experts looking at the scenario quickly identify essential business skills.

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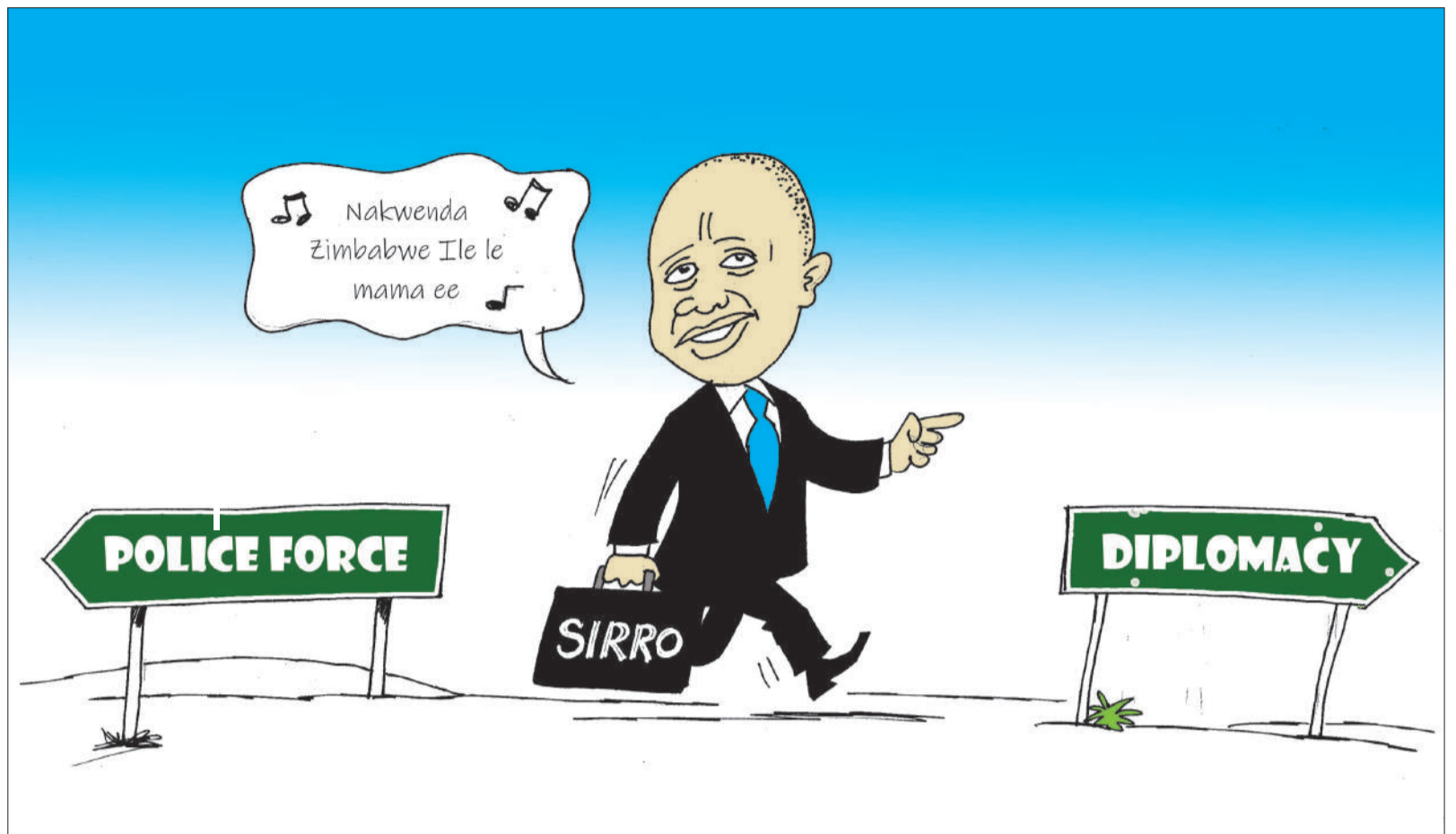
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'Disinformation, AI posing mounting threats to journalism'

By Oliver Holmes

MEDIA freedom is in dire health in a record number of countries, according to the latest annual snapshot, which warns that disinformation, propaganda and artificial intelligence pose mounting threats to journalism.

The World Press Freedom Index revealed a shocking slide, with an unprecedented 31 countries deemed to be in a "very serious situation", the lowest ranking in the report, up from 21 just two years ago.

Increased aggressiveness from autocratic governments - and some that are considered democratic - coupled with "massive disinformation or propaganda campaigns" has caused the situation to go from bad to worse, according to the list, released by the advocacy group Reporters Without Borders (RSF).

"There is more red on the RSF map this year than ever before, as authoritarian leaders become increasingly bold in their attempts to silence the press," RSF secretary general Christophe Deloire told the Guardian (UK), adding: "The international community needs to wake up to reality, and act together, decisively and fast, to reverse this dangerous trend."

This May 3 marked the 30th anniversary of the first World Press Freedom Day (WPFDD), which was created to remind governments of their duty to uphold freedom of expression.

However, the environment for journalism today is considered "bad" in seven out of ten countries, and satisfactory in only three out of ten, according to RSF. The UN meanwhile says 85 per cent of people live in countries where media freedom has declined in the past five years.

The survey assesses the state of the media in 180 countries and territories, looking at the ability of journalists to publish news in the public interest without interference and without threats to their own safety.

It shows that rapid technological advances are allowing governments and political actors to distort reality, and that fake content is easier to publish than ever before.

"The difference is being blurred between true and false, real and artificial, facts and artifices, jeopardising the right to information," the report says, adding: "The unprecedented ability to tamper with content is being used to undermine those who embody quality journalism and weaken journalism itself."

Artificial intelligence is "wreaking further havoc on the media world", according to the report, with AI tools



"digesting content and regurgitating it in the form of syntheses that flout the principles of rigour and reliability".

This is not just written AI content but visual, too. High-definition images that appear to show real people can be generated in seconds.

At the same time, governments are increasingly fighting a propaganda war. Russia, which already plummeted in the rankings last year after the invasion of Ukraine, has dropped by another nine places, as state media slavishly parrots the Kremlin line while opposition outlets are driven into exile.

Last month, Moscow arrested Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich, the first US journalist detained in Russia on espionage charges since the end of the cold war.

Meanwhile, three countries: Tajikistan, India and Turkey, dropped from being in a "problematic situation" into the lowest category. India has been in particularly sharp decline, sinking by 11 places to 161 after media takeovers by oligarchs close to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The Indian press used to be seen as fairly progressive, but things changed radically after the Hindu nationalist prime minister took over. This year, the BBC was raided by the country's financial crimes agency in a move widely condemned as an act of intimidation after a BBC documentary was critical of Modi.

In Turkey, the administration of the hardline president, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, had stepped up its persecution of journalists in the run-up to elections scheduled for this May 14, RSF said. Turkey jails more journalists than any other democracy.

Some of the 2023 index's biggest falls were in Africa. Until recently a regional model, Senegal fell by 31 places, mainly because of criminal charges brought against two journalists, Pape Alé Niang

and Pape Ndiaye. Tunisia fell by 27 places as a result of President Kais Saïed's growing authoritarianism.

The Middle East is easily the world's most dangerous region for journalists. But the Americas no longer have any country coloured green, meaning "good", on the press freedom map.

The US fell by three places to 45th. The Asia Pacific region is dragged down by regimes hostile to reporters, such as Myanmar (173rd) and Afghanistan (152nd).

"We are witnessing worrying trends, but the big question is if these trends are a hiccup or a sign of a world going backwards," said Guilherme Canela, the global lead on freedom of speech at UNESCO, adding: "Physical attacks, digital attacks, the economic situation, and regulatory tightening: we are facing a perfect storm."

A separate UNESCO report released yesterday says that healthy freedom of expression helped many other fundamental rights to flourish.

Nordic countries have long topped the RSF rankings, with Norway staying in first place in the press freedom index for the seventh year running. But a non-Nordic country was ranked second: Ireland.

The Netherlands returned to the top ten, rising by 22 places, following the 2021 murder of crime reporter Peter R de Vries. The UK was listed at 26.

The western world's media landscape remains mixed, according to RSF and other press freedom groups, with political and financial pressures. In the first quarter of this year, news media job cuts in the UK and North America ran at a rate of 1,000 jobs a month, a Press Gazette analysis found.

Last week, the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists released a report warning against complacency in the EU, which has traditionally been considered among the world's safest and freest

places for journalists.

The group expressed concern about rising populism and illiberal governments such as in Hungary and Poland trampling on the rule of law, including press freedom. Maltese journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia and Slovakian journalist Ján Kuciak had been murdered in connection with their work.

The free press is under attack from multiple forces. Media outlets are closing their doors, victims to a broken business model. In much of the world, journalism is morphing into propaganda, with governments dictating what can and what can't be printed.

In the last year alone, hundreds of reporters have been killed or imprisoned for doing their jobs. The UN reports that 85 per cent of the world's population experienced a decline in press freedom in their countries in recent years.

As noted, this May 3 marked the 30th annual WPFDD, a day for everyone to reflect on the importance of free expression as fundamental for all other rights. It is also an opportunity to pledge support for independent media - because without a robust and free press, a healthy democracy is impossible.

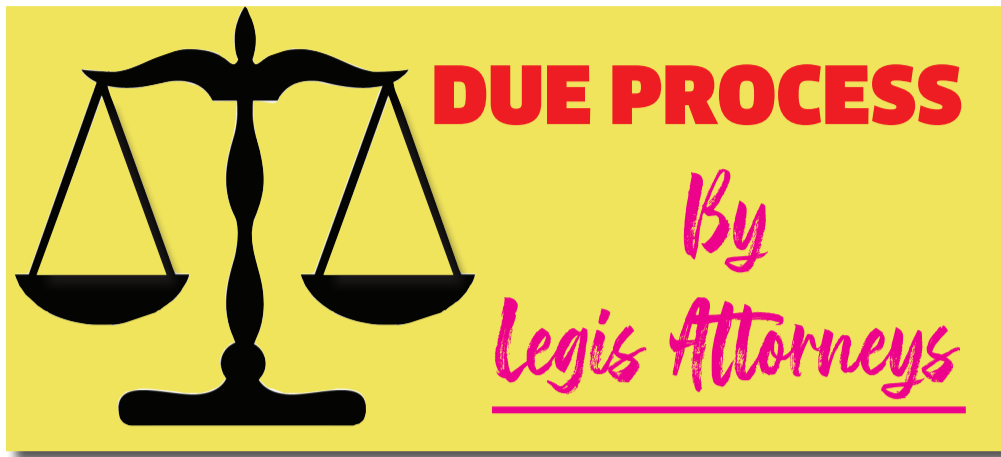
From wherever you marked WPFDD, we hope you will consider marking this day by appreciating the financial challenges plaguing the media industry, in the belief that everyone has the right to access high-quality, fact-checked reporting.

Supporting the free press is an investment in an informed and empowered public. It will help the press maintain the freedom to fearlessly chase the truth and report it with integrity.

It is support that will allow the free press to continue to work with trademark determination and passion to deliver journalism free from commercial or political interference.

* The Guardian, UK

Rights and duties of parties involved in sale, purchase of goods



PEOPLE need various goods and items for personal use or trade. Therefore, sale and purchase of goods is an inevitable activity all over the world.

Goods or raw materials for human consumption and industrial production are usually obtained from different areas either locally or abroad. That is why laws and regulations are enacted to guide their transactions to avoid disputes between parties involved.

Laws and regulations are categorized into two: laws which regulate local transaction and those that deal with international or cross-border transactions.

For local transactions, there are several laws governing purchase of goods including Law of Contract Act Cap 345 R.E 2019 as the main act which regulates commercial transactions. Also, there are specialized laws such as Sale of Goods Act Cap 214 R.E 2019 and Hire Purchase Act, Cap 14 R.E 2019 and other many. In this article, we shall take our readers to understand rights and duties in purchase of goods, as required by the law. In doing so, we shall provide the highlights of the Sale of goods Act which is the prevailing law in dealing with sale of goods.

The most common law which regulates international sale of goods is the UN Convention of Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG). This law sets out rules for contract formation and their respective rights and obligations of the seller and buyer of goods for cross-border transactions.

Back to the Sale of goods Act, this is a specialized branch of the general law of contract, enacted due to increase of mercantile transactions during industrialization period, following inadequacy of the provisions in the law of contract in regulating buyer and seller. It was enacted to curb some of the loopholes which were not covered in the law of contract. It should be noted that provisions of our act are more similar to the English Sale of Goods Act of 1893.

As to what constitute sale of goods, it is the transfer of ownership of an asset from one person to another under agreeable monetary consideration.

The emphasis here is that consideration must be monetary and not otherwise.

If it is not monetary, then it is not regarded as sale within the meaning of the law. Rather, it is an exchange of goods or barter trade. Further, it is important also to note that section 3 of the Sale of Goods Act provides the difference between sale of goods and contract of sale in which sale of good is an agreement whereby the seller transfers or agrees to undertake to transfer assets to the purchaser while sale of goods is an agreement to undertake transfer of assets or property to the purchaser or buyer upon fulfillment of certain agreeable terms and conditions.

Therefore, a buyer is required to be very careful with the nature of the agreement entered regarding sale of goods. We shall demonstrate specifically rights and duties of the purchaser or buyer in accordance with legal position in our jurisdiction.

First and foremost, rights available to the buyer are to receive goods or delivery of goods after making payment of the agreeable consideration as per section 30 of the Act. Receipts of the goods are a question left to the buyer and seller to agree on after payment of the purchasing price.

However, receipts or delivered can be either actual receipts or constructively. It is actual when the same is physical delivered to the buyer and it is constructive when the buyer acknowledges to have received even without being in physical possession of the goods.

Second, right to be given reasonable opportunity to examine or inspect goods sold before accepting the same.

Section 36 of the Act provides the above right for the buyer to inspect or examine goods sold to them.

However, such right must be requested to be given by the buyer. It is important for any buyer to be aware of this right. Failure to have an agreement with the seller, then later on, it becomes difficult for the buyer to claim or reject goods once delivered.

In the case of Tanzania Cigarette Company Ltd vs Mafia General Establishment (2020), the cigarette company, (the buyer) entered into an agreement to be supplied with clearing materials as specified in the orders issued to Mafia Company (the seller).

Materials supplied were properly received by the buyer in accordance with agreeable procedure. However, later on, the sale price was not paid by the buyer on the ground that delivered materials did not match the order given to the seller.

The Court of Appeal rejected the buyer's arguments on the ground that the buyer had reasonable opportunity to examine or inspect the goods sold upon request, the right which the buyer did not apply before receipt of goods.

Therefore, failure by the buyer to exercise the above right cannot exonerate the buyer from discharge of obligation to pay purchasing price unless they had reasonably applied for the right to examine goods.

Third, right to reject or cancel agreement and retention of goods sold. During given opportunity to examine or inspect goods sold, the buyer may opt to reject goods and not to proceed to make the payment in the event quality

or quantity of goods do not match what was agreed on or requested as per section 13 of the Act.

Further, retention of goods should be within reasonable time and not long time without returning the same to the seller. It is a matter of law that long retention of goods is not acceptable.

Therefore, retention should be within reasonable time. However, any subsequent conducts related to goods which were rejected or cancelled, courts of law always look at the said act and do careful examination of the same and see whether the same amounted to acceptance of goods or not.

There is no hard and fast rule to determine under which period for retention of goods. Rather, this depends on case to case basis. In the case of Civil Appeal No 185 of 2020 between Heritage Insurance Company Tanzania Limited vs First Assurance Company Ltd, defect of purchased services was noticed for more than two years back.

However, services were not official rejected by the buyer instantly. Rather, subsequent conduct of the buyer was to retain the services without cancellation or repudiation of the contract but continued to receive premium.

The Court of Appeal clearly did not accept repudiation of the agreement due to long retention of the services and subsequent conduct which clearly indicated acceptance hence the buyer was ordered to pay for services agreed to be paid.

Fourth is the right to sue for specific performance and claim interest. Section 53 of the Act mandates the court to compel the seller to perform what was agreed with the buyer. The only paramount condition for the buyer is to provide proof of agreement in sale of goods hence an order to compel the seller.

It is important to be careful when you ask for an order of specific performance because it is one of the specialized remedies in which the buyer should be satisfied first that it is the right remedy and the seller cannot easily temper with the quality or quantity of goods. Otherwise, the buyer may get an order because later on the goods supplied can be of no use.

Further, the buyer may opt to recover interest or specific damage due to non-performance of the contract of sale of

goods by the seller but this always depends on circumstances. However, the only thing required by the buyer is to plead specific particulars of loss which shall be proved during the hearing of the dispute.

In Hire-Purchase Agreement as governed by the Hire Purchase Act, Cap 14, the nature of this agreement cannot be construed as contract of sale of goods. It is a matter of law that once the buyer is subjected to certain condition, upon fulfillment, that is where a person can purchase goods.

When there is no buyer, hire contract prevails and parties can repudiate agreement before accepting an offer to purchase as concluded in the English landmark case of *Helby vs Mathews* (1895) AC 471.

The hirer was required to pay 36 installments after which a piano would belong to him. The court did not accept that there was no binding contract for the buyer to fulfill his obligation as he could not be compelled to purchase the piano. Emphasis here is that legal expertise is required when parties enter into contracts of sale of goods.

Lastly, let's look briefly at duties of the buyer on sale of goods. There are so many duties which the buyer is legally bound to comply with in sale of goods. However, we shall take a look at the most important as covered in various provisions of the act.

The Buyer is duty-bound to accept goods upon delivery and to pay purchasing price in accordance with what the parties agreed. Further, the buyer is duty-bound to pay damage along with interest in the event of failure to discharge obligation.

Note: the material and information contained in this article are for general information purposes only. They only provide either elementary or basic legal knowledge on the above subject. Anyone considering legal action should consult an experienced lawyer to understand current laws and how they may affect a case in question.

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UDSM responds to competence grievances with teaching skills competition

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

ONE of the grievances raised by employers and other education stakeholders is that Tanzanian universities and colleges produce half-baked graduates who can memorize all manner of theories but little or no practical job skills.

As a result, employers spend a lot of time and financial resources for training of employees who have already spent either three or four years in higher education institutions. This led to sharp criticism of universities and colleges to change tact and allocate more time for practical training.

In response to this, the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM)'s School of Education (SoED) last month launched a teaching skills competition in order to address grievances regarding the practical abilities of trainee teachers.

Dr Eugenia Kafanabo, SoED Dean, said during awards ceremony for winners that the first teaching skills competition was collectively organized by SoED and Tin Ka Ping Foundation as well as Zhejiang Normal University, both of China.

"Employers have been raising concerns about performance of teachers who reportedly lack practical skills and we decided to organize this teaching skills competition to help student teachers sharpen



(From left-seated) Prof Pendo Malangwa, Director of Quality Assurance Bureau of the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM), Venance Manori, Director of Basic Education in the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Prof Nelson Boniface, UDSM Acting Deputy Vice Chancellor-Research, Dr Eugenia Kafanabo, UDSM's SoED Dean and Yongliang Xu, First Secretary for Cultural Affairs at the Chinese Embassy pose with winners of UDSM's first teaching skills competition in Dar es Salaam recently. Photo/Correspondent Theresia Victor

their knowledge, skills and other competencies so that they are fully qualified before graduating," she said.

The panel of judges involved school quality assessors, education experts as well as lecturers from universities and teachers from secondary schools and competitors were given a maximum of 10 minutes to showcase their mockup presentations.

The competition involved 105 student teachers who competed on ten different subjects namely History, Civics, Geography, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Mandarin (official language in China), Kiswahili and English

Out of the 105 competitors, 29 student teachers impressed judges with their teaching skills and emerged winners and they were awarded certificates, trophies and money.

Prof Nelson Boniface, UDSM's Acting Deputy Vice Chancellor-Research, said that going forward, SoED will be organizing more competitions so that its student teachers can be what he termed "full package" before graduating.

"It's very important to engage in different competitions that help students grow and develop their skills, knowledge and competencies to improve their teaching performance before presenting themselves to students," he said.

The core mission of SoED is to educate, train, induct and develop high-quality graduate teachers for education sector in the country while the mission is to respond to UDSM's Vision 2061 which focuses on making the university the leading centre of intellectual wealth spearheading Tanzania's and Africa's quest for sustainable and

equitable development, he said.

"As education stakeholders, we know that our country has reached a stage that it seriously needs highly competent teachers who can deliver creatively and competently in different contexts," he said.

"It is therefore time to rethink of better ways to prepare our graduates because in recent years there have been complaints from employers and other stakeholders about the ability of our graduates to perform their duties professionally while employers wonder why many graduates have good grades but they lack competences required in delivery of work."

Dr Eilleen Xu from SINO Africa Joint Centre for Educational Research said that cultivation of teaching skills has been one of the main focus of pre-service teacher education

programmes across the world.

"In China, teaching skills competition is a common practice for student teachers in teachers' education colleges, at secondary schools and almost every learning institution not only to showcase students' teaching skills but also to identify problems and improve," Xu said

"It has been proved to be very effective in preparing quality teachers needed in the 21st century."

Venance Manori, Director of Basic Education in the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology said that currently Tanzania is undergoing major reforms in education sector, from policy to curriculum and preparation of teachers.

"Teaching skills competition might be an entry point to bring all the relevant stakeholders together as an alliance to contribute to the quality of teacher education," he said.

"We are happy that commitment of UDSM is to make it sustainable. Tanzania Institute of Education will also soon hold a teaching competition for primary school teachers with support from the World Bank."

Mudhihir Mudhihir, SoED Senior Lecturer and one of the judges said that engaging student teachers by practicing what they have learnt can foster their capability to apply or use set of related

knowledge, skills and abilities required to successfully perform critical work functions or tasks in teaching and learning context.

"This can be viewed in terms of behavioural competence or soft skills that guide how something is done and functional com-

petence and the ability to perform some technical tasks," he said.

Bilal Jaffary, a third year student pursuing Bachelor of Science with Education who won Physics category said: "I am happy for the win but I have learnt that we still have a long way to go to

be able to effectively help students."

Justa Sanga, a third year student who won Mathematics category said the practice of engaging student teachers in such activities is in line with competency-based learning for quality education.

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6	MC882AGG	Motorcycle			grounded	DSM
7	MC978AEM	Motorcycle			grounded	DSM
8	MC770ABY	Motorcycle			grounded	DSM
9	MC373ELW	Motorcycle			grounded	DSM
10	MC706ABY	Motorcycle			grounded	DSM
11	MC769ABY	Motorcycle			grounded	DSM
12	MC105AAU	Motorcycle			grounded	DSM
13	MC435BXL	Motorcycle			grounded	DSM
14	MC348BRJ	Motorcycle			grounded	DSM
15	MD2121Z00WL10503	Motorcycle			grounded	DSM
16	MC774ABY	Motorcycle			grounded	DSM
17	MC762ABY	Motorcycle			grounded	DSM
18	MC106BXP	Motorcycle			Offroad	DSM
19	MC948BXN	Motorcycle			Offroad	DSM
20	MC257AAM	Motorcycle			Not roadworthy	ARUSHA
21	Not Seen	Motorcycle	Jianshe	90cc	Not roadworthy	ARUSHA
22	MC250AAM	Motorcycle			Not roadworthy	ARUSHA
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24	MC171A3N	Motorcycle	Yamaha CruX		Scrap	MWANZA
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28	MC189AGN	Motorcycle	Honda ACE		Scrap	MWANZA
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31	MC250AAM	Motorcycles	SANLG		Not roadworthy	MWANZA
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33	MC250AAM	Motorcycle			Not roadworthy	ARUSHA
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35	T637CLB	Motor Vehicle			grounded	DSM
36	T610AUF	Motor Vehicle			grounded	DSM
37	T576ART	Motor Vehicle			Offroad	DSM
38	T669 CKF	Motor Vehicle			Offroad	DSM
39	T9028UV	Motor Vehicle			Offroad	DSM
40	T608AXE	Toyota	Land Cruiser		Not roadworthy	MWANZA
41	T608AXE	Toyota	Land Cruiser		Not roadworthy	ARUSHA
42	T608AXE	Toyota	Land Cruiser		Not roadworthy	MWANZA
43		Generator			Used	MWANZA
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Exim Bank upgrades core banking system to offer secure, efficient and innovative services

By Guardian Reporter

EXIM Bank Tanzania has upgraded its core banking system to provide enhanced services to its customers.

Jaffari Matundu, the bank's Chief Executive Officer said in a statement yesterday that the new system offers faster transaction processing times, improved security measures, and enhanced functionality, which would ensure a safer and more convenient banking experience for customers.

Matundu said that the new system was designed to offer a seamless banking experience to customers, allowing them to carry out their financial transactions with ease and peace of mind.

He expressed his gratitude to the customers for their cooperation and patience during the upgrade and apologized for any inconvenience caused due to the challenges faced with some of the services.

Matundu commended customers for choosing Exim bank as their banking partner and their pride in offering cutting-edge banking technology that meets their evolving

needs.

He added: "The bank remains committed to providing the best possible banking experience to its customers, and this upgrade is a significant step towards achieving that goal."

Alamin Merchant, the bank's Chief Technology Officer and Head of Digital Transformation, added that the upgraded system offers an array of new features and benefits, including additional online banking services, real-time alerts and notifications, and a user-friendly mobile banking application.

He noted that offering customers an upgraded banking experience with improved transaction processing times, enhanced functionality, and improved security measures.

"The system is designed to make banking more accessible and convenient for customers while ensuring that their accounts and personal information are always safe and secure. We are committed to continuously improving its services to meet the evolving needs of its customers," said Merchant.



Unceasing human attacks on source of 80 per cent of food, 98 per cent of oxygen

By Baher Kamal

TWO big facts are impressive enough: plants are the source of 80% of all food, and as much as 98% of all oxygen. Logically, it would be taken for granted that human beings would do whatever is needed to protect this essential source of life. But do they? **Not at all. Rather the whole contrary.**

Several human-caused threats lay behind the current annual loss of up to 40% of food crops globally, mainly due to plant pests and the introduction of alien species.

Among them stands the massive international travel and trade business, which has been associated with the introduction and spread of so many pests.

Indeed, world trade hit a record 32 trillion US dollars in 2022, according to the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

Being such a highly profitable business, it continues to bring thousands of alien species that silently but relentlessly invade - and colonise - the whole Planet Earth.

The 'White Sea' and the Black Sea, invaded, colonised

Just know that over 1,000 alien species have already taken over the Mediterranean Sea (popularly known in Arabic as the 'White Sea') and the Black Sea.

But these two seas are no exception. All of the world's seas are already occupied by aliens. And anyway this is not the case of seas only: also all the Planet's lands and air

are highly infected.

Such an alien invasion is extremely dangerous to native species, much so that it is changing the nature of the waters and the lands of these two nearly closed seas.

Aliens on board

"They are non-indigenous fish, jellyfish, prawns, algae and many other marine and not marine species, most of them are being brought by human activities such as giant cargo ships, oil tankers, touristic cruisers, and even medium and small fishing boats," reliable data show in a recent UN report.

The Mediterranean Sea ranks high on the list of the world's most trafficked waters.

Did you know that more than 2,000 cargo ships, oil tankers, cruisers, cross the Mediterranean Sea at

any given moment?

Over half of those alien species have established permanent populations and are spreading, causing concern about the threat they pose to marine ecosystems and local fishing communities, reports the Rome-based UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

No wonder then that this sea is undergoing a "tropicalisation" process as water temperatures rise, largely due to climate change, the UN warns.

Where from and who is bringing them?

Many species have migrated via well-travelled Mediterranean shipping routes such as the Strait of Gibraltar or the Suez Canal, often attached to the hull of ships or inside them in the ballast waters, explains FAO.

Other species, such as

the Pacific cupped oyster and the Japanese carpet shell, were introduced for aquaculture during the 1960s and 1970s and have since escaped and colonised Mediterranean ecosystems.

Number of aliens on the rise

In other words, "Invasive species are changing the nature of the Mediterranean Sea," the world's body warns.

Stefano Lelli, a fishery expert for the Eastern Mediterranean working for the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean, knows about that. "Climate change and human activities have had a profound impact on the Mediterranean and the Black Sea."

According to Lelli, "We have witnessed a swift and significant alteration

of marine ecosystems, which has led to several impacts on local communities livelihoods. In the coming years, we expect the number of non-indigenous species to continue rising."

Once established, non-indigenous species can outcompete native ones and alter their surrounding ecosystems, with potential economic implications for fisheries and tourism or even human health, says the FAO report.

Add to this the massive, often unsustainable tourism business, and travels by air and ships - both among the main causes of climate emergency -, and the many other invasive pest species that are also associated with rising temperatures which create new niches for pests to populate and spread.

Did you know that the Mediterranean Sea is by far the largest global tourism destination?

Simply, it attracts almost a third of the world's international tourists (one billion a year), generating more than one-fourth of all international tourism receipts (200 out of 750 billion euros, or about 230 out of 800 billion US dollars).

No wonder then that it is one of the most infected basins by pests and alien species.

Instead of reacting swiftly to repair all these damages and avoid further ones, human activities resort to the intensive use and misuse of pesticides, which harm pollinators, natural pest enemies and organisms crucial for a healthy environment, warns FAO.



PRE-QUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS, CONTRACTORS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR PROVISION OF VARIOUS GOODS AND SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2023/2025

NCBA BANK Tanzania Limited intends to establish a list of local suppliers, service providers and contractors for the supply of goods and provision of various services.

NCBA is now inviting applications from interested, competent and reliable suppliers, contractors and service providers for the supply of goods, works and / or provision of various services. Categories of goods and provision of various services are as follows:

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NCBA/LOT/001	SUPPLY OF PRINTED STATIONERIES	NCBA/LOT/033	MAINTENANCE OF TIME STAMPS, SHREDDERS, STRAPPING MACHINES, NOTE BINDERS
NCBA/LOT/002	SUPPLY OF GENERAL OFFICE STATIONERIES & CARTRIDGES	NCBA/LOT/034	SUPPLY & MAINTENANCE OF ATMs
NCBA/LOT/003	SUPPLY OF OFFICE EQUIPMENTS	NCBA/LOT/035	MAINTENANCE OF ICT EQUIPMENTS(Servers, Computers, Laptops, Printers e.t.c)
NCBA/LOT/004	SUPPLY OF OFFICE FURNITURE & FITTINGS	NCBA/LOT/036	PROVISION OF DATA/INTERNET SERVICES
NCBA/LOT/005	SUPPLY OF NOTE COUNTING SOLUTIONS	NCBA/LOT/037	PROVISION OF NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES, COMPUTER NETWORKS & STRUCTURAL CABLING
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NCBA/LOT/009	SUPPLY OF GENERATORS FUEL	NCBA/LOT/041	PROVISION OF PROPERTY VALUATION SERVICES
NCBA/LOT/010	SUPPLY OF ICT EQUIPMENTS (Servers, Computers, Routers, Switches, Cisco Phone Wireless Access Points, Printers, Scanners e.t.c)	NCBA/LOT/042	PROVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLE TRACKING SERVICE
NCBA/LOT/011	VEHICLES SALE DEALERS (Trucks, SUVs e.t.c)	NCBA/LOT/043	PROVISION OF AUCTIONEERING SERVICES
NCBA/LOT/012	SUPPLY OF PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS & CORPORATE GIFTS	NCBA/LOT/044	PROVISION OF DEBT COLLECTION SERVICES
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NCBA/LOT/013	PROVISION OF CLEANING SERVICES	NCBA/LOT/046	PROVISION OF BRANDING SERVICES
NCBA/LOT/014	PROVISION OF SANITARY SERVICES	NCBA/LOT/047	PROVISION OF RESEARCH, SURVEY, MEDIA MONITORING SERVICES
NCBA/LOT/015	MAINTENANCE OF OFFICE FURNITURE	NCBA/LOT/048	PROVISION OF ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES, PA-System, Audio Visuals, Tents, Display Board Deco & Related Services
NCBA/LOT/016	PROVISION OF CLEARING AND FORWARDING SERVICES	NCBA/LOT/049	PROVISION OF TRANSLATION SERVICES
NCBA/LOT/017	PROVISION OF CAR HIRE SERVICE	NCBA/LOT/050	PROVISION OF EVENTS MANAGEMENT SERVICES
NCBA/LOT/018	PROVISION OF COURIER SERVICE	NCBA/LOT/051	PROVISION OF EXPERIENTIAL MARKETING SERVICES
NCBA/LOT/019	PROVISION OF TRANSPORT & MOVING SERVICES	NCBA/LOT/052	PROVISION OF DIGITAL MARKETING SERVICES
NCBA/LOT/020	PROVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAINTENANCE SERVICE	NCBA/LOT/053	PROVISION OF CREATIVE AGENCY SERVICES
NCBA/LOT/021	PROVISION OF AIR TRAVEL/TICKETING SERVICE	NCBA/LOT/054	PROVISION OF PR AGENCY SERVICES
NCBA/LOT/022	PROVISION OF FUMIGATION & PESTS CONTROL SERVICES	NCBA/LOT/055	PROVISION OF RECRUITMENT AGENCY SERVICES
NCBA/LOT/023	PROVISION OF CATERING SERVICES	NCBA/LOT/056	PROVISION OF EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND CHECK SERVICES
NCBA/LOT/024	SUPPLY & MAINTENANCE OF GENERATORS	LOT NO.	CATEGORY 3: PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR SUPPLY OF WORKS
NCBA/LOT/025	SUPPLY & MAINTENANCE OF CHEQUE SCANNERS (LS150)	NCBA/LOT/057	BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS (REFURBISHMENT, OFFICE PARTITIONING WORKS)
NCBA/LOT/026	SUPPLY & MAINTENANCE OF FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT	NCBA/LOT/058	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRICAL WORKS
NCBA/LOT/027	PROVISION OF AIR CONDITIONS MAINTENANCE SERVICE	NCBA/LOT/059	PROVISION OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES
NCBA/LOT/028	PROVISION OF PLUMBING SERVICES		
NCBA/LOT/029	PROVISION OF MINOR PREMISES REPAIRS SERVICE		
NCBA/LOT/030	PROVISION OF LEASED PRINTERS SERVICE		
NCBA/LOT/031	SUPPLY & MAINTENANCE OF STRONGROOM DOORS & SAFES		
NCBA/LOT/032	MAINTENANCE OF NOTE COUNTING MACHINES		

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Full business name, postal address, physical location, telephone, fax and electronic mail contacts, company profile, organization structure (company or partnership), particulars of the partners and directors, copies of articles / memorandum of association, full bank details, contact person, business license, Current Brela Returns, Certificate of Incorporation from BRELA, TIN and VAT registration certificates, tax clearance certificate.

Applicants should provide the 3 years Audited Financial Statements, information indicating their capability in supplying the goods or services in the categories being applied for. Such information to include firms record of accomplishment, CV of key personnel, proof of similar assignment undertaken in the past 3 years and include a contact person for reference, proof of experience in related category, brochure or catalogue relevant to the application and evidence of being legally authorized to provide the services being applied for.

Short listed suppliers in the respective categories will be called upon to submit quotations as and when, specific needs arise, purchase orders or contracts will then be issued on most competitive offer basis.

Interested suppliers must submit their sealed applications to the undersigned not later than the **30.05.2023 by 1200hrs.**

Envelopes must be clearly labeled:-

PRE-QUALIFICATION OF VENDORS FOR PROVISION OF VARIOUS GOODS AND SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2023/2025.
THE SECRETARY - TENDER COMMITTEE
NCBA BANK TANZANIA LIMITED
FIRST FLOOR - AMANI PLACE BUILDING, OHIO STREET
P.O. BOX 20268
DAR ES SALAAM

Applicants must indicate clearly on the envelope, the category of goods or services that the company is interested in and Lot number.



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

CONSULTANCY SERVICE FOR CONDUCTING A LABOR MARKET ASSESSMENT FOR THE USAID KIJANA NAHODHA ACTIVITY

Introduction:

USAID Kijana Nahodha (UKN) is a four-year (2022-2026) project aimed at increasing the empowerment, productivity, and community engagement of out-of-school youth aged 15-25 through an integrated cross-sectoral program following Positive Youth Development (PYD) principles. The project's overall goal is to have a Healthy, Productive, and engaged youth with more priority given to marginalized youth groups, including HIV+ youth, youth living with disabilities, adolescent girls, youth in rural areas and urban slums, and young orphans.

The project is made possible by the generous support of the American people through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and T-MARC Tanzania implements it in collaboration with Youth Development Labs, Inc. (YDLs), Tanzania Youth Coalition (TYC) and CARE International in Tanzania.

USAID Kijana Nahodha would like to contract an individual consultant/company to conduct a Labor Market Assessment (LMA) to identify key sectors and value chains that offer the greatest potential for maximizing job, entrepreneurship, and direct and adjacent business growth opportunities for marginalized youth, especially young women. The insights from this assessment will inform the project's strategy for intervention in meeting its youth empowerment objective.

Summary of the scope of work:

The consultant will review the methodology and data collection tools already developed, identify the most employable skills training courses for the project interventions to focus on, and identify the skills gap in the existing labor market. The consultant will also assess the capacity of TVET providers to deliver quality market-driven skills training and private employers' attitudes towards internships and identify ways to create stronger linkages between private employers, TVET institutions, and young graduates. Finally, the consultant must identify barriers for youth TVET graduates in accessing employment, especially young female graduates, and provide relevant recommendations and ways of creating decent work for them. Visit <https://care-tanzania.org/about-us/call-for-proposals> to access the full scope of work.

Expected deliverables:

- Inception report including LMA conceptual framework - not longer than 15 pages (excluding appendices).
- Data sets and data collection tools.
- PowerPoint presentation of initial findings.
- Table of contents of the final report (including appendices).
- Draft # 1 report - not exceeding 60 pages (excluding appendices).
- Final report - not exceeding 60 pages (including appendices) with an Executive summary - not exceeding two (2) pages.

Period of performance:

The assessment is estimated to require 32 working days, including data collection in the project's implementation regions, Morogoro, Dar Es Salaam, and Zanzibar.

Required qualifications and experience:

- At least eight (8) years of professional work experience in research and labor market studies.
- The applicant/team leader should possess a post-graduate degree in Social Sciences, Business, Economics, Statistics, or a related field.
- Demonstrate experience researching and assessing workforce development, economic growth policy, and knowledge of Tanzania's socio-economic landscape.
- Portfolio of work demonstrating data collection and analysis expertise and ability to draw valid conclusions from findings.
- Technical expertise in assessing labor market demand and supply issues in rural Africa, especially regarding youth access to employment opportunities.
- Excellent communication, report writing skills, and knowledge of Tanzania's Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) programs are necessary.

Application procedures:

- Interested applicants should submit a technical and financial proposal responding to the scope of work, detailing the assessment methodology and a daily budget breakdown for the entire duration of the consultancy.
- Along with the technical and financial proposal, the applicant should submit an initial work plan and enclose a company profile or a CV with a minimum of 3 references.
- Company profile.
- Copy of Valid Business Licence.
- Copy of TIN certificate.
- Copy of VAT registration certificate.
- Certificate of registration/incorporation.
- All application documents should be sent to CARE Tanzania's procurement unit through TZA.Procurement@care.org. The deadline for submission of application is 26th May 2023 before 1600 Hours.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Applicants can find more details of this call for proposals and the complete scope of work at <https://care-tanzania.org/about-us/call-for-proposals>

Bank pledges to support country's energy sub-sector

By Guardian Reporter

STANBIC Bank Tanzania sponsored and participated in the 10th East African Petroleum Conference and Exhibition, pledging to continue supporting the growth and development of Tanzania's energy sector.

Joe Mwakanjuki, Stanbic Bank's Manager Client Coverage Oil and Gas said: "As a bank, we are committed to supporting the growth and development of the petroleum sector in the East African region, and we believe that our tailored solutions can play a critical role in enabling businesses to achieve their goals and contribute to the sector's growth."

During the conference which was hosted by the East African Community in Kampala, Uganda from May 9th to May 11th, 2023, Stanbic Bank Tanzania had the opportunity to showcase its deep knowledge and expertise in the petroleum sector.

This year's theme was 'East Africa as a Hub for Investment in Exploration and Exploitation of Petroleum Resources for Sustainable Energy and Socioeconomic Development'.

Mwakanjuki said the bank demonstrated tailored solutions and ser-

vices such as working capital, debt financing, and foreign currency solutions, designed to support the growth of its corporate and commercial banking clients in the sector.

"We take great pride in having been among the sponsors and in actively participating at the conference, having the opportunity to engage with industry stakeholders and share our banking and beyond banking solutions. Stanbic Bank recognizes the importance of fostering dialogue and knowledge sharing within the industry," added Mwakanjuki.

The bank's sponsorship of this prestigious event reaffirmed its commitment to contribute to the advancement of the petroleum sector in Tanzania and the broader East African region.

The conference brought together key stakeholders in the petroleum industry from across East Africa, providing a platform for thought-provoking discussions, sharing invaluable insights and expertise, and addressing critical issues and emerging opportunities.

It played a pivotal role in shaping the future of the petroleum industry in East Africa.



Tanzania welcomes sixteen Peace Corps volunteers

By Guardian Reporter

SIXTEEN Americans were yesterday sworn in as Peace Corps volunteers who will work to address critical development priorities in different sectors including education, community health, and sustainable agriculture.

The swearing in ceremony was held at the Peace Corps Tanzania Headquarters in Dar es Salaam, presided over by Dr Edith Rwiza, Director of Human Resources, President's Office - Regional Administration and Local Government, U.S. Ambassador to Tanzania, Michael Battle and Peace Corps Tanzania Country Director Stephanie Joseph de Goes.

Peace Corps is an international service network of volunteers, community members, host country

partners and staff who are driven by the agency's mission of world peace and friendship.

Peace Corps volunteers work alongside community members on locally prioritized projects in the areas of education, health, environment, agriculture, community economic development and youth development.

Speaking after administering the oath to the new volunteers, Ambassador Battle said the volunteers are not in the country to make money; instead they are determined to volunteer, thus becoming good ambassadors of Tanzania.

He added: "People will remember you, because you walk alongside them, teaching and learning together... You represent the best of America, and you have the opportunity to experience the best of Tanzania."

Dr Rwiza described the Peace Corps Programme as a symbol of the close relationship between the U.S. and Tanzania and as a legacy of the friendship between Tanzania's first President Mwalimu Julius Nyerere and U.S. President John Kennedy, who founded the Peace Corps.

She called upon stakeholders in the areas where volunteers will be serving to support them and help them to flourish.

Peace Corps Tanzania Country Director Stephanie Joseph de Goes expressed gratitude to the government, Korogwe Teachers' College and host families who partnered with and supported the Peace Corps to successfully welcome the new volunteers and train them in Swahili language and culture.

She reinforced the commitment of the Peace Corps to working with Tanzania

in the spirit of collaboration, humility and respect.

The 16 volunteers who were sworn-in are the first Peace Corps Volunteers to serve in Tanzania since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, which forced the repatriation of more than 7000 volunteers worldwide, including 158 from Tanzania.

For the last 12 weeks, the new volunteers have undergone comprehensive cross-cultural, language, and technical training through the Peace Corps.

The volunteers will travel to their permanent site in local communities in Kilimanjaro, Tanga, and Zanzibar regions where they will complete 24 months of service, assisting local communities to address critical development priorities, including education, community health, and sustainable agriculture.

Municipality told to allocate funds to finish 13-year-old dispensary project

By Guardian Correspondent, Shinyanga

SHINYANGA District Commissioner Johari Samizi has instructed Shinyanga Municipal Council to make sure in its budget for FY 2023/24 funds are collected for the completion of the Kolandoto Dispensary project at Mwamunguli Village that remains uncompleted for over 13 years.

Construction work on the project began 2010 with various officials who visited the project site every year pledging its completion, but nothing has come of it.

DC Samizi made the remarks Wednesday this week when addressing residents of the ward at a public meeting after inspecting various development projects in the education and health sectors.

She said she has heard the complaints of the villagers about the uncompleted dispensary project, hence she said she is instructing the Shinyanga Municipal Executive Director to allocate funds thereon and make sure it is completed.

Meanwhile, Shinyanga Municipal Director, Jomaary Satura said he has received the directives and pledged to allocate funds from its next budget allocation to complete the project.

Residents in the area of the project have continued to face inconveniences in accessing health services, especially pregnant women and children who were being forced to seek these services from far away medical facilities.



REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE BANK PURSUANT TO SECTION 32 (3) OF THE BANKING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT 2006.

AUDITED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DEC 2022 (Amounts in Millions of Shillings)			AUDITED INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DEC 2022 (Amounts in Million Shillings)			CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DEC 2022 (Amounts in Millions of Shillings)		
	Current Year 31-Dec-22	Previous Year 31-Dec-21		Current Year 31-Dec-22	Previous Year 31-Dec-21		Current Year 31-Dec-22	Previous Year 31-Dec-21
A ASSETS			A ASSETS			I Cash flow from operating activities:		
1 Cash	4,679	2,911	1 Cash	4,679	2,911	Net income (loss)	(6,733)	(9,078)
2 Balances with Bank of Tanzania	11,488	12,287	2 Balances with Bank of Tanzania	11,488	12,287	Adjustment for:		
3 Investment in Government Securities	43,956	43,436	3 Investment in Government Securities	43,956	43,436	- Impairment/amortization	3,759	3,718
4 Balances with other banks and financial institutions	107,088	114,554	4 Balances with other banks and financial institutions	107,088	114,554	- net change in loans and advances	(2,267)	4,285
5 Cheques and Items for Clearing	-	-	5 Cheques and Items for Clearing	-	-	- gain/loss on sale of assets	-	-
6 Interbranch float items	-	-	6 Interbranch float items	-	-	- net change in deposits	7,087	(19,295)
7 Bills Negotiated	-	-	7 Bills Negotiated	-	-	- net change in short term negotiable securities	(620)	(258)
8 Customers Liabilities on Acceptances	-	-	8 Customers Liabilities on Acceptances	-	-	- net change in other liabilities	(2,123)	3,537
9 Interbank Loans Receivables	-	-	9 Interbank Loans Receivables	-	-	- net change in other assets	7,427	6,049
10 Investment in Other Securities	-	-	10 Investment in Other Securities	-	-	- tax paid	(243)	(279)
11 Loans, Advances and Overdrafts	125,843	129,669	11 Loans, Advances and Overdrafts	125,843	129,669	- Net change in SMR	-	-
12 Other Assets	18,094	25,189	12 Other Assets	18,094	25,189	Net cash provided(used) by operating activities	6,386	(11,321)
13 Equity Investments	1,000	1,000	13 Equity Investments	1,000	1,000	II Cash flow from investing activities:		
14 Underwriting accounts	-	-	14 Underwriting accounts	-	-	Dividend received	-	-
15 Property, Plant and Equipment	5,217	6,342	15 Property, Plant and Equipment	5,217	6,342	Purchase of fixed assets	(5,337)	(6,881)
16 TOTAL ASSETS	317,365	335,386	16 TOTAL ASSETS	317,365	335,386	Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-
						Purchase of non-dealing securities	-	-
B LIABILITIES			B LIABILITIES			Proceeds from sale of long term debt	-	-
17 Deposits From Other Banks and financial institutions	69,841	69,416	17 Deposits From Other Banks and financial institutions	69,841	69,416	Proceeds from issuance of share capital	-	-
18 Customer Deposits	138,954	132,293	18 Customer Deposits	138,954	132,293	Payment of cash dividends	-	-
19 Cash letters of credit	-	-	19 Cash letters of credit	-	-	Net change in other borrowings	(7,545)	25,713
20 Special deposits	-	-	20 Special deposits	-	-	Issue of preference shares	-	-
21 Payment Orders/ transfers payable	-	-	21 Payment Orders/ transfers payable	-	-	Net cash provided (used) by financing activities	(7,545)	25,713
22 Bankers Cheques and Drafts Issued	-	-	22 Bankers Cheques and Drafts Issued	-	-			
23 Accrued Taxes and Expenses payable	-	-	23 Accrued Taxes and Expenses payable	-	-	IV Cash and cash equivalents:		
24 Acceptances Outstanding	-	-	24 Acceptances Outstanding	-	-	Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(6,496)	7,511
25 Interbranch float items	-	-	25 Interbranch float items	-	-	Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	129,751	122,240
26 Unearned income and other deferred charges	-	-	26 Unearned income and other deferred charges	-	-	Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	123,255	129,751
27 Other Liabilities	4,229	6,352	27 Other Liabilities	4,229	6,352			
28 Borrowings	92,809	100,354	28 Borrowings	92,809	100,354			
29 TOTAL LIABILITIES	305,833	308,414	29 TOTAL LIABILITIES	305,833	308,414			
30 NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	11,531	26,972	30 NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	11,531	26,972			
C CAPITAL AND RESERVES			C CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
31 - Paid - up Share Capital	105,114	105,114	31 - Paid - up Share Capital	105,114	105,114			
32 - Preference share capital	17,840	17,840	32 - Preference share capital	17,840	17,840			
33 - General Provision Reserve	-	-	33 - General Provision Reserve	-	-			
34 - General banking risk reserve	-	2,163	34 - General banking risk reserve	-	2,163			
35 - Retained Earnings	(114,441)	(99,134)	35 - Retained Earnings	(114,441)	(99,134)			
36 - Other capital accounts	3,018.31	988.91	36 - Other capital accounts	3,018.31	988.91			
37 - Minority Interest	-	-	37 - Minority Interest	-	-			
38 TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS	11,531	26,972	38 TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS	11,531	26,972			
39 Contingent Liabilities	1,945	674	39 Contingent Liabilities	1,945	674			
40 Non performing loans and advances	7,265	16,315	40 Non performing loans and advances	7,265	16,315			
41 Allowances for impairment	6,412	11,862	41 Allowances for impairment	6,412	11,862			
42 Other non performing assets	-	-	42 Other non performing assets	-	-			
D PERFORMANCE INDICATORS			D PERFORMANCE INDICATORS					
(i) Shareholders Funds to Total Assets	3.63%	8.04%	(i) Shareholders Funds to Total Assets	3.63%	8.04%			
(ii) Non performing Loans & Advances to total gross loans	5.49%	11.53%	(ii) Non performing Loans & Advances to total gross loans	5.49%	11.53%			
(iii) Gross Loans and Advances to Total Deposits	63.34%	70.17%	(iii) Gross Loans and Advances to Total Deposits	63.34%	70.17%			
(iv) Loans and Advances to Total Assets	41.67%	42.20%	(iv) Loans and Advances to Total Assets	41.67%	42.20%			
(v) Earning Assets to Total Assets	49.24%	49.00%	(v) Earning Assets to Total Assets	49.24%	49.00%			
(vi) Deposit Growth	5.04%	15.91%	(vi) Deposit Growth	5.04%	15.91%			
(vii) Assets growth	-5.37%	0.18%	(vii) Assets growth	-5.37%	0.18%			

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2022						
	Share Capital	Share Premium	Retained Earnings	Non-Distributable Reserve	General Provision Reserve	Fair Value Reserve
Current Year 2022						
Balance as at the beginning of the year	122,854	-	(99,334)	2,163	-	989
Profit for the year	-	-	(17,270)	-	-	(17,270)
Issue of share	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	2,163	(2,163)	-	-
General Provision Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	2,029	2,029
Balance as at the end of the current period	122,854	-	(114,441)	-	-	3,018
Previous Year 2021						
Balance as at the beginning of the year	122,854	-	(89,329)	1,716	-	989
Impact of correction of errors	-	-	-	-	-	-
Profit for the year	-	-	(9,557)	-	-	(9,557)
Issue of share	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	(47)	47	-	-
General Provision Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at the end of the previous period	122,854	-	(99,334)	2,163	-	989

The above extracts are from the Financial Statements of the Bank for the year ended 31st December 2022, which have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and the provisions of the Tanzania Companies Act, 2002. The Financial Statements were audited by Ernst & Young (Certified Public Accountants) and received unqualified audit report.

The Financial Statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 28th April, 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

I. John
(Managing Director) Signed on 28th April 2023

Mr. P. Ishengoma
(Director) Signed on 28th April 2023

RECOVERING COMMODITY PRICES BOLSTER GLOBAL REAL ESTATE MARKET EXPANSIONS

DUBLIN

The global real estate market grew from \$3,694.47 billion in 2022 to \$3,976.18 billion in 2023 at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 7.6 percent, according to the "Real Estate Global Market Report 2023" released recently by Research and Markets.

The real estate market is expected to grow to \$5,209.84 billion in 2027 at a CAGR of 7 percent, it says.

The Russia-Ukraine war disrupted the chances of global economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, at least in the short term.

The war between these two countries has led to economic sanctions on multiple countries, a surge in commodity prices, and supply chain disruptions, causing inflation across goods and services and affecting many markets across the globe.

The real estate market's growth will be aided by stable economic growth forecasted in many developed and developing countries.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) predicts that the global real GDP growth will

be 3.7 percent over 2019 and 2020 and 3.6 percent from 2021 to 2023.

Recovering commodity prices, after a significant decline in the historic period is further expected to aid the market growth.

Developed economies are also expected to register stable growth during the forecast period. Additionally, emerging markets are expected to continue to grow slightly faster than developed markets in the forecast period.

For instance, according to official data from the World Bank, the GDP of India increased to reach \$3173.40 billion in 2021, compared to \$2667.69 billion in 2020.

The outbreak of COVID-19 disease (COVID-19) acted as a massive restraint on the real estate market in 2020 as the need for services offered by these establishments declined due to lockdowns imposed by governments globally.

COVID-19 is an infectious disease with flu-like symptoms including fever, cough, and difficulty in breathing.

The virus was first identified in 2019 in Wuhan, Hubei province of the People's Republic of China, and spread globally including West-

ern Europe, North America, and Asia.

Steps by national governments to contain the transmission have resulted in a decline in economic activity with countries entering a state of 'lockdown' and the outbreak had a negative impact on businesses throughout 2020 and into 2021.

However, it is expected that the real estate market will recover from the shock across the forecast period as it is a 'black swan event' and not related to ongoing or fundamental weaknesses in the market or the global economy.

Gen Z (born between the mid-1990s and early 2000s) is the next generation of renters after the millennials and they are predicted to spend more than any other generation on rental services in their lifetime.

Gen Z is highly dependent on technology and relies more on the internet and social media to make purchasing and lifestyle decisions.

Since Gen Z has experienced technology their entire lives, leasing and marketing campaigns for real estate rental services should incorporate the use of technology to reach this generation where they are most active

such as on apps, on social media, or any other internet source.

Gen Z makes up almost one-quarter of the US population therefore; the real estate rental services market expected to witness growth from this generation in the five years from 2019 to 2023.

Asia-Pacific was the largest region in the real estate market in 2022. North America was the second-largest region in the real estate market.

The regions covered in the real estate market report are Asia-Pacific, Western Europe, Eastern Europe, North America, South America, Middle East, and Africa.

The real estate market report consists of revenues earned by entities that are engaged in providing services such as residential buildings and dwellings rental, non-residential buildings rental services, non-residential buildings rental services, mini-warehouses, and self-storage unit rental services.

The real estate market report includes establishments such as builders, developers, lessors of real estate, and property management companies.

Open innovation organization, Swiss lab train 30 Tanga youths on e-bikes

Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

TANZANIA Open Innovation Organization (TOIO) in collaboration with Robotech Labs under Swiss philanthropic Botnar Foundation have organized mechatronics engineering trainings to 30 Tanga Technical School students on how to make electric bikes and motorcycles.

According to Tanzania Open Innovation Organization (TOIO) mechatronics engineer and Technical Director Shaukatali Hussein, the 6-day training started on May 5 and ended May 10.

He said the training among other things to give skills and knowledge students that after graduating their studies will enable them to have self-employment to improve their livelihoods.

He further explained that skills will help to conserve environment by preventing air pollution because motorcycle's smoky threatening global warming hence the technology will help battle climate changes.

"As now the technology has been advanced, nowadays many electric motors that uses rechargeable battery dominate the world market as the drivers and owners reduces the cost of fuels," he said.

Saidi Kassim a form two student who is one among the trainee applauded the TOIO to introduce those training because it equipped them with skills and knowledge for their brighter future.

"The day-to-day hand works activities techniques they imparted us on how to assemble parts of electric motorcycles and bikes actual gave us right way to compete in the global employment markets that goes parallel with modern technology of uniting mechanics, electric, electronic and computer system," he said.

For his side Peter Sanga also a form two student at Tanga Technical School stated that the training will enable them to become environment conservators.

“The day-to-day hand works activities techniques they imparted us on how to assemble parts of electric motorcycles and bikes actual gave us right way to compete in the global employment markets that goes parallel with modern technology of uniting mechanics, electric...

Auking starts uranium explorations on Manyoni project

By Guardian Reporter

The Australian Stock Exchange (ASX) listed Auking Mining Limited (AML) has announced the start of explorations activities at Manyoni Uranium project.

"We have commenced an exploration program at Manyoni that will include some drilling when the ground has dried after recent rains. The drilling is aimed at updating a 2010 resource estimate for Manyoni," the company Chief Executive Officer Paul Williams told The Guardian yesterday.

Drilling program is proposed to include holes at the nearby Itigi project where there is a previously identified significant radiometric anomaly.

"We aim to carry out extensive exploration for the rest of this year at both Manyoni and Itigi (80kms west of Manyoni). It will depend on the drilling results. We also have an exciting project in the south called Mkuju that will also be explored this year. It is next door to the large Nyota project and previous results suggest our license areas carry very prospec-

tive opportunities," he said.

Williams said that Manyoni had the potential to be a near-term uranium production asset for the company and that it was pleasing to be able to commence the drilling program after ongoing rain delays.

"The drilling program at Manyoni is intended to provide the basis for an updated resource estimate and thereby set the platform for development activities at this project. We will include some drill holes at the nearby Itigi project area where a major 40km x 10km radiometric anomaly was identified but not subjected to drilling."

Auking holds several granted prospecting licences ("PLs") which include almost all of the Manyoni uranium resource areas previously held by Uranex NL (now called Magnis Energy Technologies Limited) (UNX).

However, two prospecting licenses were revoked by the government, as the company is waiting for the ministry of mineral resolutions after logging an ap-



peal for the revocation.

"This process is ongoing and we are respectful that the Minister has a process to work through. We will wait for the Minister to complete that process and are hopeful of a resolution," he said yesterday on the update of the appeal to the minister.

On 27 February 2023 Auking advised of a decision by the Tanzanian Mining Commission to revoke two of the Company's PL

holdings at Manyoni - PLS 12193 and 12194.

Manyoni had been the focus of activities of UNX from the early 2000's up until 2013. The Fukushima disaster in 2011 had a dramatic impact on the uranium market and UNX's apparent focus turned to graphite interests in the region.

Uranium mineralisation at Manyoni is reported to occur as near surface secondary enrichment of un-

consolidated Mbuga clay sediments and underlying saprolite material, the company said in a statement issued last month.

"The distribution of uranium is reported to be in the Mbugas and along catchment profiles indicating that uranium is anomalous in ground water for much of the length of the catchment into the Bahi depression. This presents a model for precipitation of uranium

within Mbuga traps and in reduced carbonate-rich fluvial channels," it says.

The company said uranium deposits discovered at Manyoni to date are shallow, generally less than 10 m deep. To date several individual uranium bearing playa lakes/project areas also referred to as Mbugas have been identified through exploration activities.

The Manyoni deposit is classed in the IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency) classification of uranium deposits as a surficial deposit.

Surficial deposits typically vary in size and generally contain low grade uranium. Surficial uranium deposits were formed in the Tertiary and Recent when uranium-rich granites were deeply weathered in a semi-arid to arid climate. The uranium mineralisation is often associated with fine-grained surficial sand and clay.

On 29 January 2010 UNX announced details to ASX of an intense radiometric anomaly at a project area in Itigi, approximately 50 km west of Manyoni.

Global luxury house prices fall for first time since 2009

By Guardian Reporter

The first quarter of 2023 saw annual price change in the world's luxury housing markets turn negative for the first time since the Global Financial Crisis.

Knight Frank's Prime Global Cities Index (PGCI), which tracks prices in 46 leading prime markets, fell by 0.4 percent in the 12 months to the end of March this year.

This marks a sharp reversal from a peak of 10.1 percent growth in the fourth quarter of 2021.

The slowdown in growth has overwhelmingly been driven by sharply higher interest rates following recent tightening in global monetary policy.

Annual prices are now falling in 16 of the 46 markets tracked.

While two thirds of markets are still seeing positive growth, the large size of price declines in the weakest markets has pulled the overall index negative.

Exceptional performance

At the top of the table, Dubai's 44 percent annual growth remains a substantial outlier; with second place Miami the only other city to reach double digit growth (11 percent).

Zurich (9.4 percent), Berlin (5.7 percent) and Singapore (5.5 percent) complete the top five markets - pointing to the resilience of wealth and, in Berlin's case, investment hubs.

Dubai's 149 percent growth through the pandemic (March

2020 to date) reflects a market undergoing significant structural change.

Miami saw the second strongest growth over the same period, but at only 59 percent merely serves to highlight Dubai's exceptional market transformation.

New Zealand dominates the lower ranks of the index with Wellington seeing prices fall more than 27 percent over the past year, followed by Auckland (-17 percent), and Christchurch (-15.3 percent).

Other weak performers include Stockholm (-11 percent) and Vancouver (-9.4 percent), reflecting weakness in their broader national markets.

What next?

While the Federal Reserve and other central banks may be closing in on peak rates, it is likely that even prime housing markets will experience continued downward pressure on prices for the next few quarters.

That said it is unlikely we will see a correction similar in scale to that seen during the Global Financial Crisis, when the overall PGCI index fell 8.2 percent from peak to trough during 2009.

There are early signs that some markets are seeing improvements, 46 percent of markets saw quarterly price falls through the second half of 2022, but only 28 percent did in the first quarter of this year, the lowest number since the first quarter of 2021.



CONSTRUCTION FIRMS SET TO SOURCE WORKERS IN SOUTH AFRICA

DUBLIN

Irish construction firms are set to travel across the globe in search of skilled construction workers amid a severe shortage domestically.

A delegation from the South African government recently visited Dublin as part of a project aimed at attracting foreign workers to Ireland.

Next month up to 20 Irish companies are expected to make the 14,000km journey to attend a jobs fair organised in tandem with the South African government in Johannesburg.

There are in the region of 140,000 construction workers in Ireland but the State needs more than 50,000 more to meet housing and retrofitting 2030 targets according to a report by the Department of Further and Higher Education last year.

The report was tasked with quantifying the additional construction skills which will be required to deliver the Government's targets in new housing and the retrofitting of 446,300 homes over the period 2023-2030.

It has previously been reported that the existing targets are an underestimation of what is needed as they are based on outdated population data and will likely be revised upwards in the coming months. This will mean the number



of construction workers needed will be much higher.

Construction Industry Federation director general Tom Parlon said that there is a "very substantial number of foreign workers in the construction industry already" and while there are a lot of South Africans in the sector they all

require work permits.

Work permits for 150 South African construction workers were issued last year, with an additional 52 issued already this year.

Parlon explained that South Africa is a ripe recruiting ground due to a high youth unemployment rate, native Eng-

lish speakers and high skill rate.

He said: "A lot of our firms will be going out there. They'll try and hire niche specialists."

"Our experience of South Africans has been very good - and the experience they're having here is good; good conditions on site and good pay conditions so that's filtering back."

Mr Parlon said that if a company thinks they might only get a small amount of work permits, then they are likely to focus on recruiting niche specialists rather than general labourers. "If South Africans could come here, we'd take them all, I'd say. Work permits are difficult to come by, they're scarce," he said.

He added that several Irish engineering firms are already employing South African-based workers who are working remotely due to issues with obtaining work permits. Speaking on Newstalk's Pat Kenny Show, Labour Senator Marie Sherlock said the initiative was "very much welcome" but said the Government needs to do more to cultivate the skills of local workers as well.

"Ireland has had two decades now of construction workers coming from abroad into Ireland and being a very necessary part of the construction workforce," she said.

"My key point really is what are we doing here with regards to securing the

sustained flow of skilled labour into construction in this country over this decade and beyond?"

"I said at the start, the Department of Further and Higher Education last year forecast we need around 50,000 construction workers between now and 2030... 82% of that is in the crafts - and yet when we look at the figures for last year in terms of craft apprenticeship registrations, they went down rather than up," she said.

Figures provided by the Department of Further and Higher Education last night show that there are almost 26,000 active apprenticeships at the moment.

Further Education Minister Simon Harris said that while the numbers were positive further incentives to encourage people into apprenticeships in October's Budget may be needed.

He said: "So any employer who takes on an apprentice now, for the first time in the history of the State every employer is getting some level of financial assistance from the State. Do we need to go further and do more?"

"We may well, and what this report is indicating today is that government does need to look at how we can further incentivise or maybe stimulate demand in certain areas."

"So I will be looking at that in the run up to the budget," the Minister said.

iProcure, Farm to Market Alliance to jointly reach over 125k farmers

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

iProcure, a leading data-driven African agricultural input supply company has extended its presence to Tanzania through partnership with the Farm to Market Alliance (FtMA).

The eight-month partnership will benefit farmers and agro dealers in the regions of Singida and Manyara covering ten district councils.

The partnership is expected to improve access to supplies and services to over 125,000 farmers in Tanzania.

FtMA intends to offer a platform to provide last-mile service delivery and structured market access to 125,000 farmers in rural Tanzania through its network of 295 Farmer Service Centers spread across six regions.

The services offered include market access, farm inputs, financing, mechanization, advisory services, and insurance.

Through this collaboration, iProcure will deploy its supply-chain tracking technology and business management software solutions to 100 Tanzanian agro-dealers to enhance their operational efficiency and supply traceability.

The partnership aims to deploy iProcure solutions to 100 FtMA Farmer Service Centers by November 2023.

Speaking during the signing of the partnership, Niraj

Varia, iProcure's CEO, said the partnership presents the perfect opportunity to roll out our technology to an established network of agro-dealers.

"FtMA shares our vision of digitizing agriculture, helping farmers, and improving supply chains, so we are excited to enter this new market alongside them," said Varia.

On the other hand, Mads Lofvall, Managing Director FtMA said "FtMA seeks to bridge the gap between service delivery and market access at the first and last mile."

Digitalizing the work of our Farmer Service Centers is key to bridging this gap, and we are looking forward to seeing how our FSCs and farmers will benefit from this new partnership."

FtMA is a consortium of public and private institutions that aims to increase income and strengthen the resilience of smallholders while simultaneously increasing commercial viability for all value chain stakeholders.

This is done through FtMA's support to a network of last-mile service providers called Farmer Service Centres (FSCs) which act as key service hubs that provide access to demand-driven services such as quality inputs, weather and planting advisory information, affordable financing, handling and

storage solutions, as well as timely market connections, thereby guiding producers' transition from having a surplus or surplus potential to commercial farming.

iProcure has revolutionized traditional agricultural supply chains in East Africa by developing its own distribution infrastructure connecting major agricultural input suppliers directly to local agro-dealers via its proprietary distribution technology system.

By cutting out the multiple levels of middlemen in the traditional agricultural supply chain and providing technology-driven insights on supply levels and price, iProcure ensures the availability, quality, and delivery of critical agricultural inputs like fertilizers and seeds while delivering savings.

Agrodealers, in turn, can provide the farmers that depend on them with the products they need when they need them.

In addition to procuring and delivering supply to over one million farmers, iProcure's software and data management solutions digitize agro-dealers' businesses and provide invaluable data insight into regional agricultural input demand, price sensitivity, and creditworthiness. iProcure has used this insight to extend Buy-Now-Pay-Later (BNPL) services to over 1,500 agro-dealers.



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Atomic agency out to fund best science students

By Correspondent Valentine

Oforo, Dodoma

THE Tanzania Atomic Energy Commission (TAEC) is set to spend a total of 2.6bn/- to roll out scholarships to the local science students who will excel in their university's final examinations.

Giving an interview to The Guardian, TAEC Director General (DG), Prof. Lazaro Busagala said in the envisaged scheme the concerned students will be those who pursue the first Degrees at different science studies, saying girls

will however be given first priority.

He added that the three consecutive years program focuses to spur innovation in the different science facets across the country.

"Moreover, the scheme targets also to attract and motivate girls to undertake science studies, from secondary to higher education level," he said, added the move was also in line with the Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM) Manifesto.

The Don unveiled that as per the program, the state-owned will sponsor five best students in this

year to attend further studies abroad, whereby it will do the same in the next two years consecutively.

Apart from those to be sponsored for further studies abroad, he informed some of the excellent students will be assisted to further improve their studies at different local varsities.

"Generally, this program eyes to help create more innovators in science and technology sector for the bright economic future of our nation," he informed.

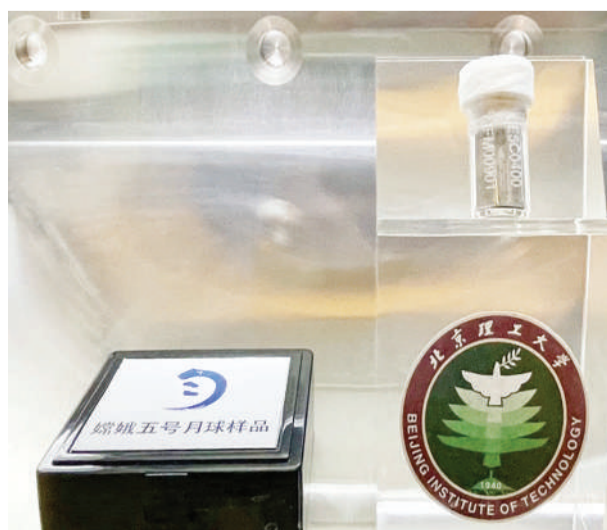
Prof. Busagala challenged the science students in Tanzania to make sure

they perform impressively in their daily studies in order to stand a possible opportunity to scoop the scholarships.

"These scholarships will be offered in a bias less manner because we're looking forward to supplement the National Economic Vision through molding high tech innovators," he assured.

The Tanzania Atomic Energy Commission (TAEC) is the regulatory body responsible for all atomic energy matters in the United Republic of Tanzania.

Chinese scientists to explore lunar construction materials



The lunar samples received by the Beijing Institute of Technology. Photo by Xinhua

BEIJING

The Beijing Institute of Technology (BIT) recently received 500 mg of the lunar samples brought back by the Change-5 mission.

The research team with BIT will study the material characteristics of these samples and also related additive manufacturing technology, with the building of a future lunar research station in mind.

Shen Jun, a professor with the school of mechanical engineering at BIT, noted that both international and domestic plans have been laid

out for the construction of lunar research stations, and her team will focus on related preliminary research.

"Building a lunar research station is like building a house on the moon. Due to current rocket carrying capacity limitations and the high cost of transportation between the Earth and the Moon, it is essential to make use of indigenous materials on the moon in lunar research station construction. That means lunar soil will serve as the main material," said Shen.

The professor said that the scientific research is scheduled to be conducted

in two phases. Firstly, the basic physical properties of the samples, including optical and electromagnetic features, will be studied.

Following that, the team is going to explore lunar soil particle surface properties, and search for the most suitable 3D printing techniques and materials that can be printed in appropriate shapes when mixed with lunar soil.

"If we compare lunar soil to cement, what we do is to first study the characteristics of the cement, then find suitable materials such as sand and adhesives for mix-

ing with the cement, and ultimately ensure that we have the technology to make bricks from the cement and sand mixture," Shen added.

Lunar soil molding technology faces a slew of challenges such as material compatibility, mixture stability, and printing reliability.

The lunar samples will not be used for the construction experiments. Instead, the team plans to develop simulated lunar soil with existing materials on Earth and continuously optimize the development methods and construction techniques based on analysis data from the re-

ceived lunar samples.

"BIT will make full use of these valuable lunar samples, and is committed to providing a theoretical basis and technical support for the future construction of lunar research stations," said Zhang Jun, an academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering and Party chief of BIT.

He added that the university will collaborate with relevant organizations in scientific research and personnel training, and contribute to the exploitation of lunar resources as well as the peaceful use of space by mankind.

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UAE FIRM LAUNCHES SECOND PHASE OF REEM HILLS PROJECT

DUBAI

UAE - Q Properties, a leading real estate developer and subsidiary of Abu Dhabi-based Q Holding, has announced the launch of the second phase of its new luxury apartments at its premium project, Reem Hills, after all the units within Phase One got sold out in record time.

Located in the heart of the capital and the only gated community on Al Reem Island, Phase One of this new residential offering attracted immediate buyer interest for being the largest on the Abu Dhabi market in a highly desirable neighborhood while still at a competitive price point.

The newly-launched Phase Two features two new buildings with 300 residential units and consists of spacious 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom apartments and 3-bedroom townhouses, it stated.

Announcing the launch, Q Properties said all these apartments come with a two years' service charge waiver, thus offering an attractive benefit for potential customers.

Each home in the second phase boasts light-filled rooms and customizable features that mean they



align with the very highest standards of luxurious urban living.

All are designed with absolute comfort and ease of use in mind, with open, closed and combined kitchens and dining, maid's rooms, en-suite bedrooms, ample storage, dedicated laundry areas, walk-in closets, and large balconies.

On the launch, CEO Ben Hud-

son said: "We were delighted at the market's incredibly positive response to phase 1 and are now excited to launch this second phase and anticipate an equally great reaction. It clearly shows the demand out there for spacious, beautifully designed homes in a well-connected yet peaceful community with plenty of green space

for everyone to enjoy, while being close to a fantastic retail destination." According to him, the multi-level garden seamlessly connects each neighborhood cluster in a display of high-quality design that characterises the Reem Hills development.

With Q Properties' commitment to wellness at the heart of all their

designs, residents can also explore expansive landscaped areas, relax in covered plazas, or enjoy a picnic or barbecue in lush green parks, stated Hudson.

There are also extensive walkways for strolling, jogging, and cycling, plus outdoor fitness zones and temperature-controlled pools, he added.

Kilolo district supports reforestation move by planting millions trees

By Friday Simbaya, Iringa

More than four million trees have been planted in Kilolo and Iringa districts, Iringa region through Forest Garden Approach (FGA) Program, as part of reforestation programme.

Iringa Regional Program Coordinator, David Fonga said that the program is using a various agricultural system that combines plants and animals in one area and produces a variety of crops while maintaining the environment.

A total of 77 farmers (Hub Farmers) have been awarded certificates after completing the Forest Garden Approach Program in Iringa, implemented by Trees for the Future in partnership with the Clinton Development Initiative (CDI).

This was revealed at the graduation of farmers who completed the Forest Garden program held at the Open University in Tanzania in Iringa with the theme 'Forest Garden for Food and Nutrition, increase income for rural households and to combat climate change' held on Tuesday this week.

"Every hub farmer has 15 smallholder farmers around him/her, equivalent to 1,155 smallholder farmers from Iringa and Kilolo districts, Iringa region benefits from the Forest Garden Approach program," he explained.

He said that using the program, farmers' families can change their lives by increasing sustainable income throughout the year, nutrition, as well as improving the surrounding environment.

"Food production is the purpose of the forest gardens, other crops include wood, firewood, livestock food, fertilizers and medicines. Forest gardening technique focuses on the production of market-focused crops," said Fonga.

He explained that the project was able to establish more than 140 tree seedlings and plant more than four million trees for a two-year program.

Trees for the Future Acting Director, Heri Ramadan Rashidi said that the organization is helping farmers in rural areas by fighting income, hunger and poor nutrition, by providing quality and sustainable agricultural training to increase crop production and improving soil fertility.

He said the project has three main goals, which include reducing income poverty for small-scale farmers by implementing sustainable and productive agriculture.

Ensure food access and nutrition for farmers' communities, and to combat climate change by planting more than one billion friendly trees by 2030, for all program-implementing countries, including Tanzania.

Rashidi said that the organization is running 15 projects in the four regions of Singida, Tabora, Iringa and Simiyu, with more than 10,000 farmers and planting more than 30,000,000 trees.

Rashidi pointed out that the non-governmental organization was established more than 30 years ago, with its headquarters in the United States.

In Tanzania the organization was officially registered in December 2015, and reviewed in February 2022.

The graduation ceremony was attended by Iringa Regional Agricultural Advisor Revocatus Rwegoshora, Forest Officers from Kilolo and Iringa districts, Divisional Officers, Councilors, Ward Executives and Village Chairpersons.

The Integrated Forest Garden Approach (FGA) in Community Agribusiness (CAB) Farmers Project is conducted in collaboration between Trees for the Future and Clinton Development Initiative.

Rotterdam port launches emission-free shipping project

ROTTERDAM

The Port of Rotterdam, together with the Province of Zuid Holland and more than 40 partners, has launched a project for emission-free inland and near-shore shipping on hydrogen.

The Condor H2 project aims to facilitate the sailing of 50 emission-free vessels by 2030, targeting a carbon dioxide (CO2) reduction of 100,000 tonnes per year.

Condor H2 will provide fuel-cells with a battery pack as well as hydrogen storage on a pay-per-use basis to enable ships to operate emission-free with limited up-front investments for ship owners, according to the port's recent statement.

The hydrogen will be delivered in 'tanktainers' which can be easily loaded on board vessels and quickly swapped when empty, allowing maximum flexibility for longer journeys.

The project brings together six ports and more than 40 partners, spanning the entire val-



ue chain from hydrogen suppliers and distributors to technology providers and shipowners.

The Port of Rotterdam aims to have the first vessels with the Condor H2 system sailing on the route in 2025.

The project is part of the RH2INE network, a cooperation between ports, regional governments, and market parties along the Rhine corridor, ranging from Belgium and the Netherlands up to Switzerland.

Condor H2 is driven by a Steering Group of the

Province of Zuid Holland, Port of Rotterdam, WaterstofNet and Rabobank.

The project is also supported by the Port of Duisburg, Port of Amsterdam, Port of Antwerp-Bruges, along with a plethora of other industry partners.

"Hydrogen is already being tested in shipping, but the time has come to take action towards large-scale implementation," said Nico van Dooren, Director New Business of the Port of Rotterdam.

"By offering a modular, scalable, and affordable solution, Condor H2 will

make it technically and economically feasible to switch to zero-emission shipping on the key shipping routes in north-west Europe," Dooren added.

This project comes a month after German energy provider, Onyx Power, announced its plans to build a hydrogen production plant at its existing site in the Port of Rotterdam to produce low carbon blue hydrogen.

More recently, the Port of Rotterdam Authority announced that it is developing an 11-hectare site on the Maasvlakte suitable for

the construction of a large green hydrogen plant.

In April this year, The Port of Rotterdam Authority and HGK Shipping have signed a long-term cooperation agreement to promote sustainable concepts for inland waterway services leading to and from seaports.

The document primarily focuses on the energy revolution and logistics for hydrogen, as well as reducing carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions by using innovative drive concepts and digitalisation.

The agreement ensures

that stable supply chains will continue between Germany and the Netherlands, and within Europe, according to the Port of Rotterdam.

As part of the cooperation arrangement, the Port of Rotterdam Authority and HGK Shipping will maintain close ties to share information and jointly examine the possibilities that open up for both partners.

The partners will analyse how the need for services to transport, store, and tranship alternative energy sources will likely develop.

Dubai's least, most expensive places to live in 2023 known

DUBAI

The average cost to rent an apartment in Business Bay and Downtown Dubai underwent price hikes of nearly 68 percent during Q1 2023, according to a new report by property portal Bayut.

The Dubai Property Market Report for Q1 2023 revealed the most searched areas in the emirate's real estate sector, indicating that prices in the industry have increased across popular neighbourhoods, favouring sellers and landlords.

Downtown Dubai, known for its luxury apartment rentals, observed a spike in rentals following the handover of the Burj Royale units.

Other areas popular among po-

tential tenants in search of luxury apartment rentals included the Palm Jumeirah and Mohammed Bin Rashid City, which witnessed noticeable increases in rental costs, particularly for three-bedroom units, which were further buoyed by a limited inventory.

Further down Sheikh Zayed Road, Dubai Marina also witnessed an appreciation in rental costs by nearly 39 percent. According to Bayut, in Q1 2023, the asking rent for apartments in Dubai Marina averaged at AED 91,000 for a one-bedroom unit, AED 139,000 for a two-bedroom and AED 207,000 for three-bedroom units.

The real estate market report also reported a spike in luxury villa rentals across popular neighbourhoods in Dubai, which witnessed significant ap-



preciations in annual costs during Q1 2023.

Umm Suqeim emerged as the top choice for luxury villa rentals in the emirate, with properties there experiencing upticks of 25 percent to 50 percent across all bed types. In Q1 2023, the average rent stood at AED 271,000 for a four-bedroom, AED 315,000 for a five-bedroom and AED 474,000 for six-bedroom units.

Neighbouring Jumeirah remained a favoured option for high-income tenants. The asking rents for villas appreciated up to 54 percent. During Q1 2023, the rental costs for four-bedroom houses in Jumeirah averaged AED 273,000. The five-bedroom houses were rented out for AED 331,000, whereas the six-bedroom houses were priced at AED 460,000.

WORLD

Trump jokes about sexual abuse verdict, repeats poll falsehoods

WASHINGTON

AN unrepentant Donald Trump held firm to past grievances at the first televised town hall of the 2024 US presidential election on Wednesday, stressing from the moment he took the stage that he has little intention of mounting a more disciplined campaign for his third White House bid.

In a contentious 70-minute broadcast, Trump (pictured) drew laughter from a New Hampshire audience when he mocked writer E. Jean Carroll's account of his having sexually abused her, repeated falsehoods about his 2020 election loss, said he would pardon many of his supporters convicted of taking part in a Jan 6, 2021, attack on the US Capitol, and called the CNN moderator Kaitlan Collins a "nasty person."

Responding to questions from Collins and members of the audience at Saint Anselm College, Trump made no effort to offer more moderate positions on issues, which political analysts say is key to broadening his appeal to a wider swath of Republicans.

Asked by Collins whether he would acknowledge that he lost to Democrat Joe Biden in 2020, the Republican Trump reasserted unfounded claims that the election was rigged against him, brushing aside her attempts to correct the record.

"That was a rigged election," Trump said, adding that anyone who thought otherwise was "stupid."



Trump, the front-runner in the race for the Republican nomination, declined to express regret for the deadly attack on the US Capitol when his supporters sought to prevent Congress from ratifying the election result, and he repeated his plan to pardon individuals involved if voters return him to the White House in 2024. Trump and Collins frequently spoke over each other with Collins challenging a number of the former president's false claims.

Stu Rothenberg, a non-partisan political analyst, said Trump's performance was a likely prelude to his 2024 campaign.

"It was classic Trump - it was Donald Trump from 2015 right up until now: the Big Lie, the outrageous style, demeaning individuals, mocking them," said Rothenberg, senior editor at the Inside Elections newsletter. "He hasn't changed, nor will

Graham Smith, leader of the anti-monarchist group Republic, speaks during an interview in London on April 27, 2023. British police have expressed regret over the arrests of Smith and five others at the May 6 coronation of King Charles, following criticism that the security response was heavy-handed. We ran this Associated Press photo in our May 10 issue but, owing to a technical hitch, with the wrong caption. We regret the error and apologise for any inconvenience it will have caused. - Editor.

he. It was a glimpse into the next year and a half."

The audience of Republicans and independent voters who plan to vote in the Republican primary were generally very supportive of Trump, giving him a standing ovation when he took the stage. New Hampshire is an early nominating state that could prove critical in Trump's bid to win the November 2024 election.

Some applauded when he described his Jan 6 speech and the events that led up to the Capitol riot in positive terms.

"I've never spoken to a crowd as large as that, and that was because they thought the election was rigged. They were there with love in their heart. That was unbelievable, and it was a beautiful day," he said.

Responding to Trump's remarks, Democratic National Committee chair Jaime Harrison issued a statement calling Trump a "dangerous, extreme candidate who seeks to undermine democracy." Biden sought to fundraise off the event.

"Do you want four more years of that? If you don't, pitch in to our campaign," Biden wrote on Twitter.

Collins tried to fact-check Trump's assertions in real time, sometimes leading to the two talking over each other as Trump, who usually sticks to conservative media outlets, refused to back down. It was Trump's first appearance on



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CNN since 2016.

On Tuesday, a federal jury found Trump sexually abused Carroll in a department store dressing room in Manhattan in the 1990s, then harmed her reputation by describing her claims as "a hoax" and "a lie." It said he must pay her \$5 million in damages. Trump's lawyer said they would appeal.

"What kind of a woman meets somebody and brings them up and within minutes, you're playing hanky panky in a dressing room?" Trump said, one of many disparaging comments about Carroll that elicited applause and laughter. He called her a "wack job."

After Tuesday's verdict, Carroll issued a statement saying: "Today, the world finally knows the truth ... This victory is not just for me but for every woman who has suffered because she was not believed."

Trump stood by his remarks in a 2005 Access Hollywood tape in which he bragged about grabbing women by the genitals, suggesting stars could have their way with them. The comments were used against Trump at trial.

"And you would like me to take that back. I can't take it back because it happens to be true. I said, it's been true for 1 million years, approximately a million years, perhaps a little bit longer than that," Trump said. "I'm not referring to myself, I'm saying people that are famous, people that are stars."

Agencies

Erdogan, Putin may discuss results of grain deal talks – source

ANKARA

THE Presidents of Turkey and Russia, Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Vladimir Putin may discuss the results of grain deal talks in Istanbul in a phone conversation if necessary, a source in Ankara told TASS yesterday.

"This is a possibility because, as you know, President Erdogan and President Putin frequently hold phone talks if such a necessity arises. The grain deal is very important so they may discuss its results," the source said replying to a question on the matter.

That said, the source declined to comment on the negotiation process suggesting to wait for the talks to end.

Yesterday, in Istanbul, the key second day of negotiations between representatives from Russia, Ukraine, Turkey and the UN was held. The talks were devoted

to the extension of the Black Sea grain deal and the implementation of the Russian part of the agreement.

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Vershinin is taking part in the negotiations. It is also known that the UN is represented by Martin Griffiths, UN under-secretary-general. The negotiations are held in various formats - trilateral, four-sided, and bilateral.

Details of talks

The main subject of the negotiations is the start of implementation of the Russian part of the agreement under the overall grain deal framework, which provides for exports of agricultural products and fertilizers from Russia.

Previously, Moscow repeatedly noted that, if this part remains unfulfilled, the grain deal would not be extended. Ankara earlier said that Moscow's demands are ab-



solutely legitimate and should be fulfilled unquestionably.

Another important issue is reconnecting the Russian Agricultural Bank to SWIFT and lifting restrictions on banking and insurance guarantees.

As Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu pointed out earlier, the extension of the grain deal

would depend on taking these demands by Russia into consideration.

Additionally, a diplomatic source told TASS that the Istanbul meeting will also address the issue of drafting a plan for the safe evacuation of Turkish merchant vessels that are stuck in Ukrainian ports due to Russia's special military operation.

While most of these vessels have already returned home, about 10 Turkish ships still remain stranded in Ukraine.

The Turkish Foreign Ministry earlier said that UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres had suggested that Turkey's state-owned Ziraat Bank process payments for Russian grain and fertilizer sales. Ankara insists that it could support this proposal if guarantees are given that no threats to the Turkish bank would emerge.

As an informed source told

TASS, the technicalities of this issue will be discussed at the four-party talks in Istanbul.

About the grain deal

On July 22, 2022, a set of documents on supplies of food and fertilizers to the international market was signed in Istanbul. Initially, the agreements were concluded for 120 days and in November 2022, the deal was extended for the same number of days.

On March 18, Russia announced the extension of the grain deal for 60 days, saying this would be enough time to assess the effectiveness of the memorandum signed with the UN.

The Russian side repeatedly pointed out that any decision on extending the deal would depend on fulfilling the Russian part of the agreement. The absence of progress on this issue threatens the future of this initiative. **Agencies**

South Korea to drop 7-day quarantine for COVID patients from June

SEOUL

SOUTH Korea on Thursday lowered its crisis level for COVID-19 and will from June no longer require infected people to quarantine for seven days, dropping one

of the country's few remaining pandemic-related restrictions.

Health authorities will still recommend five days of self-isolation for infected people but it will not be mandatory.

"I am glad that people will be

able to resume normal life after three years and four months," President Suk Yeol Yoon told a televised meeting with government officials and medical workers to mark the lowering of the crisis level from the highest level of 4 to 3.

Requirements that masks be worn at all medical facilities and pharmacies will also be dropped, with masks only mandatory at hospitals with patient wards. Yoon said the government would continue to provide financial support

for COVID testing and treatment "for a while".

Last week, the World Health Organization declared an end of the global emergency status for COVID, which has been in place since Jan. 30, 2020. **Agencies**

AS almost all countries have embraced normal life one by one, COVID-19 is gradually fading off the world's most searched hashtags list, giving way to more crucial topics such as the Ukraine crisis and the enduring gun problem in the United States. However, the same old tune of "China lab leak theory" has lately once again struck up by U.S. officials for some reason.

In the past three years, such remarks made by some U.S. politicians were just like mosquitoes in warm damp air -- they kept buzzing around no matter how constantly slapped by facts and evidence. At the beginning of the outbreak, while China participated in science-based global origins-tracing of the virus, Washington, ignoring the spiraling number of

'Lab leak theory' merely a rehash of an old Washington plot

domestic patients, clamored for an investigation in China.

In February 2021, after a four-week investigation as some U.S. officials had once pushed for with all efforts, experts of the WHO-China joint mission reported that "a laboratory origin of the pandemic was considered to be extremely unlikely." But clearly, this science-based authoritative conclusion is not as "desirable" as what the U.S. government wishes. Not very long after, U.S. President Joe Biden turned to the intelligence community for a COVID-19 virus origins story despite voices from around the world calling for "give to science

what belongs to science." Unsurprisingly, U.S. intelligence agencies failed to satisfy the White House's tireless intention to incriminate China.

This March, the U.S. Congress passed the COVID-19 Origin Act of 2023, which iterated that the pandemic may have originated in China.

After the U.S. government's three-year-long "investigation," or fabrication to be precise, its Energy Department concluded with "low confidence" that "an accidental laboratory leak" in China "most likely" caused the pandemic, as unsure as three years ago.

Obviously, the United States is by

no means unaware of the extremely low potentiality of the "China lab leak theory." It only expects to achieve political goals through hyping up this assumption out of nothing.

On the one hand, it blames China as if doing so could cover up its own problems in domestic governance such as ineffective pandemic control, high inflation, a wide gap between the rich and the poor, and racial conflicts, among others.

On the other hand, by repeating the lie over and over again, the United States tries to influence and mislead international public opinion and achieve the Goebbels effect of

turning lies into truth.

If, in any case, the virus was created by humans like some common routine in U.S. science fiction movies, there would be not much answer left about which countries are capable of doing so. In fact, more clues from the international science community are pointing to the U.S. origins of virus.

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the United States has neither invited the WHO experts team to conduct collaboration on origins-tracing, nor provided any early data about the outbreak, let alone taking seriously the concerns of the international community regarding the U.S.

UK ditches plan to remove all EU laws by the end of 2023

LONDON

THE British government no longer intends to remove all European Union laws by the end of this year, a flagship policy for hardline Brexiters that sparked warnings from business and the opposition about legal uncertainty and bureaucratic chaos.

The government said on Wednesday it would amend legislation currently making its way through parliament to propose revoking by the end of 2023 only around 600 of the almost 4,000 EU laws remaining since Britain left the bloc in 2020.

The Retained EU Law (REUL) bill had aimed to automatically remove any remaining EU laws at the end of this year unless they were explicitly chosen to be saved, and Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's spokesperson said in January the government would not extend that deadline.

"Today the government is tabling an amendment ... which will replace the current sunset in the Bill with a list of the retained EU laws that we intend to revoke under the Bill at the end of 2023," business and trade minister Kemi Badenoch said in a written statement to parliament.

"This provides certainty for business by making it clear which regulations will be removed from our statute book, instead of highlighting only the REUL that would be saved."

Badenoch said 1,000 EU laws had already been revoked or reformed since Britain left the EU and a further 500 would be revoked by two other bills which are in the process of making their way through parliament.

But Jacob Rees-Mogg, a hardline Brexit supporter and business minister at the time the bill was introduced, expressed disappointment at the decision.

"Regrettably the Prime Minister has shredded his own promise rather than EU laws," he tweeted.

Opposition politicians have been warning the revocation of EU law would create massive amounts of work for departments with little benefit, empower ministers to replace laws as they see fit, and open the door to weaker regulatory protections.

Almost half of British directors would prefer to retain laws inherited from the EU instead of seeing the government remove them, an Institute of Directors survey published this month found.

Badenoch said the government would still end the special status of retained EU law by the end of the year, but acknowledged the "growing volume" of retained law being identified and the legal risks of sunseting the laws had impacted the process of reviewing them.

"It has become clear that the program was becoming more about reducing legal risk by preserving EU laws than prioritizing meaningful reform," she said. "That is why today I am proposing a new approach."

Zimbabwean govt acts on rising food prices as consumers feel pinch

HARARE

ZIMBABWEAN consumers are feeling the pinch of rising prices for basic commodities, with prices now being reviewed on an almost weekly basis.

While U.S. dollar prices are generally stable, consumers who use local currency to purchase their daily needs have been forced to revise their budgets continuously and at times have to forgo some items they would have intended to buy.

Cecilia Mutandwa, a mother of two, said the situation is getting out of control, and she could no longer afford to buy all the required basic commodities because of soaring prices.

"It is embarrassing getting to the till point and having to remove some of the items I would have planned to buy because of inadequate funds. It is no longer easy to budget because the prices are changing as soon as you leave the shop," she lamented.

The government has noted the skyrocketing prices and on Tuesday announced the establishment of an inter-ministerial committee to investigate the causes of the price hikes.

Minister of Information, Publicity and Broadcasting Services Monica Mutsvangwa told a post-cabinet meeting media briefing that the cabinet has discussed at length the price and basic food supply situation following a brief on the matter by Minister of Industry and Commerce Sekai Nzenza.

"The nation is being informed that Cabinet is concerned about the spiraling prices of the 14 basic goods, especially bread, flour, cooking oil, and mealie-meal. The minister of industry and commerce is already engaging the concerned stakeholders, including manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, and other associations on the matter."

"Given the urgency of the matter, Cabinet has set up a committee to quickly investigate, monitor and make appropriate recommendations to Cabinet with a view to bringing sanity to the situation," she said. The committee comprises the ministers of industry and commerce, finance and economic development, as well as information communication technology, postal and courier services.

Fort Detrick Biological Laboratory, the University of North Carolina Biological Laboratory and U.S. military biological bases around the world.

Scientists have noted that the origins-tracing of any virus normally requires long-term research and extensive sample collection, which can take years or even decades.

By rushing to conclude the origin of the virus, smearing China with unfounded excuses and covering up their own problems, U.S. politicians show neither responsibility to science nor respect for the tremendous efforts made by all mankind against the pandemic.

Now, the onus is on the United States to give the world a reasonable explanation.

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More US troops sent to border amid chaotic surge of migrants as restriction policy ends

HOUSTON

SEVERAL thousands of U.S. troops are being deployed along the U.S.-Mexico border, facing a chaotic surge of migrants as Title 42, a public health policy that allows swiftly expelling migrants during the COVID-19 pandemic, comes to an end yesterday.

The Title 42 policy, introduced in March 2020 under then U.S. President Donald Trump and to end at 11:59 p.m. ET yesterday, has turned migrants back to Mexico more than 2.5 million times without letting them request asylum, according to the latest federal data.

About 2,500 U.S. National Guard troops have already been at the country's southern border. The White House has said another 1,500 troops will be sent there before the end of this month, making the U.S. military presence at the border to a total of 4,000 personnel.

The first set of new troops, about 550 personnel, will head to El Paso, Texas, on Wednesday, local media reported. Greg Abbott, the Republican governor of Texas, also announced on Monday that hundreds of Texas National Guard soldiers, equipped with Black Hawk helicopters and C-130s, are being deployed to a number of hot spots along the Rio Grande.

A number of Texas border cities including El Paso and Brownsville, among the hot spots, have recently issued disaster declarations so as to tap into more resources to manage the influx of migrants.

Online videos from the border show

hundreds of migrants, including many children, waiting in line along the banks of the Rio Grande to seek asylum in the United States.

In Brownsville alone, where a SUV rammed into a crowd outside a migrants center on Sunday killing eight and injuring more than 10 others, some 7,000 migrants had been in custody as of Tuesday.

More than 10,000 migrants were caught crossing at the U.S.-Mexico border illegally each day on Monday and Tuesday, according to Brandon Judd, president of the National Border Patrol Council.

The ripple is felt across the country. In New York, Governor Kathy Hochul issued an executive order on Tuesday, allowing cities and the state to tap into more resources for new migrants.

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, when announcing an emergency declaration, said resources of the third largest U.S. city are now stretched to "the breaking point" and existing facilities are "full."

In an interview with Fox News on Tuesday, Judd slammed U.S. President Joe Biden, claiming the crisis at the border is not financial, but policy-related. "If we went back to policies like Remain in Mexico (under former President Donald Trump), this would end tomorrow," he claimed, highlighting political tensions over the issue.

While mobilizing troops, the Biden administration has also prepared new restrictions for migrants crossing the border, rolling out a regulation on Wednesday that presumes most mi-



Immigrants seeking asylum in the United States are processed by U.S. Border Patrol agents after crossing into Arizona from Mexico in Yuma, Arizona, U.S. on Wednesday. /CFP

grants are ineligible for asylum if they had traveled through another country without seeking protection elsewhere first or if they failed to enter the U.S. lawfully.

Migrants violating the new rule could be deported and barred from the United States for five years, said U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas.

The Biden administration will also open the first "regional processing centers," among about 100 planned, in Colombia and Guatemala so as to direct migrants to legal pathways finally leading into the United States.

The end of Title 42 "does not mean our border is open," Mayorkas argued on Wednesday, criticizing Congress for failing to repair "a broken immigration

system." "Even after nearly two years of preparation, we expect to see large numbers of encounters at our southern border in the days and weeks after May 11," Mayorkas said. "It's going to be chaotic for a while," Biden addressed the border situation on Tuesday, referring to the expected surge of migrants as the restriction policy ends **Agencies**

China eases policies to facilitate cross-border travel

BEIJING

CHINA will resume its fast-lane services at all its ports from May 15, as part of the country's efforts to facilitate travel across the border, the National Immigration Administration said yesterday.

In accordance with the practice, standards and requirements before the COVID-19 epidemic, Chinese nationals will be allowed to use fast lanes for expedited border inspection on the following travel documents: Chinese ordinary passports, exit-entry permits for traveling to and from Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan, mainland travel permits for Hong Kong and Macao residents, five-year mainland travel permits for Taiwan residents, and permits of multiple entries valid for one year, said the administration in a notice.

The fast-lane services will also be enjoyed by foreigners who hold their passports and China-issued foreign permanent resident ID cards, and foreigners who hold electronic passports and residence permits with a validity period of more than six months, it added.

China will also restore its trans-regional services to process mainland residents' applications for group travel permits to Hong Kong and Macao.

This means that mainland residents can apply for the permits at any entry-exit control department of public security authorities in the country, the administration said.

Mainland residents can also apply for family visit, work and study permits for Hong Kong and Macao at entry-exit control departments across the country, according to the notice.

The validity period of stay permits for mainland students in Macao will be adjusted from a maximum of one year to the entire duration of their studies in the special administrative region, said the administration.

Qin: China's national reunification must be realised

BERLIN

THE post-war international order must be safeguarded and China's national reunification must be realized, Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Qin Gang said on Wednesday.

"Taiwan independence" is a challenge to international justice and order, and runs counter to the tide of history,

which is doomed to fail," Qin said after visiting the historic site of the Potsdam Conference.

The Potsdam Conference held in 1945 played an important role in laying down the post-World War II international order and "holds special historical importance for the Chinese people," said Qin, who is on a five-day visit to Germany, France and Norway.

The Potsdam Proclamation issued after the conference reaffirmed the Cairo Declaration that China's territory, including Taiwan, stolen by Japan, should be returned to China, Qin noted, adding that this is a major achievement of the World Anti-Fascist War, during which 35 million Chinese soldiers and civilians were killed or wounded.

Today, the United States



claims to uphold the rule-based international order, but it has left the Potsdam Proclamation drafted by itself behind to support and connive at secessionist activities seeking "Taiwan independence," to disrupt the post-war international order and to undermine China's sovereignty and security, Qin said, "This is unacceptable to the Chinese people."

"We must remember the warning that history has given us: The post-war international order must be safeguarded. International fairness and justice must be served," said Qin.

Qin also wrote a message in an autograph book: Safeguarding the post-war international order, promoting world peace and prosperity, and achieving China's national reunification. **Xinhua**

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World Bank report says harnessing Africa's natural assets could unleash fiscal, ecological dividends

NAIROBI

AFRICA'S vast natural wealth including minerals, oil, gas and rare metals if prudently utilized has the ability to leapfrog the continent to new heights of prosperity besides hastening the continent's green transition, the World Bank said in a new report launched Wednesday.

Titled "Africa's Resource Future," the report suggests that African states should leverage rising demand for metals, hydrocarbons and precious minerals to finance social programs like health and education, diversify their economies and expand access to energy.

On average, African countries capture only 40 percent of the revenue they could potentially collect from natural resources, yet they are grappling with slow growth and high public debt, according to the World Bank report.

Governments in the continent could double revenue from natural assets by adopting a set of progressive legislation and policies, implementing reforms, promoting good governance and improving their fiscal administration, according to the report.

In addition, the report says that optimal taxation of natural resources is key to catering to the ecological and social impacts that are not fully covered by producers, including oil drilling companies, says the report.

James Cust, a senior economist in the Office of the Chief Economist for Africa Region of the World Bank and co-editor of the report, noted that harnessing revenue in the form of royalties and taxes paid by private natural resource industries will unleash multiple benefits for citizens and the environment in the continent.

Cust added that higher revenue from Africa's abundant natural assets is welcomed in countries that are exploring ways to come out of ballooning debts and require new capital flows into strategic sectors of the economy.

The report says unprecedented demand for a host of minerals required to facilitate global green transition including cobalt, lithium, copper, nickel and rare earth elements, which are abundant in Africa, promises the continent an economic windfall.

It says Africa should avoid a resource curse and instead embark on prudent utilization of minerals, hydrocarbons and rare metals to support poverty alleviation and expand access to essential services such as education,

health, clean water and decent shelter.

Albert Zeufack, the World Bank country director for Angola, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Sao Tome and Principe and co-editor of the report, said that harmonization of regional policies and legislation is key to creating robust value chains in the extractive sector.

Zeufack stressed that seamless integration as enshrined in the African Continental Free Trade Area offers an opportunity for the continent to reap economic, social and ecological dividends linked to natural assets.



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Drone attack on Kremlin can be defined as terror attack attempt on Putin – spokesman

MOSCOW

MOSCOW considers Kiev's attempt to attack the Kremlin using drones as an outrageous step which puts Ukraine on a par with the state sponsors of terrorism, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov said in an interview with the

ATV channel (Republika Srpska, an entity of Bosnia and Herzegovina).

Peskov (pictured) emphasized that Moscow's Kremlin, which was targeted with two drones, is the Russian president's residence.

"In fact, we can interpret that as an attempt to carry out an act

of terrorism against the Russian president. It is an absolutely outrageous and unacceptable terrorist activity of the country. We believe that in this way Ukraine actually puts itself on a par with the state sponsors of terrorism. Not even de jure, but de facto, in fact," the Kremlin spokesman said.

Peskov said that the Russian authorities were taking and would continue to take every possible measure to ensure security.

"Well, of course, as we said in the statement, we will respond to such steps when and how we see fit," he stressed.

Early in the morning of May 3, Kiev attempted to carry out a strike on the Kremlin grounds.

The Russian presidential press service said that military and security officers promptly took the enemy UAVs out, disabling them. Putin was not harmed and is carrying on with his work as usual. **Agencies**



Opposition to Aussie Indigenous referendum gathers strength

SYDNEY

TWO key Australian Indigenous leaders opposed to a proposal to constitutionally recognize the country's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people joined forces yesterday in an effort to strengthen their campaign ahead of a referendum later this year.

Agrouped by Warren Mundine, a former Labor Party national president who is Indigenous, and

a group backed by shadow Indigenous Minister Jacinta Nampijinpa Price, will pool their resources together for the joint "No" campaign to be called "Australians for Unity".

"It makes sense to merge as it makes our message sharper and more crisp," Mundine told Reuters in a telephone interview.

"It also gives us a great chance to raise more funds and to focus our funds in right direction," he added. Australians will be asked to vote,

likely between October and December, if they want to change the constitution to include a "Voice to Parliament", a committee that can advise lawmakers on matters that affect the lives of Indigenous people.

Making up about 3.2 percent of Australia's 26 million population, the Aboriginal people were marginalized by British colonial rulers and are not mentioned in the 122-year-old constitution.

While a majority of Indigenous people support the Voice, others, like Mundine and Price, argue it is a distraction from achieving practical and positive outcomes, and that it would not fully resolve the issues affecting them.

Mundine said setting up an Indigenous body in parliament will only add another layer of bureaucracy.

"It's not going to fix some of the issues affecting the community.

We need to deal with the underlying issues," he said.

A YouGov poll out last month showed 83 percent of Indigenous Australians would vote for the constitutional change. A wider poll by the Guardian newspaper found that 60 percent of Australians would support it.

Any constitutional amendment requires a national referendum.

To succeed, a referendum requires a majority of votes nation-

ally, as well as a majority of votes in at least four of the six states.

The most recent one was in 1977. The conservative Liberal-National opposition coalition will oppose the national vote.

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Limbuko FC's footballers take part in training at the Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Black players and labour instability in Europe: Just whether they are linked

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

THERE are things in life that work in a silent manner, and if someone tried to bring them out into the open there would be violent resistance to that effort.

People are happy and take things for granted so long as such parameters of life work in a silent manner, so that an illusion as to the way things are can persist, as that illusion augurs well for peace. It has dignified people, pursuing rational demands.

At times secrets of this sort, that is, peeping into what is going on in the mind rather secretly, takes place in broad daylight but the connection will not be made with something else.

Lately, a pundit was saying on an FM radio station talk show that professional players at the highest level earn per week what a qualified doctor is likely to earn in one year, which is true both in Tanzania and in Europe.

If a player recruited from outside obtains upwards of 23m/- (there was reference to that in the Feisal Salum case), isn't it not a year's salary of a qualified medic, paid at 2m/-?

Here the sort of players that get astronomical sums of money in salaries are, so to speak, counted on the fingers of a hand, going by the midfielder's saga that has refused to go away.

Most players receive what locally would be seen as decent salaries, not astronomical salaries that touch off self-searching, an effort to rethink one's personality or presumed dignity in the wake of revelations about salaries. These are well kept secrets until a dispute comes up, thus opening a can of



Tanzanian forward, Kelvin John, who plays for Belgian Pro League outfit, KRC Genk, is pictured in the club's past training.

worms.

The pundit's reflection at the local level wasn't tied to any event, but on second thought it seemed like it was the sort of blurt emanating from some big secrets somewhere.

It so seemed, given that there is prolonged strike of medics, nurses and midwives in Britain, and unrelenting demonstrations in France arising from a change in the age of eligibility to retire.

The government raised the age two years, to create a gap in which the social benefits coffers can fill up somewhat, modestly.

In the first place there is a problem as to what precisely occasioned the pundit's reflection on players' salaries, and just why the comparison was made with medics rather than teachers, accountants or any other group.

One reason is that medics are seen as socially impregnable in their importance to a community, which implies that they ought to be well paid, and if they aren't, it ought to touch off a problem.

Teachers are mostly endeared at lower cadres, say in teaching young children, first.

Put differently, if a player's salary in one month, or in the pundit's expression, in one week, is higher than a doctor's salary for one year, that is a problem, whereas if it was higher than a teacher's salary, or a court official, for one year, it wouldn't cause so much anguish.

The medical profession saves lives, in which case for some soccer players to be paid salaries that put medics in shame is a definitely a problem - and it is entirely possible it is what is taking place in Britain.

Yet it isn't an argument to be made in public, just an undercurrent that is freely admitted in some circles, and it is in that sense possible that the players-medics euphemism came up.

All the same there is a difference between the sense of amazement at paying a top rates soccer player sums offered weekly that equal a doctor's pay for one year, and actually being disturbed by that quotation.

It is well known that star athletes have far more pay than an average day's work, and that has been taken for granted for a long time.

There is however a difference at the moment that inflation is running high in Britain, such that staples like green vegetables become scarce on numerous supermarket shelves, thus learning how much black players earn could be painful.

No one has said as much as that definitely, but at times it is hard to hide impressions of the sort even if the issues are explained purely in a professional way.

The point is that black players have become a class of their own in European soccer, where most upper clubs have a cluster of them, especially in England, France and a bit of Belgium.

Not every country has had pay rise demonstrations, in which case such feelings don't quite make a school of thought, but in campaigning for better pay, there are things that nurses and doctors may remind themselves on their unfair pay.

In that case unequal pay between athletes and professionals is one thing, as everyone knows that athletic work has a short shelf life, and thus its exaggerated pay is warranted.

But it is tolerable when pay scales for others leave them in a fairly comfortable position, just psychologically adjusting to realities of inequality or unequal pay.

Thus when day to day needs cannot be met, athletes' pay levels may in a sense become less fashionable for other professions, and when they actually start to feel inferior to hordes of black soccer players living plentifully in the land, dwarfing professionals by far, pushing for good pay is acutely sharpened.

Judo players travel to Hungary for 2024 Olympics preparations

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA's judo players Adam Mwakisoma and Ahmed Magogo are expected to travel to Hungary to prepare for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Judo Association of Tanzania (JATA) secretary-general, Innocent Mallya, said the two are sponsored by the International Judo Federation (IJF) and are expected to depart for Hungary later this month.

He said they will be in the European country up to February next year.

Mallya, however, stopped short of disclosing the date of their departure, disclosing that his association is facing challenges in accessing the visas for the performers.

He also disclosed that another judo player Andrew Mlungu that is on Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC) training sponsorship through the International Olympic Committee (IOC) under Olympic Solidarity will soon travel to France to prepare for the Paris Olympics.

"After the Zone Five Judo Championships that was hosted by our country, our focus now is on the preparations for the Paris Olympics, we have three judo players expected to start preparations for the 2024 Paris Olympics," Mallya noted.

"We have not secured visas for Adam Mwakisoma and Ahmed Magogo who are to camp in Hungary as there is no Hungary Embassy in Tanzania, we have to go to Nairobi to process the visas and once we are done, they will depart for Hungary, while Mlungu's date for departure will be known soon, but it is this year," he said.

Mallya said while in Hungary and France, the three will compete in tournaments to be used as qualifying showdowns for Paris Olympics.

However, he could not mention the qualifying events, saying they are many.

"The preparations in Hungary and France are vital for our judo players to seek qualification for next year's Paris Olympics, I'm sure that with the right preparations, all three will qualify for the 2024 Olympics," he said.

Meanwhile, the JATA official has

hailed the government's plans for constructing a modern, state-of-the-art sports and arts arena in Dar es Salaam.

Mallya noted: "Building the sports and arts arena is vital for the development of judo and other sporting activities in the country, we thank the government for this."

"It has come at a good time when many sports associations whose activities are conducted indoors face shortage of venues, a good example is us who had problems securing a venue to host the just ended Zone Five Championships," he said.

The news of the construction of the modern sports and arts arena was disclosed by the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Sports Saidi Yakub at the closing of the regional judo championships.

He said the sports and arts arena which will be built in Kawe, Dar es Salaam with a capacity of 16,000 people will be the biggest in Africa.

"Our President Samia Suluhu Hassan is very committed to sports development in the country, her government is doing a lot to take this sector to another level, and she has promised the nation that construction of the sports and arts arena will start very soon," he said.

At the Zone Five Judo Championships that were held at Don Bosco venue located at Upanga, Tanzania ended second having won five gold medals, Burundi became the champion with six gold medals while Zanzibar took third place with one gold medal.

Tanzania gold medals were won by Asiatsu Juma in the 57kg women's category, Thomas Mwenda (66kg), Andrew Mlungu (81kg), Adam Mwakisoma (100kg), and Saleh Baraka in 100+kg.

The host also won three silver medals and four bronze medals, as its judo players Anangisye Pwele (73kg), Jeremia Makeme (100kg), and Danny Mkaïma (100+) won silver medals.

Laurent Mtaka (60kg), Philemon Kaberege (73kg), Hamis Mrutu (81kg), and Yohana Jiji (90kg) were bronze medalists for the country.

Dar swimming club hosts invitational tourney

By Guardian Correspondent

DAR ES SALAAM's FK International Schools' swimming pool at Bahari Beach will be a place to be for swimming fraternity in the city as FK Blue Marlins Swim Club will host an invitational gala slated to take place from May 13-14.

Opalina Nanyaro, FK Blue Marlins team manager, announced on Wednesday the showdown is in the Tanzania Swimming Association (TSA)'s calendar and each club is required to field swimmers.

The team manager said swimmers will compete according to age groups in the event sponsored by CRDB Bank Foundation, FK International Schools, GardaWorld, FEM Company Limited, K-15 Photos, Coca Cola

Kwanza Limited, Just Fit, and Duke Media.

The team manager noted that age groups for female swimmers are eight and under, nine and ten, 11-12, 13-14, and above 15 while for male swimmers are the ones aged eight and under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15 and above.

She said medals will be handed over to top three swimmers, whereby a gold medal will be handed over to the winner, silver will go to the runner-up, and bronze will be presented to the third-place finisher.

The team manager disclosed the trophies will be presented to winners in various age groups with the exception of Masters' age group.

Medals will be also presented to winning teams in relay events, but with no points to be

issued given all categories will be on heat declared finals.

Each swimmer, the leader noted, can enter a maximum of six individual events and two relays and each club or school will field a maximum of four swimmers per event and there will be only one relay team per club per event in both freestyle and medley.

According to her, eight and under swimmers may enter 25m and 50m events or 50m and 100m events. This rule is applied per stroke, not overall.

She pointed out: "The intent of this rule is to provide a space for developing swimmers if they believe a swimmer is unsuitable for the 25m, we will suggest they change."

She also said that 25m events do not score points for victor/

victrix award. The leader stated that swimmers will battle it out for medals in five styles, namely Backstroke, Butterfly, Freestyle, Breaststroke, and Individual Medley.

The swimmers will also compete in relay. The event will see the country's top ranked swimmers meet challengers from other clubs in the country.

Opalina moreover said the clubs are now in intensive training ahead of the event to be staged with the aim of promoting the game in the country.

The leader noted: "All clubs are in intensive training ahead of the event which is expected to be thrilling."

"We call upon swimming stakeholders to show up and watch our talented swimmers," Opalina appealed.

Dar junior sailors win plaudits for 2023 IODA African Optimist Championships exploits

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA's junior sailing team returned back home on Wednesday after competing in the 2023 IODA African Optimist Championships which climaxed in will in Morocco early this week.

The continental showpiece which began on May 2 brought together all IODA member countries, with each of them being represented by 10 sailors that qualified in national trials.

Philimon Nassari, Tanzania Sailing Association's Chairman, said the team made up of six sailors was set to arrive in the afternoon.

The national junior sailing team was made up of performers aged between 10 and 14, namely Abubhakhar Mpondi, Ikram Rashid, Shayaan Powar, Mussa Mtulya,

Aaron Karani, and a sole female sailor in the side Alyah Hart.

The one-week IODA African Optimist Championships were held at Royal Yacht Club in M'Diq.

The youngsters were accompanied by Hamis Muhidini, the national junior sailing team's head coach, and team manager Johnathon Hart.

Muhidini pointed out this year's IODA African Optimist Championships had witnessed countries from outside the continent battle it out as guest teams.

The coach noted that in races involving African teams, Tanzania's junior sailors battled it out in eight races and ended in ninth place, Angola grabbing top spot, Morocco took second place while Mozambique settled for third place.

Tanzania's national junior sailing squad finished 49th in races which involved foreign nations while Argentina took top place, followed by second-placed Australia and third-placed Holland.

The Tanzania Sailing Association Chairman pointed out his association has been delighted by the performance showcased by the junior sailors in the championships.

"We are happy with the performance shown by our young sailors in the just ended championships in Morocco, I have said so based on our level of preparations and we are assured of a bright future in sailing," he said.

The national junior sailing team was sponsored by Dar es Salaam Yacht Club (DYC), Oryx Gas Tanzania Ltd, Comsec, and Gofiber.



Swimmers making Dar es Salaam's FK International Schools' outfit are pictured when they battled it out in a recent event at the school. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

CAF Champions League semi-finals: Stars to watch

JOHANNESBURG

AN all-star CAF Champions League semi-finals cast pits Esperance of Tunisia against Al Ahly of Egypt and Wydad Casablanca of Morocco against Mamelodi Sundowns of South Africa.

The first legs are set for this Friday in Rades, behind closed doors due to recent crowd trouble, and Saturday in Casablanca with the return matches next weekend in Cairo and Pretoria.

Sundowns were the last sub-Saharan club to lift the trophy, in 2016, and Wydad, Esperance and record 10-time titleholders Ahly have won the premier African club competition twice each since.

If Wydad and Ahly progress, there will be back-to-back finals between the same clubs for the first time since Ahly met Asante Kotoko of Ghana in 1982 and again one season later.

AFP Sport looks at four of the stars who



CAF Champions League joint leading scorer Bouly Sambou (L) in action for semi-finalists Wydad Casablanca of Morocco. (Agencies)

could play vital roles in deciding which teams advance to the two-leg final during June as well as the pedigree of the top nations.

- Powerful Sambou -

Bouly Sambou of Wydad is the frontrunner to win the Champions League Golden Boot having scored seven goals in his first African campaign with the Moroccan giants.

He shares first place

with Fiston Mayele from Young Africans of Tanzania, who have been eliminated, while Sambou can play at least two more matches, and possibly four.

Sambou is typical of so many west African forwards -- tall, physically strong, powerful in the air and capable of retaining possession under pressure until support arrives.

- Creative Zwane -

Captain Themba Zwane may have scored only two of Sundowns' 35 goals in 10 matches en route to the semi-finals, but his creativity is a key asset.

A master at keeping possession when surrounded by several rivals, his delicate touches often great space where none appears to exist.

He is the only player set to start against Wydad who was involved

in the second leg of the 2016 final, which Sundowns lost 1-0 to Zamalek in Egypt, but finished 3-1 winners on aggregate.

- Clinical Hammouda - Esperance have reached the penultimate stage despite netting only 10 times in 10 matches -- the worst scoring record of the four title contenders.

Four of those goals have come from Mohamed Ali Ben Hammouda, a 24-year-old who often operates as the lone forward in the 5-4-1 formation of coach Nabil Maaloul.

He scored both goals in the quarter-final triumph over Algerian outfit JS Kabylie, with the second in Tunisia a masterclass as he struck the ball into the tightest of far-post spaces.

- Tormentor Tau -

It was widely forecast that Percy Tau would leave Ahly after fellow South African Pitsso Mosimane resigned as coach having lost the 2022 Champions League final to Wydad.

But the winger remained, silenced

the doubters and has given a series of superb displays on the right side of midfield as Ahly recovered from a poor start to move within sight of the final.

His two Champions League goals included a special one against former club Sundowns in Pretoria as he sprinted toward goal before unleashing an unstoppable shot from close range.

- Last-four repeats - Esperance and Ahly have clashed three times in the Champions League semi-finals with the Cairo club winning two ties.

Away goals earned Ahly success in 2001 and Esperance in 2010 before a one-sided match-up two years ago saw the Egyptian outfit winning both legs to qualify 4-0 on aggregate.

Wydad and Sundowns have met 10 times, but only once in the semi-finals, with Wydad winning narrowly at home and drawing away to reach the 2019 title decider.

AFP



Inter eye Champions League final after seeing off Milan

MILAN

INTER Milan have one foot in the Champions League final after an impressive 2-0 win over AC Milan in Wednesday's pulsating last-four derby.

Inter have the upper hand ahead of Tuesday's second leg of the biggest Milan derby of a generation thanks to strikes in the first 11 minutes from Edin Dzeko and Henrikh Mkhitaryan.

Inter could have won by a wider margin as Hakan Calhanoglu smashed a shot off the post and Dzeko wasted a great chance early in the second half, but they are still heavy favourites to reach the final of Europe's top club competition for the first time since they last won it 13 years ago.

"Sometimes I don't score goals and that's all anyone talks about, but I also give something else," Dzeko told Prime Video after his third goal since January.

"Today I worked for the team and that was what was needed in such a big match."

Reaching the final would be extra sweet for Inter as it would avenge semi- and quarter-final eliminations at the hands of Milan in 2003 and 2005.

The winners of the tie will face holders Real Madrid or Manchester City in the June 10 showpiece in Istanbul. The first leg of that semi-final finished 1-1 in Spain on Tuesday.

Milan, who also struck the woodwork through Sandro Tonali, have their work cut out if they want to have a chance at being crowned European champions for the eighth time and will hope Rafael Leao is available for next week's decisive clash.

The absence of star man Leao left Milan without their key attacking threat and allowed Inter to play more on the front foot knowing their opponents didn't have the Portugal winger's pace in their armoury.

"We conceded two quick goals, and against Inter that's difficult to come back from," Milan defender Fikayo Tomori told Prime Video.

"We're disappointed, we could have done better, especially at the beginning, but we need to believe if we're going to reach the final."

- One team in it -

A colourful San Siro was nearly full an hour before kick-off, with both sets of fans exchanging chants and insults before the huge displays traditional to the fixture were unfurled as the teams came out.

But once the match was underway there was really only one team on the pitch, with nominal away side Inter looking the more settled and dynamic off the back of five straight wins and the recent hot form of their attack.

It didn't take long for the away side to open the scoring and it was a fabulous Dzeko goal which did it in the eighth minute.

The Bosnia striker held off Davide Calabria and met Calhanoglu's inswinging corner with a perfect volley which left Milan goalkeeper Mike Maignan with no chance.

With their tails up and their fans falling over each other with joy in the Curva Nord, Inter went for Milan and three minutes later Mkhitaryan doubled their lead.

Federico Dimarco was set scampering down the left flank and his low cut-back was first left by Lautaro Martinez and then collected by Armenian midfielder Mkhitaryan, who smashed in his fifth goal of the season.

Milan escaped being three goals down after just a quarter of an hour when Calhanoglu nearly silenced the boos of his former supporters with a long-range drive which crashed out off the post.

And Martinez then won a penalty which was rightly overturned by referee Jesus Gil Manzano following a look at the pitch-side monitor.

Dzeko should have all but sealed the tie when one-on-one with Maignan in the 53rd minute and not long after, while Milan's fans unleashed a volley of flares and explosives, Tonali held his head in despair after striking the bottom of the post.

However that was the last major chance of the game for Milan as Inter comfortably held off their rivals for the final half an hour and then bathed in the applause of their supporters who are dreaming of a trip to Turkey.

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Rudiger silenced Haaland... without even making a tackle

By James Ducker

THERE was one moment, in particular, that neatly encapsulated the relish with which Antonio Rudiger tackled one of the least envious tasks in football. Thrusting his head under Erling Haaland's right armpit, like a rugby player jockeying for position in a scrum, the Real Madrid defender brought new meaning to the phrase "touch tight". And then, when Haaland moved his arm away to try to wriggle free of what must have felt like the footballing equivalent of a parking clamp, the Manchester City striker found Rudiger had merely switched sides and was busy trying to nestle himself under arm pit No 2. Call it aggressive human bunting.

Of all the personal duels during City's riveting Champions League semi-final, first leg against Real Madrid at the Bernabeu on Tuesday night, few were as intriguing as Rudiger's battle with Haaland, a challenge that has filled many defenders with dread this season yet the kind for which the former Chelsea man lives.

"It's a semi-final, everyone is playing to the limit, every challenge is a war," said Dani Carvajal, the Real right-back stationed next to Rudiger, who would doubtless agree with those sentiments.

Few do colossal nuisance quite as well as Rudiger and, as Haaland discovered to his detriment, the higher the stakes and the bigger the occasion, the better the snarling Germany international tends to be.

It would have been interesting to see if Carlo Ancelotti had opted to start Rudiger had Eder Militao, his first-choice centre-half, not been suspended. Indeed, one of the biggest de-



Real Madrid's Antonio Rudiger challenges Manchester City's Erling Haaland, right, during the Champions League semi-final first leg - AP

isions the Real coach will face ahead of next Wednesday's second leg at the Etihad Stadium is whether to bring back Militao, or keep faith with Rudiger and David Alaba. In combination, they excelled against Europe's most free-scoring striker, and Haaland, for one, will doubtless hope Rudiger makes way for Militao. It is hard to see, though. In fact, there is a strong case to say Rudiger should be one of the first names on Ancelotti's team-sheet next week, not that anyone of a Real persuasion is getting carried away with the notion that they have found the foolproof secret to shutting out City's goal machine.

"Both Alaba and Rudiger were very good," Carvajal said. "Let's not say that too loud, though, because there's still a return leg. But the team was very good defensively." Rudiger's performance will have brought back fond memories for Chelsea at the same time as reminding them of what they lost when the 30-year-old joined Real on a free transfer last summer. He excelled in

their run to Champions League glory two seasons ago, when his utterly uncompromising brand of defending and win at all costs attitude provided the cornerstone for their success.

Chelsea conceded just once in the knock-out stages that year, overcoming Atletico Madrid, Porto, Real - who could not help but be impressed by Rudiger - and, of course, Pep Guardiola's City in the final when the German's huge physical presence was felt most painfully by Kevin De Bruyne. The City midfielder suffered

an acute fracture of the nose and an orbital fracture to his left eye socket after running into a Rudiger road block. Ilkay Gundogan did not come off as badly on Tuesday night but the City and Germany midfielder was positively flattened by a crude challenge from his compatriot that left him in a heap on the ground and requiring checks to his head. Haaland, in a sense, got off lightly on the night.

The thirst with which Rudiger took to the task was reminiscent of the way he routinely got in Luis Suarez's face dur-

ing the two legs of Chelsea's round of 16 victory over Atletico in 2021. Suarez lasted less than an hour of the second leg before being dragged off, having been bullied for much of the evening by Rudiger, a dab hand before the dark arts. Stefan Savic was sent off late in that game for elbowing Rudiger in the chest as they waited for a corner and Rudiger, of course, ensured he made a meal of his reaction, writhing around on the turf.

On the surface, the statistics would not point to an outstanding display

from Rudiger against Haaland and City. He did not make a tackle in the game and won only a third of his duels and half of his aerial duels. The best tackle on Haaland was actually from Alaba, a superb sliding recovery challenge in the penalty area in the second half. But what the statistics do not tell you is how great an irritant Rudiger was to Haaland, and how unsettling his presence was. Pushing, grappling, shoving, pinching. Rudiger has the full repertoire. Real limited Haaland to just 21 touches - well below his game average - and, crucially, no goals or clear cut chances.

Rudiger is the very definition of an alpha male and makes no attempt to hide it, on or off the pitch, where his refusal to back down has won him plenty of admirers but also succeeded in knocking a few noses out of joint. Kepa Arrizabalaga will vouch for that after a bust-up in training with Rudiger just days before their quarter-final, first-leg win over Porto. The Chelsea goalkeeper reacted angrily to a late challenge from the defender. It was classic Rudiger, a player who will not pull out, even against a team-mate.

Haaland has seldom had it so tough this season.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko

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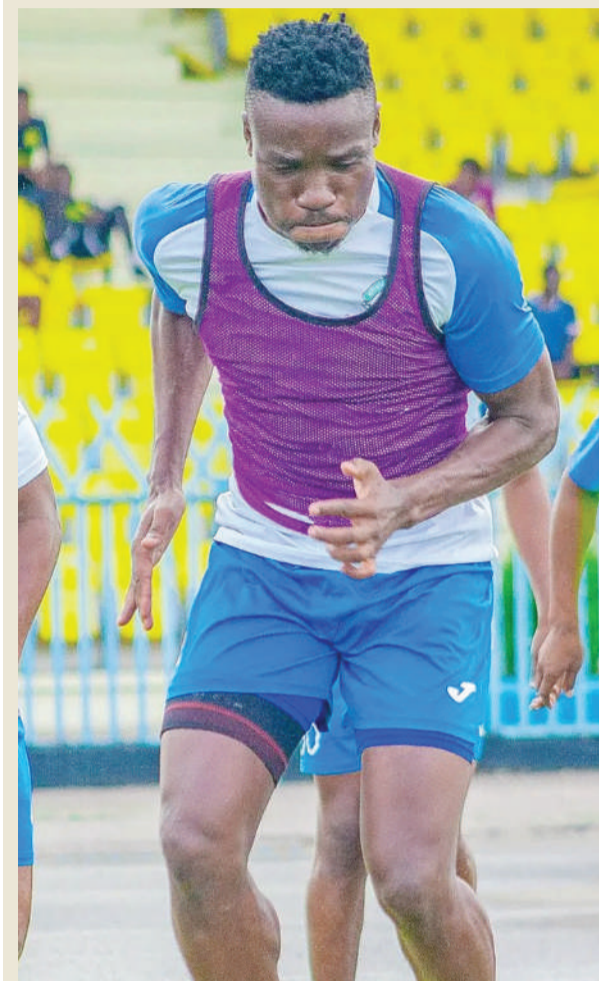
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Mtibwa Sugar's forward, Charles Ilanfyia. PHOTO: COURTESY OF MTIBWA SUGAR

Mtibwa Sugar attacker out to net more goals in remaining matches

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

MTIBWA Sugar forward Charles Ilanfyia is looking to record more goals in the club's remaining matches in the 2022/23 NBC Premier League.

In his debut season with Mtibwa Sugar, he has so far managed to score twice and thread one assist.

Ilanfyia revealed that this season's top flight has hardly been all rosy but the support from his teammates and coaches has seen him adapt.

The goal-getter pointed out: "So far the journey has been nothing short of challenges as well as breakthroughs. The support from fellow teammates and the coaches has gone a long way."

"I am looking forward to contributing more goals and assists for the team in the remaining matches," the player noted.

The fleet-footed right-footer joined the Morogoro sugar millers in a major transfer window last year from Kinondoni Municipal Council FC.

Having lost four games in a row from the last five, Mtibwa Sugar is holding 12th place in the NBC Premier League, amassing 29 points after playing 27 games, with three games left to finish the season.

The forward noted: "We have started preparations for the next games, we are preparing to get good results, we will fight to do well."

"We have been in an intensive run of losses and this has to change quickly because we have not assured our chances for survival yet," the goal-getter pointed out.

"Looking at the league log, every player is ready and we know that the competition is huge, that does not give us doubts because we know that, to win, we have to work together in the field of play," Ilanfyia insisted.

Mtibwa Sugar has so far scored two goals from the side' last five games while conceding nine in the process.

On May 15, Mtibwa Sugar will play against Polisi Tanzania who will be at home, Ushirika Stadium, in Moshi, Kilimanjaro.

Mtibwa Sugar will on May 24 be at home at Manungu Stadium in Morogoro to play against Kagera Sugar.

On May 28, the Morogoro club will end its campaign in the NBC Premier League at the Manungu Stadium, welcoming Geita Gold FC.

Nabi bemoans Yanga's wastefulness in CAF CC semis victory over Marumo Gallants



Tanzania's Yanga winger, Tuisila Kisinda (C), negotiates his way past South Africa's Marumo Gallants players, defender Matome Kgoetyane (R), and midfielder Augustine Ramphela as the clubs faced each other in a 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup semi-final first-leg match at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday. Yanga commanded a 2-0 victory over Marumo Gallants. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA'S Yanga head coach, Nasreddine Nabi, has expressed frustration over his footballers' failure to make the most of numerous chances that went their way when they locked horns with South Africa's Marumo Gallants in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday.

The two clubs met in the first leg tie of the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup semi-final, which took place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium and climaxed in a 2-0 win for Yanga.

Burkinabe midfielder Stephane Aziz Ki and Ghanaian winger Bernard Morisson notched the goals for the Tanzanian football big gun.

Speaking after the clash, Nabi noted: "I appreciate the results, the clash against a good team was tough, as I said a day back. We created several chances in the first half but we could not convert them."

Nabi was adamant his play-

ers could not fully exploit the chances as per the approach he instructed them to deploy in the opening half and the encounter was, as a result, a bit tough.

The coach, a Belgian national of Tunisian origin, was nevertheless impressed with the outcome, saying his outfit deserved to come out victorious.

The gaffer conceded Marumo Gallants as well created chances but the opportunities were wasted, pointing out he was overall not satisfied with the outcome because his players did not play the way he had expected.

Meanwhile, Marumo Gallants are engaged in differing domestic and continental battles, which will require them to be strong

mentally if they are to succeed.

The Limpopo-based outfit lost 2-0 to Yanga in the first leg of the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup semi-finals at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam Wednesday.

With the 2-0 triumph, Yanga has been presented with 20m/- as motivation from President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

She had pledged to award each goal netted in the semi-finals of the continental tournament, dishing out 10m/- as a gesture to motivate players.

Raymond Mdaka, Marumo Gallants' assistant coach, is aware that keeping the club afloat in this season's DStv Premiership, South African Premier Divi-

sion, which witnesses the club in danger of getting relegated, and helping the squad win the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup second leg semi-final will need much more than just brilliant play on the pitch.

"That one is a difficult area to deal with losing the first leg by a two-goal margin," Mdaka responded.

The coach issued his take, responding to a question on how he handles the players' psychological well-being with the threat of them losing their livelihood hovering above their heads like a dark cloud.

The gaffer revealed: "But I know that the strength of a person is in the mind. Now whatever you say and whatever you do should not be something that will

not deject the players, it must be something to pick the players up."

Yanga and Marumo Gallants are set to lock horns in the rematch in South Africa on Wednesday next week.

Mdaka's immediate concern is to ensure that his players are not weighed down by the threat of relegation as they prepare to take on Yanga in the former's backyard for the second leg semi-final of the CAF Confederation Cup.

"We have to go back home with two games for the season to define our destiny, we have to be mentally strong at this moment so that we can have positive results," the tactician noted.

"We just have to understand, all of us as players and the technical team that the key is to manage this situation."

Mdaka noted: "We must get there and play to make sure we still have a chance (to progress) and that change will only come if we are united and we work together and support each other."

Marumo Gallants is just three points more than bottom dwellers Maritzburg United and the same as 15-placed Chippa United, who both still have two matches to play.

They have to beat Swallows FC in their final match if they are to survive, but that will happen much later.

Aces cricketers boost title chase in 2023 DC 50 Overs League

By Guardian Reporter

ACES Cricket Club has stretched its winning run in this season's Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) 50 Overs Division A's League after trouncing Gupta Upanga SC- A by 30 runs in the city last weekend.

The outcome has witnessed Aces Cricket Club tightening its grip on the top place in the showdown's Group A, boasting the 1.0004 net run rate having triumphed in three ties and the other was declared no result.

Last weekend's clash once again had Aces Cricket Club demonstrating its ability to efficiently contain opponents in domestic club tournaments, setting up a modest target and later keeping Gupta Upanga SC-A in check.

Gupta Upanga SC-A cricketers restricted Aces Cricket Club to 164/10 in 46 overs after winning the toss and resorting to fielding.

Efforts by Gupta Upanga SC-A to keep Aces Cricket Club's batting unit had seemingly paid off to some extent thanks to an early exit of the latter's opener, Asif Butt.

Butt, one of the hard hitters,



Gupta Upanga SC-A's Sanjay Bom showcases the Player of the Match prize he was presented with for his impressive showing when the team took on Aces Cricket Club in a 2023 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) 50 Overs Division A's League tie that took place last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF DAR ES SALAAM CRICKET

was trapped for leg before wicket (lbw) by Gupta Upanga SC-A's Ramesh Alluri with the batsman making his way back with mere 10 runs.

Fellow opening batsman, Nasibu Kelvin, was hardly ready to become a victim of early dismissal, executing a series of solid shots and ultimately recording 34 runs.

There was later a slight

setback for Aces Cricket Club that came about because of another early exit of one of the key performers, Ankit Baghel, with the cricketer ending with eight runs.

Zimbabwean professional, Jeremiah Makanya, assigned as a top-order cricketer, as well did not have a good outing, having chipped in with 13 runs.

The otherwise tenacious cricketer was dismissed by Gupta Upanga SC-A's all-rounder, Sanjay Bom, to leave his squad 10 runs short of a triple-digit total in the 23rd over.

Youthful all-rounder, Jaffary Kanyita, to some extent kept Gupta Upanga SC-A's bowling unit at bay with good shots to make his way back with 20 runs, clearing the boundary twice.

Salum Jumbé significantly boosted the pursuit of an imposing score with his 32 runs, pushing the club's score to 164 runs once he was dismissed in the 45th over.

Middle-order performers, Ally Mpeka, and Kibwana Salum were the other cricketers in the batting side that made their way back with two-digit figures, in which Mpeka posted 11 runs, and Salum had 13 runs.

Bom had the best bowling figure when Gupta Upanga SC-A fielded, notching four wickets and giving away 29 runs in 10 overs.

Alluri moreover played a part in Gupta Upanga SC-A's efforts to ensure Aces Cricket Club's batting unit ended with a manageable total, taking three wickets in seven overs.

The performer conceded 25 runs in his bowling stint which saw him settle for a 3.57 economy rate, whereas Bom had one maiden over in his seven-over stint which witnessed the cricketer post an impressive 2.90 economy rate.

Even though they were chasing a modest target of 165 runs, Gupta Upanga SC-A cricketers found the going tough having been skittled for 134 runs in 35.3 overs.

Their efforts to mount a successful chase experienced a drawback within the opening two overs, as openers Vikram Rathore and Prem Thakkar became victims on an early exit.

Skipper Rathore could so far make his way back with mere three runs, having been dismissed by Aces Cricket Club's menacing pacer, Mpeka.

Fellow opener Thakkar also had a frustrating outing at the crease, notching four runs before returning to the pavilion.

Rishen Patel, placed at number three, worked hard to foil an early onslaught posed by Aces Cricket Club's bowling unit, as the cricketer scored 17 runs.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

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