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Once I visited Kilonda in Bangkok, I was impressed by his investments...

By Frank Monyo

A TANZANIAN businessman, Suleiman Kilonda, who operates a cloth dress making and printing enterprise geared for exports in the Thai capital of Bangkok, is seeking to duplicate the firm in the country by the end of this year.

He said in a telephone interview yesterday that the plant with capacity for 100,000 printed dresses per day will eventually employ more than 2,500 Tanzanians.

The entrepreneur who was recently presented with a creative award by

the Ministry of Minerals said the cloth making enterprise will serve as a learning centre for people wishing to do a similar business.

A ministerial delegation toured Thailand and visited his SK Export factory, earning the recognition to acknowledge his contribution in promoting sales of Tanzanian minerals by embedding the precious stones in his clothing.

He had obtained a plot of more than 1,000 acres for factory outlays at the Mlandizi area in Kibaha District, Coast Region," he said, noting that drawings of the prospective factory have already been made.

While still mobilizing funds to start construction, he explains his satisfaction operating the Thai clothing factory and shops as outlets for his fabrics, with more than 200 people employed in the shops.

Michael Majebele, the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) urban planning officer commended the entrepreneur for his investment plans, assuring him

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Tanzanian businessman Suleiman Kilonda (L) owns a garments factory in the Thai capital, Bangkok. He is shown at his SK Export premises briefing a delegation of Tanzanians on a recent tour of the Asian nation on the products he deals in. He also talked of plans to open "a large clothing factory back in our country to provide employment to 2,500 of our own people". Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Serengeti picked best national park in Africa

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

SERENGETI National Park has been voted Africa's leading national park for 2023, raising the country's profile as a premier tourist destination.

The award was given by World Travel Awards (WTA), a franchise of the World Media And Events Ltd events management firm based in London, delivered the award at a red-carpet gala ceremony at Atlantis, The Royal Dubai hotel in the UAE over the weekend.

WTA has often picked Serengeti for this ranking, starting in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and now 2023, the organisers affirmed in declaring Africa's leading national park of the year 2023 as the Serengeti.

Izombe Msindai, a top official of the Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) who was in Dubai, said the award was delivered at the weekend, with WTA praising Serengeti National Park "for maintaining her well-

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PM outlines govt moves to end agro-sector drawbacks

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By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has assured the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) and stakeholders of its intent to address challenges in agriculture, livestock and the blue economy.

He made the remarks yesterday at the World

Food Forum (WFF) - Agrifood Systems forum at the FAO headquarters in the Italian capital of Rome, where FAO member states deliberated on solutions for challenges in agrifood systems as related to the sustainable development goals.

The premier said improving agrifood systems seeks to ensure food security, higher incomes, creating jobs and promoting sustainable development while safeguarding the health of the planet.

The government is investing in the livestock sector by improving access to high productivity livestock breeds, strengthening pasture and water services, along with livestock research and training service, animal health, improving extension services and value addition of livestock products.

Despite ranking second in Africa in terms of

cattle population, livestock-related activities contribute 7.4 percent to Tanzania's GDP, with the sector growing at 2.6 percent per year, he said.

The sector's growth largely reflects increases in livestock numbers rather than productivity gains, while the government is working on a robust public-private partnership in the fisheries sector, he stated.

This would promote adaptive management for sustainable fisheries resources, establishing breeding programmes and centers for raising production of freshwater and marine farmed fish species, he elaborated.

"To harness potentials of the blue economy, we are promoting both catch-fish and aquaculture, building a new fishing port, while promoting joint ventures in deep sea

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TIB Bank hands out 980.7bn/- loans, one third to agriculture

By Getrude Mbago

TIB Development Bank had up to September 30 invested a total of 980.7bn/- to finance various small and large-scale projects in agriculture, mining, transport, communications, energy, water, health and industries.

Lilian Mbassy, the bank's acting managing director, set out the bank's plans at a meeting with members of the Editors Forum in Dar es Salaam yesterday, highlighting plans to start investing heavily in strategic projects such as railways, dry ports, mining, roads and energy to further support the government's development endeavours.

As the bank nears one year since being restructured at the start of the year, it is functioning not only as a corporate bank but as a development institution financing local government infrastructure projects such as land surveys, upgrading agricultural markets and development of small businesses, she said.

Its loan portfolio had disbursed a total of 334bn/- to support agriculture sector projects, with 253 projects supported in 23 regions, she said.

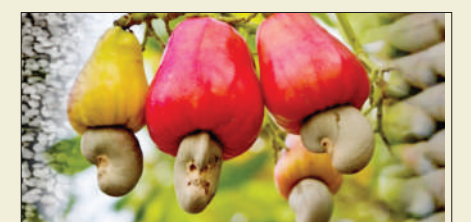
Envisaged strategic projects include ship rehabilitation projects, expansion of sugar factories, construction of pipe production

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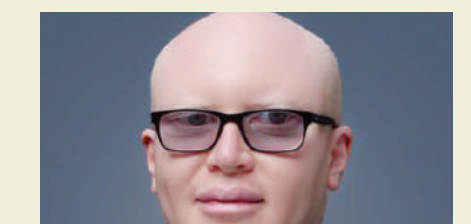


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earned crown for five years consecutively."

The fantasy travel spot faced intense competition from the Central Kalahari Game Reserve in Botswana, Etosha National Park of Namibia, Kidepo Valley National Park of Uganda, Kruger National Park of South Africa, with the park's alter ego, the smaller Maasai Mara National Reserve of Kenya.

Juma Kuji, the acting conservation commissioner, said that the annual prize is an apt complement for efforts of President Samia Suluhu Hassan to promote the country as a top tourism destination.

The newly appointed TANAPA CEO starting early this month said the Serengeti is undoubtedly the leading

wildlife paradise in the world, "unequaled for its natural beauty and scientific value, it has the greatest concentration of plains game in Africa."

"The Maasai call the plains of Serengeti national park is the place where the land moves on forever. And here, you can witness the famous Serengeti annual migration, the largest and longest overland migration on earth."

From the sprawling Serengeti plains in Tanzania to the champagne colored hills of Kenya's Maasai Mara game reserve, over two million wildebeests and half a million zebra as well as gazelle, relentlessly tracked by Africa's great predators, migrate in a clockwise manner over 1,800 miles each year in search of rain-ripened grass.

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fishing, fish cage farming and seaweed production among coastal communities," he explained.

He affirmed that Tanzania has attained more than 100 percent grain self-sufficiency ratio for over two decades now, with the agriculture sector growing at an average of five percent annually.

The sector contributes 26.2 percent to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and 24 percent of export earnings, he further noted, pointing at the Agenda 10/30 roadmap to accelerate the Agriculture Sector Development Program phase two (ASDP II).

It especially involves facilitating youth and women participation in commercial agriculture to push towards raising agricultural export value from \$1.2bn at present to \$5bn at the end of the decade, he stated.

To achieve these ambitious targets, the government is investing in priority areas such as irrigation and water efficient technologies, increased access to agro inputs plus improved seeds production.

He also set out the need for research and development, concretizing application of digital technology in extension services, harnessing po-

tentials of the blue economy, storage and marketing infrastructure and agro-processing.

He told the audience that the government had increased budgetary allocations for agriculture from \$88m in 2020/2021 to \$420m in 2023/2024, affirming that Tanzania had embarked on scaling up infrastructure development including railway, road network, rural electrification and investment in agro-inputs industries such as fertilizer.

"We are scaling-up the use of digital technology for planning, monitoring and evaluation. The technologies provide business support services such as information to farmers via mobile platforms," he specified.

He bemoaned negative perception towards agriculture, limited agricultural entrepreneurial skills, poor access to land, limited accessibility to financial services, markets alongside the effects of agricultural labour saving machinery and digital technologies.

Still, the government was conducting an agro-based youth employment programme implemented via public-private partnership through block farming, expected to generate over 1.5m occupational openings and contributing to food system resilience.

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that the centre will provide all the needed support.

"Once I visited Kilonda in Bangkok, I was impressed by his investments. So, I encouraged him to come back to Tanzania and register his project that will enable him to enjoy investment

incentives, thus helping him to reduce the costs of setting up the factory," he stated.

George Kaseza, the Mining Commission business manager, explained the various opportunities in the mining sector that he can use to expand the scope of his investments.

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industries and expansion of dry ports, she elaborated.

These investments help to catalyse the realisation of national economic goals as these projects create up to 10,000 job openings, as the financing includes loan capital for 12 financial institutions, 78 savings and credit cooperatives (SACCOS) and 128 companies supported through loans, she asserted.

Water sector projects accessed 14bn/- loans for a total of 66 projects, six water authorities and 60 water user associations in rural areas, she said.

Dodoma, Singida, Shinyanga, Tanga, Mtwara, Iringa, Morogoro and Ruvuma regions water projects obtained project loans for water outlays reaching 750,000 people, she said.

The bank also disbursed upwards of 12bn/- for the energy sector directed at six major projects in Dar es Salaam, Iringa, Ruvuma, Coast and Manyara regions, facilitating the generation of 8.8megawatts added to the national grid, the director specified.

Of considerable interest is the Tanzania Rural Electrification Expansion Programme (TREETP) to support access to power and collaborate with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) to stimulate etha-

nol energy use, she said.

TIB, UNIDO and partners initiated the roll-out of 500,000 ethanol cook stoves for households in various parts of Dar es Salaam, she said, pointing at a range of strategic projects implanted by the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) and Wentworth Resources in natural gas.

TIB also supported the Tanzania Electric Supply Company (TANESCO) in supply of power plants in the Somanga-Fungu settlement of the National Housing Corporation (NHC) along with, Kagera Sugar Ltd sugar processing factory projects, Amiri Hamza Ltd for coffee processing, CATA Mining Co. Ltd in the gold mining and processing, Pipes Industries Co. Ltd and others, she stated, vowing supporting for government initiatives to fight poverty by enhancing financial capacity and sensitizing local entrepreneurs on the benefits of small loans.

Deodatus Balile, the chairman of the Tanzania Editors Forum (TEF) commended TIB for financing various projects to stimulate development.

The bank also needs to focus on investing in modern road infrastructure such as highways to help improve transport and reduce traffic accidents, he added.



Dr Maxine Harker (R), an eye and vision care specialist with CCBRT Hospitals, pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday attending to a patient at a free eye screening camp held in collaboration with Square Pharmaceuticals Ltd in commemorating World Sight Day. The Day, marked each second Thursday of October, this year focuses on the importance of eye care at workplaces. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

BoT issues new regulations to govern foreign exchange

By Guardian Reporter

THE Bank of Tanzania (BoT) has issued new regulations to govern foreign exchange (Bureau de Change) business with the maximum capital to commence the trade being 1bn/-.

In a statement issued yesterday, BoT Governor Emmanuel Tutuba said the new regulations have been divided into three classes of bureau de change licenses of Class A, B and C.

He said the new changes are aimed at expanding the foreign exchange market in the country.

He said that for those (locals and foreigners) who will operate bureau de

change shops of class A, will be allowed to open new branches anywhere in the country.

Foreign-owned bureau de change shops with class A will require a minimum capital of 1bn/- while those owned by locals must have a minimum capital of 500m/-.

"Class A licence will also be allowed to engage in a wide range of financial activities which include making instant transactions, sending money and doing business as a bank agent, financial institution, insurance company, mobile money service provider, or any other financial services as approved by the central bank," he said.

Tutuba said Class B bureau shops are supposed to be owned by locals by hundred per cent and is licensed to deal with spot transactions, with a minimum capital requirement of 200m/-.

Class B shops also will not be allowed to conduct instant transactions, acting as agents of banks, financial institutions, insurance companies, mobile money service provider, or any other financial services as approved by the central bank. "A person who intends to run a Class A or B foreign currency exchange shop will be required to apply for a licence by writing a letter to the Bank, and that the application needs to be signed by the director," he added.

He further noted that Class C bureau de change is a shop established in a three star hotel or above to deal with spot transactions to hotel customers only.

However, a Class C bureau de change shop establishments will not be restricted with a minimum capital requirement.

Furthermore, the applicants of Class A or B bureau de change shops will be required, within six months after the initial approval, to submit to BoT, a bank account statement containing the shop's name showing the amount allocated as capital paid in local or foreign currency.



Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups minister Dr Dorothy Gwajima speaks at an event to mark International Day of Rural Women (October 15) held at Olevolosi village in Arumeru District, Arusha Region, at the weekend. The theme for the Day, "Rural Women Cultivating Good Food for All", highlights the essential role rural women and girls play in the food systems of the world. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Samia appeals for high turnout in 2024 polls

By Henry Mwangonde

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has urged Tanzanians to fully participate in next year's civic polls and the 2025 General Election to elect leaders who will work for the people's needs.

President Samia aired this feeling yesterday at a rally in Mkalama District, Singida Region during a two-day working tour of the region, also inaugurating the 11.1bn/- Msingi Bridge in the district.

She said the local government elections are an opportunity to maintain peace and stability by choosing the right people who will serve the people, urging the rally participants to stay away from groups that are likely to weaken the ruling party and threaten the country's peace.

Raising the issue of lack of teachers' houses, she said that the government in its next year's budget will allocate enough money to build many such houses, noting similarly that challenges in the education sector such as the construction of toilets can be solved by district councils in the respective areas.

They do not need to wait for the central government to provide funds, she stated, noting that the government recognises that there is a shortage of teachers and other civil servants cadres. She said in Mkalama District there is a 40 per cent shortage of primary school teachers while for secondary schools the shortage of teachers stands at 26 per cent.

Samia instructed the Finance Minister, Mwigulu Nchemba and Minis-

ter of State in the President's Office - Regional Administration and Local Governments (PO-RALG) Mohamed Mchengerwa to work on the raised limited budget allocations in Mkalama District to make it competitive.

On agriculture, she said people should strive to work hard in their farms to cultivate and produce crops in abundance as the government was striving to find markets for farmers.

"Let me assure you that the markets are there and if the market is not there at that time, the government will buy the produce," she said.

Inaugurating modern police stations in Ikungi and Mkalama districts, Samia cautioned people to stop taking the law in their own hands and instead to report any incidents of crimes in their areas to the police station.

Speaking later during a meeting to commemorate 60 years since the establishment of Singida Region, Minister for Agriculture Hussein Bashe said the programme to distribute sunflower seedlings for free to farmers in regions of Singida and Dodoma was on track saying the ministry has already 300,000 tons of seeds to facilitate production of one million tons of edible oils.

Minister for Water Jumaa Aweso said the ministry has reached out to more than 2,600 villages which have not received water saying the remaining two years, the government will finalize the exercise. "On the plan to reach a 95-per cent water coverage in urban areas, the ministry has already reached 80-per cent and the target is that by the next two years, we will be done," he said.



Mourners carry the casket bearing the body of ITV correspondent Shaaban Tolle shortly before his burial at Dar es Salaam's Kisutu cemetery yesterday. The long-serving media practitioner died in the city at the weekend after a long illness. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

TIRDO for technologies efficient in use of energy

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE Tanzania Industrial Research Development Organization (TIRDO) has urged stakeholders in the construction sector to prioritise on energy auditing efficiency in order to reduce energy consumption.

In an interview with this paper in Dar es Salaam at the weekend, TIRDO marketing manager, Burhan Daudi said if energy efficiency is well practiced, what is served can be used in other investments.

He said the target of any investor is to generate higher profit although most of them in the construction sector have been incurring huge costs in energy consumption.

Daudi said that TIRDO in collaboration with the energy efficiency project which is being implemented by the Ministry of Energy and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) with financial support from the European Union (EU) and UNDP, is now showing case energy management practices and providing information on energy auditing services to industries, commercial buildings and households.

The activity seeks to enhance awareness and understanding among large

energy consumers by exploring the benefits of energy management practices through energy auditing so far demonstrated at the three mentioned sites.

"I would like to remind them when investing in industries, commercial buildings and households, to involve TIRDO as part of the energy efficiency auditing strategy to reduce energy in the above respective areas. This in return helps them to get more profit, create employment and use less energy for the better future of the country's energy," he added.

According to him, TIRDO has set short term, midterm and long-term plans to raise awareness to key stakeholders.

Furthermore, as part of a long-term plan, TIRDO seeks to make it mandatory for every factory or industry to have an expert in energy efficiency management.

"TIRDO seeks to meet with construction stakeholders one after another and train them how to manage energy efficiency in "building designing," he said.

Currently, the Ministry of Energy and UNDP are implementing Tanzania's the 1st Energy Efficiency Action Plan, with financial support from the European Union (EU) and UNDP.

The overall objective of the Action Plan is to ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all in Tanzania

Key milestones achieved by the project so far include a pilot energy audit conducted by TIRDO for selected three large energy users in Dar es Salaam on Energy analysis, evaluation, and implementation of energy efficiency measures or energy conservation measures.

The aim of the pilot energy audits was to demonstrate best energy management practices to enhance energy efficiency in the country.

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Cashew farmers to benefit from South Korean new technologies

By Beatrice Philemon

SOUTH Korean company—Mirae Green Chemical Co. Ltd has come up with a comprehensive strategy to support cashew nut farmers and encourage them to use modern technologies for increased yields and income.

Charles CM Lee, the company's Executive Vice President said yesterday that during implementation of the strategy, the company will assist cashew nut farmers to adopt modern practices that will increase efficiency and production.

Farmers will be assisted to look for markets of what they produce, Controlled Release Fertilizer (CRF) to increase crop yield and training so that their products meet international market stand-

ards.

According to him, the demand for Tanzania's cashew in South Korea is huge.

"We decided to embark on this strategy after conducting an in-depth feasibility study of cashew- value chain in Mtwara Region, Mkuranga District, Coast Region and other places. We discovered that farmers are producing below the capacity due to various factors including lack of funds to purchase fertilizer," said Lee.

He said they have so brought the CRF fertiliser from Nousbo Company in South Korea to the Tanzanian market and to government institutions dealing with cashew nut production, adding they are waiting for government approval.

He said if farmers use the CRF fertiliser, Tan-

zania will increase cashew nut production from 300,000 tonnes per year to 1.4 million tonnes per year, making Tanzania the leading producer in the world.

Currently Tanzania's cashew production stands at 300,000 tonnes per annum while cashew nut production per one hectare is 300 kilograms. With the use of South Korean fertilizer, farmers can produce 1500 kilograms, an increase by five folds.

Lee said they have met with Dr Fortunus Kapinga, director at TARI- Naliendele centre to discuss the fertiliser.

"Researchers at TARI were interested in our fertilizer; promising to test it at one of the cashew trees to see how it will increase production," he


said, adding that CRF is an eco-friendly fertiliser with no side effects and is sold at \$1per kg.

The South Korean firm exports fertiliser to more than 50 countries around the world.

Juae Park, the company operation manager added: "As the company we will purchase raw cashew nuts from farmers and provide fertiliser to farmers without payment to ensure the crop is of the required quality."

"CRF fertiliser has excellent effect even in areas where fertilizing is difficult due to drought or heavy rainfall; it contains an ideal balance of NPK and micronutrients which prevents nutrients deficiency disorders, optimised for fruit trees and supplies plant with all nutrients until harvest by fertilising only once a year," he said.

TREES FOR THE FUTURE INC TANZANIA



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INVITATION FOR BIDS
TENDER No.2 OF 2023
FOR
CONSTRUCTION OF WATER PONDS

- Trees for the future Inc (TREES Tanzania) has set aside funds for operation during the financial year 2023. TREES is intended that part of the proceeds of the funds will be applied to cover eligible payments under the contract for the Construction of water ponds (Siuyu & Makotea villages - Ikungi district, Singida Region).
- TREES Tanzania now invites sealed bids from reputable company to construct water ponds as shown below:


No.1	Construction of pond with the following dimension at Siuyu village - IKUNGI	1 Pond
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Total project Area=4,862.2 Sq.m ➤ Total Project Perimeter=280.2m ➤ Total volume of water to be collected = 5,900 Cu.m 	
No.2	Construction of pond with the following dimension at Makotea village- IKUNGI	1 pond
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Total project Area=6,960.2 Sq.m ➤ Total Project Perimeter=370.9m ➤ Total volume of water to be collected = 9,700 Cum.m 	


Bidder should quote for Construction of water ponds, in each case Bidder must quote for all ponds and quantities specified in No.1. Incomplete bid will not be accepted. TREES Tanzania will evaluate the bids and award the contract to the most competitive bidder.

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- The deadline for the submission of bids will be on Tuesday 24th October 2023 local time at 10:00 AM. Bids will be opened in public and in the presence of Bidders representatives who choose to attend in the conference room of the Trees for the future Inc, Tanzania, N.H.C Singidani Complex Building, Second floor at 10:00AM local time on 24th October 2023. The outer cover must be clearly marked.



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Tanzanians called upon to guard village forests

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

TANZANIANS have been urged to take care of and protect village forests in their areas by avoiding human activity that contribute to forests destruction including farming, setting fires and illegal harvesting of forest products.

Emmanuel Msofe, chief forests officer from the Forestry and Beekeeping Department in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism in charge of community forests extension education made the remarks here at the weekend as he spoke to this reporter.

The Ministry, in collaboration with Tanzania Forest Conservation Group (TFCG) brought together various stakeholders involved in the country's forests management, including forestry officers and regional secretariats to review various government guidelines on the management of community forests.

Msofe said in there are many challenges in some areas that threaten the

ministry's goals to increase community forest areas from 2.7 million hectares to 16 million hectares.

"Other areas have even bigger challenges, some have been turned from forests reserves to farms, others are adversely affected by livestock keeping activities that threaten their existence, while in others there are wanton tree cutting, setting fires and illegal exploitation of forest resources.

"That is why we would like the experts to review these guidelines in order to attain government's goals to increase community forests area," said Msoffe.

For his part, TFCG assistant director, Emmanuel Lyimo said proper use of forests well spur development and that is why the institution has decided to help the Ministry to prepare strategies to increase village forests areas, including reclaiming forests that had been lost.

"This is not an individual responsibility, it is a responsibility of everyone, and that is why it was essential to assist

the ministry to prepare these strategies and distribute them to experts involved in their management," he said.

Seleboni John Mushi, assistant director in the ministry's Forests and Beekeeping Department said village forests are among forests with many resources that need good management and that is why the ministry prepared policies, laws, strategies and guidelines.

He stressed that any process need to be undertaken in village forests must abide by sustainable basics for their upkeep and conservation, even in areas used as farmlands.

He called on the people to work together to make sure forests are protected and developed in order to harvest quality resources and other services from them.

Elida Fundi, one of the workshop's participants from Tanzania Forests Management Network (TFMN) said the guidelines were good for the people in case their application will be adhered to.



Deputy Prime Minister Dr Doto Biteko, who doubles as Energy minister, cuts the ribbon to launch a colour plant at Alaf Limited in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

ORCI promises to continue investing in provision of quality palliative care

By Getrude Mbago

OCEAN Road Cancer Institute (ORCI) has promised to continue investing in provision of palliative care to patients which include training more staff to support and improve quality of life of the survivors.

Palliative care is specialised medical care for people living with a serious illness, such as cancer or heart failure. Speaking during the commemoration of the World Hospice and Palliative Care Day (WHPD) 2023 at the weekend, ORCI executive director, Dr Julius Mwaialage said the institute's core focus was to bring new hopes to patients by relieving them from illness and pains.

This year's theme is Compassionate Communities: Together for Palliative Care. WHPD is an annual unified day of action to celebrate and support hospice and palliative care around the world.

He noted that palliative care is an approach to care that addresses the person as whole, not just their disease by helping everyone affected by cancer diagnosis to achieve the best quality of life.

He said the palliative care section at

ORCI strives to ensure patients are provided with the quality services regardless of the cancer stage.

"Currently Ocean Road Cancer Institute provides hospital based palliative care and home-based palliative care, our special unit is responsible of coordinating care of terminally ill patient and the clinical, nursing and social services, assess pain and other distressing symptom, prepare and administer mechanism to comfort patients when are in distress or in pain at the hospital and at their home as well as counsel patients and relative on natural course of the illness and the mitigating effects of all therapies," he explained.

Last year, Ocean Road served 46,061 patients in the Palliative care out of the total 65,000 patients who were served at the hospital, something which translates to many patients are attending hospital at late stages.

He said in order to provide quick relief to patients who undergo severe pain, the hospital is providing special medicine known as morphine which is the best to remove the pains.

He said the institute is currently implementing a number of initiatives meant to expand cancer prevention services in order for the service to be

prominent and to have a nation-wide coverage.

"Cancer prevention services are a set of strategies and activities that are taken to lower the chance of getting cancer in a community. By preventing cancer, the number of new cases of cancer in a group or population is lowered and this will translate into a lower number of deaths caused by cancer" he noted.

Dr Mwaialage said the institute aims to reduce the burden of cancer in the communities through increasing cancer awareness and prevention by engaging in partnerships, collecting and reporting data, assuring quality data, providing and supervising public and professional education, and assuring availability of quality services for screening, early detection and prompt treatment.

Dr Faraja Kiwanga, cancer specialist at the ORCI said apart from palliative care, the hospital is providing quality cancer services including chemotherapy, surgery and pain reliever services.

She said the hospital has invested in educating the public on risk factors for cancers and preventive measures and implementing cancer screening and early detection programmes.

Govt issues 221.4bn/- to compensate land owners in road building projects

By Guardian Correspondent, Itigi

WORKS Ministry has received 221.4bn/- from the government for paying compen-

sation 629 people who will shift from their land to pave way for the construction of roads in various areas countrywide, the payment long overdue.

Works Minister Innocent Bashungwa said here at the weekend as he addressed residents of Itigi, in Manyoni District after President Samia Suluhu Hassan inaugurated the 56.9 km Mkiwa-Itigi-Noranga road built at tarmac level at 67.2bn/-.

Bashungwa said the completed 10km road built in Itigi town will be installed with lights.

For her part, President Samia Suluhu Hassan instructed Finance Minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba and the Works Minister Bashungwa to supervise the construction of the 413km Itigi-Rungwa to Makongorosi in Mbeya to ensure it is completed on time.

President Samia said the road connects the Tanzania-Zambia corridor and is very important for Singida, Mbeya and Tabora regions as it connects Tanzania with the SADC countries, hence its completion will spur production activities and trade.

President Samia said the government is well set to boost road infrastructure and bridges all over the country in order to connect districts and regions by tarmac level roads in all zones, and many of these projects are currently in various stages of implementation.

"Three to four years ago, when you visited the regions the main complaints were water, electricity, health centres and classrooms but in the last two and half years, electricity, water and health centres are no longer main complaints from the people," she said.



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JOB OPPORTUNITY

KickStart is an award-winning, global nonprofit social enterprise that develops and mass-markets low-cost irrigation solutions that are bought by thousands of small-holder farmers in developing countries and used to increase their income by up to a factor of ten, enabling them to lift themselves sustainably out of poverty. (See www.KickStart.org for more information).

The project in Tanzania and surrounding will develop and implement the latest innovations in KickStart's model of selling equipment at the Base of the African Rural Pyramid to Small-Holder-Farmers across the region.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Functional Area	: East Africa - Tanzania
Position / Job Title	: Senior Partnerships & Sales Officer - Tanzania
Reports to	: Country Sales and Partnerships Manager - TZ
Location	: Northern Zone.

Job Purpose

The Senior Partnership and Sales Officer is responsible for developing, expanding, and reporting on the program in Tanzania. S/he will be responsible for managing the program activities and will report to the Country Sales and Partnerships Manager based in Tanzania. These activities support the primary goal of getting people out of poverty in Tanzania by promoting the sales and usage of our branded irrigation pumps through partnerships and the private sector.

Nature and Scope:

The Senior Partnership and Sales Officer will:

- Perform the due-diligence to understand the market potential and opportunities for the irrigation solutions products in all parts of Tanzania to inform segmenting areas of focus.
- Enlist groups of farmers in the designated areas.
- Make all the scheduled visits to group of farmers as agreed with the group.
- Identify and contact potential partners in the region to get them to buy pumps or to connect KickStart with the farmers they are working with for the purpose of making pump sales to them.
- Create awareness and convince farmers to purchase MoneyMaker pumps
- Create and follow up on the prospects for sales generation.
- Market tests various physical products as may be developed by the Innovation Hub.
- Carry out farm demonstrations to the farmers who desire to understand the pump.
- Ensure that the dealer assigned to them have all the appropriate marketing collaterals
- Partnership engagements:
 - Creating partnerships with International and local NGOs, UN organizations like FAO and World Food program, Government, Out-growers, and other stakeholders.
 - Working in partnership with distributor to push sales and adoption of MoneyMaker pumps.
- Ensure timely and accurate reporting of the organization's activities and social impacts.
- Understand and articulate all the policies of Kickstart International to all stakeholders to ensure clarity and full compliance to the same.
- Ensure prudent management of Kickstart International resources as the custodian.
- Manage seamlessly the operational issues of the organization involving staff travelling into and out of the assigned territory, relationships between Kickstart Internal activities and Distributors' needs.
- Targets are met at least possible cost and inconvenience to Kickstart International, Distributors and Customers acquiring the pumps.

Key Performance Criteria

- Impact and sales targets
- Creation of partnerships.
- Ensure collection of end use data of MoneyMaker pumps in each country.
- A team that is ethical, team-work oriented and high performing.
- Real time use of CRM tool in tracking all engagements.

Principal Accountabilities

- Daily, weekly, and monthly reports on all activities carried and all captured in the Stalemate CRM.
- Documentation of all activities and programs implemented.
- Ensure that all the sales documentation are made including contracts and guarantee forms and passed to the line manager.
- Partners are met on time, according to the schedule and all prospects are recorded.
- Regular market assessment and pro-active development of country specific sales and marketing plans with country Manager and Distributors' assistance to maximize sales and impacts in the country. This includes sales plans, pricing policies, and promotional plans for each region.
- Actively promote products through product demonstrations, product support and training of distributors, customers and influencers.
- Provide monthly updated sales reports and forecast.
- Prepare monthly work plans and monthly reports.
- Program design and implementation using tactical marketing initiatives.
- Establish an annual and long term Business Plan.
- Compile and collect monthly end user data for impact monitoring.
- Perform any other official duties within the key performing criteria as may be assigned to you.

Skills, Experiences, and Competencies

- Degree in Marketing; Business Administration; Economics or Agriculture/Agronomy.
- Minimum of five years relevant work experience.
- Proven ability to handle challenging work load.
- Cross-cultural experience, understanding and sensitivity.
- Excellent interpersonal and written and oral communication skills.
- Commitment to KickStart's values.
- Experience selling assets to rural markets.
- Experience working with distributors, retail markets and agro-dealers.
- Experience working with rural farmers.
- Willing to travel for up to 60% every month.
- A valid driving License.

Note:

Interested candidates are required to submit their CV and Cover letter quoting the position title on the subject line to hrtz@kickstart.org. Closing date is 23rd October, 2023.



The Guardian Limited

JOB VACANCIES

Position : SUB-EDITOR - THE GUARDIAN
Department : Editorial
Reporting Channel : Managing Editor
Place : Dar es Salaam

JOB PURPOSE

Duties and Responsibilities

- Checking and editing stories, writing captions, placing photos and writing headlines within set deadlines and in conformity with journalistic ethics, editorial objectives and house style
- Checking and correcting editorial copy (news stories, features, etc.) allocated by the Chief Sub-Editor for facts, accuracy, taste, house style, language use, clarity, details, objectivity, spelling, etc.
- Subbing (rewriting) editorial copy to fit allocated space without distorting facts or downplaying the salient points or points of major interest.
- Rewriting editorial copy as necessary for simplicity, clarity and style.
- Writing headlines for the copy by ensuring that they reflect the overriding message of the stories.
- Editing the photos and other illustrations selected by the Chief Sub-Editor - to fit space allocated
- Writing or rewriting captions, taking care not to give obvious details.
- Submitting the edited copy to the Chief Sub-Editor within set deadlines.
- Making up news pages as directed by the Chief Sub-Editor - as a guide to graphic designers
- Checking all headlines, captions, photos/illustrations, copy text, page logos and all other page elements, and signing off the pages (to graphic designers) within set deadlines.

Minimum Qualifications and Experience

- Bachelor's degree in Arts or related disciplines
- At least three years' experience working in journalism, with having served as a sub-editor an added advantage
- Mastery of written and spoken English and Kiswahili
- Knowledge of any other language will be an added advantage

MODE OF APPLICATION

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JOB VACANCY

Position: SUB-EDITOR – SPORTS DESK – THE GUARDIAN
Department: Editorial
Reporting Channel: Managing Editor
Place: Dar es Salaam

JOB PURPOSE

Duties and Responsibilities

- Checking and correcting editorial copy allocated by Sports Editor for facts, accuracy, taste, compliance with TGL house style, language use, clarity, details, objectivity, spelling.
- Rewriting the copy as necessary for simplicity, clarity and compliance with the newspaper's house style.
- Editing photos/illustrations selected by Sports Editor to fit allocated space and writing/rewriting captions taking care not to give obvious details.

Minimum Qualification and Experience

- Bachelor's Degree in journalism
- At least four years' experience in journalism, in part as sub editor
- Mastery of English and Kiswahili
- Knowledge of any other language will be an added advantage

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JOB VACANCY

Position : WEB (SITE) EDITOR - The Guardian/Nipashe
Department : Editorial
Reporting Channels : Managing Editors
Place : Dar es Salaam

JOB PURPOSE:

This position requires a digital savvy bilingual journalist obsessed with using data & insights to generate engaging content and build audiences across multiple platforms.

* She/He should have a proven track record in creating targeted, interactive web & social media content, managing online communities and converting casual readers and followers into engaged fans.

* As an audience-first digital journalist, she/he should be obsessed with quality, clarity, accuracy and speed and should also be comfortable with various content management systems (WordPress, Drupal, CoreMedia), analytics tools (Chartbeat, Google Analytics) and footprint & impact trackers (Keyhole, Hootsuite).

Main Responsibilities:

- * Using audience data to refine content strategies for news, features and special projects for TGL's YouTube and social media pages, focusing on mobile-first delivery.
- * Developing monthly content calendars (outside events stories) for guardian.co.tz, ensuring a consistent pipeline of original digital reporting and exclusive web stories.
- * Uploading & distribute articles (text, visuals & audios) to guardian.co.tz and other TGL sites and social media channels
- * Ensuring accurate and timely content delivery for distinct/specialised audiences.
- * Editing headlines and copy for websites, video & social media platforms utilising SEO bestpractices (use of metadata, tags, keywords, internal linking, optimised media).
- * Championing the use of videos and interactive photographs across TGL websites & social media pages
- * Ensuring content is of evidently publishable quality.
- * Prioritizing web coverage to focus on readership (engagement) and impact, giving prominence to content demonstrating confirmed newsworthiness and clarity.
- * Developing and deploying new content formats, including new segments for existing TGL video platforms (YouTube & Instagram), interactive stories and visualisations.
- * Researching and cultivating & operationalised new digital distribution platforms for TGL content (e.g. TikTok, Discord), working closely with managing editors, on Online & New Content.
- * Cultivating and effectively managing relationships with various sources and stakeholders to ensure that

newsmakers talk digital-first.

- * Serving as digital liaison and champion with TGL's various news desks & content team, helping them learn to deliver news for digital platforms first.
- Generating and disseminating creative multimedia content in keeping with changing news landscape realities and convergence requirements.
- Researching, preparing and producing content for TGL online publications
- Reacting to stories trending on social media and making live presentations on TGL Digital, informing the public on the same
- Website management and Content Management Systems (CMS) - updating TGL's websites on a 24-hour cycle to meet targets for assigned sub-sections
- Proofreading and editing online copy for newspaper websites.
- Ensuring all articles and posts observe correct grammar and style guidelines.
- Testing website usability and appearance for attractiveness and errors.
- Designing new features for website to increase user engagement.
- Monitoring website communications to discern and forestall problems
- Integrating SEO (search engine optimisation) and improving content to maximise effectiveness
- Fulfilling any other duties or responsibilities assigned by head of unit.

Minimum Qualifications and Experience:

- * Bachelor's degree in Journalism/Mass Communication or equivalent from a recognised institution.
- * Three years' working experience, preferably in a newsroom or other media environment in progressively responsible editorial or content production roles.
- * Expertise relating to digital audiences, content creation and distribution using various CMSes, editing & sharing video (Premier Pro, Final Cut, MimoLIVE).
- * Knowledge of motion graphics, animations, visual effects (Blender, Adobe AE), HTML, CSS, & JavaScript will be an added advantage.

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JOB VACANCIES

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Position : REPORTER - THE GUARDIAN
Department : Editorial
Reporting Channel : Managing Editor
Place : Dar es Salaam

JOB PURPOSE

Entails going out on assignment as well as use of own initiative to gather news. The job holder will ensure that the news stories submitted are factual, of public interest, detailed, well-researched and in conformity with TGL's editorial objectives and house.

Duties and Responsibilities

- * Developing and writing news stories and feature articles to finished form so that no major rewriting is required or no extensive additional reporting is needed.
- * Briefing News Editor or Chief Reporter on newsworthy information gathered and writing stories using the selected facts by set deadlines.
- * Following up news leads (tip-offs or hints) and maintaining close contact with news sources (using own contact book).
- * Consistently building up own contact book and demonstrating its value.
- * Preparing daily news coverage docket and forwarding it to the News Editor every day.
- * Keeping abreast of political and other trends and developments in Tanzania, elsewhere in the East Africa region, and globally.
- * Building enough rapport with a wide range of newsmakers and other people to cultivate and maintain a decently long list of credible news sources.
- * Developing workable ideas for development into quality news stories, feature articles, commentaries, photographs, graphics and other news material.
- * Implementing these and other ideas by conducting focused interviews and research, and actually writing news stories, features, etc.
- * Strictly observing set newspaper production deadlines as well as journalistic and social ethics, the Company's Editorial Policy and other guidelines.
- * Helping in grooming or mentoring interns on media attachment at TGL as well other junior writers.
- * Generally assisting the News Editor, Chief Reporter and other senior writers in ensuring that the News Desk functions properly.
- * Performing any other duties as may be assigned by your supervisor.

Minimum Qualifications and Experience

- * Bachelor's degree or Diploma in Journalism or Mass Communication
- * At least three years' working experience
- * Mastery of spoken English and Kiswahili
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CSO calls for advancing of teachers' welfare for improvement of education sector performance

By Carlos Banda

THE Organisation for Community Development (OCODE) has urged the government to increase investment in teachers' welfare and working conditions in order to enhance provision of quality education to students.

According to OCODE, enhancing the sector's performance should start by addressing the shortage of teaching staff in schools which is currently a great burden.

Speaking on the sidelines of the celebrations of the International Teachers' Day in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, OCODE education project manager, Digna Mushi, revealed that among the challenges impeding the development and performance of the sector is the low welfare status for teachers.

"The teaching profession is not receiving the recognition it deserves. As a result, many youth do not prefer entering into the profession because, the fact that only a handful of countries have a record of paying teachers good salaries. And if you look at it on the other hand, the working conditions are difficult and they are supposed to teach so many students in one class. These circumstances do not attract the upcoming scholars to pursue teaching as a career," she said.

Mushi said that the celebrations for this year themed: "The Teachers We Need, The Education We Want", is a part of a call for governments and nations across the globe to review the problem of the shortage of teaching staff in schools through hiring teachers and improving their welfare.

Gaudence Kapinga, country facilitator from the Regional Education Learning Initiative in East Africa (RELI) said the commemorations of the world teacher's day is not only tied to honouring teaching professionals alone but also serves as a platform for informing communities on the role of teachers in the society.

"Commemorating this day is not only for teaching associations alone or just because OCODE has ventured to do so, however, it is a day to appreciate

teachers and I would call upon other institutions to follow suit so that this day can be prioritized and expand the public's awareness and understanding on the role and position of teachers," he said.

Kapinga also highlighted that teaching profession stands last in the career options of many youths citing that many young scholars in universities studying teaching as a profession claim the field was their last option with some saying they pursued teaching as a faculty so as to have access to student loans.

"We also need to create more awareness in the society that teaching is a respectable career and this has to include the improvement of the welfare of the profession so as to make it attractive to the community," he emphasised.

Flora Msigwa, a teacher from Malamba Mawili primary school in Dar es Salaam expressed her gratitude for the organisation's effort to improve the education sector in which she urged the government to find means to adapt the approach and techniques in gradual stages as a means to address the challenges facing teachers in schools.

JKCI conducts heart surgery on 37 children

By Correspondent Christina Mwakangale

JAKAYA Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI) has conducted heart surgeries on 37 children including a one-month old infant who was born with four heart ailments including an artery that was supposed to shut up soon after birth.

The five-day medical treatment camp at the Institute has saved 950m/- that would have been spent to treat the children outside the country.

JKCI specialist on children's heart diseases, Dr Godwin Sharau explained at the closure of the special five-day camp that involved JKCI specialists and Mending Kids from the US.

He said 16 children underwent major heart surgeries by plugging holes, fixing heart valves and blood veins that were defective and added that had the children been referred to health facilities outside the country the cost would

have been not less than 250m/-.

"This treatment for the first batch of 16 children done at JKCI cost 90m/- and some of the children were exempted from meeting the cost due to the parents' economic situation.

"At this camp, we have conducted major surgeries to children of different ages beginning one month to five years old," he said.

Dr Sharau added that this year is the 10th since JKCI started collaborating with the US institution which has borne fruit and every year experts from the foreign institution come to JKCI with new means of treatment and provide medical devices to children without cost. "In developing countries, heart surgery on children is very much developed, our institution is doing well to treat children with heart problems, and that is why we continue to collaborate with developing countries aimed at enhancing our skills," he added.

For her part, children's heart diseases

specialist JKCI Dr Stella Mongella said surgery on small holes using cathlab device for 21 children born with the defectives were treated at the camp.

She said minor heart surgery for the children cost under 100m/- but had they been referred to outside the country the cost would have been not less than 700m/-.

Specialist on children's heart diseases from US Mending Kids, Dr Darren Berman said doctors from the institution will continue to work together with JKCI specialists.

"Through our health camps here at JKCI we have conducted heart surgery to an eight-month child who had a hole in his heart and have succeeded to save his life," said Dr Darren.

He added that the knowledge in conducting surgeries on children with heart problems at JKCI has increased, hence now there will be no need for Tanzania children to be taken outside the country for treatment.



CPS Africa CEO Sebastian Dietzold speaks at the Dar Construction & Building and CEO Summit 2023 Forum on the empowerment of technology for the sustainable construction of cheap wood-based houses which opened at Fumba in Zanzibar at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Samia to launch project at ASA's Kilimi Seeds farm in Tabora today

By Correspondent

Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan is expected to launch the project for the installation of the modern irrigation scheme (Center Pivot Irrigation Machines -CPIM), at the Agricultural Seeds Agency (ASA) farm in Nzeza District, Tabora Region.

The envisaged event is scheduled to take place today at the ASA's Kilimi Seeds farm based in Nzeza District, Tabora Region.

Centre-pivot is a method of crop irrigation in which

equipment rotates around a pivot and crops are watered with sprinklers.

ASA's Chief Executive Officer Dr Sophia Kashenge said that the 6.3bn/- worth project at the vast farm in Nzeza District had already seen at least 220 hectares installed with the high-tech irrigation facilities, being its first phase.

According to her, the second phase will involve a total of 180 hectares, bringing up to a total of 400 hectares available at the farm. "Preparations for the launching of the project continues at impressive speed, and we are very thankful for the way president Samia

has always been there to ensure the agency runs its activities at deserved standards and speed in order to heighten the country's seed production sector," she expressed.

Dr. Kashenge unveiled that the state-owned seed agency was also implementing the similar helpful project at its numerous seed farms across the country.

"At Arusha's Ngaramtoni seed farm the project is currently at 50 per cent, the ongoing project works to install a total of 200 hectares, as well as at the Morogoro-based Msimba farm located in Kilosa district," she said.

She observed that the projects will cover a total of 800 hectares at the three seed farms, expecting to gobble up to 18bn/- upon completion.

Soon after President Samia launched the modern irrigation technology at the Kilimi farm, she said the facility will soon start to operate.

"Completion of these projects will play a meaningful role to help increase the seeds production sector as the agency will stand a chance to produce seeds varieties for diverse crops throughout the year," she informed.

She said that demand for seed supply in the 2023/24 season stands at approximately 124,000 tonnes, whereby the availability is only 44,000 tonnes.

According to the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, David Silinde, the government's main objective is to ensure the country is making potential development in the production of key seeds for numerous crops.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE (BUREAU DE CHANGE) REGULATIONS, 2023

The Bank of Tanzania wishes to notify the general public that the Foreign Exchange (Bureau de Change) Regulations, 2023 have been issued under the Foreign Exchange Act, Cap 271, through Government Notice No. 730 of 2023, published in the Government Gazette on 6th October 2023.

The Regulations, among others, have introduced three classes of Bureau de Change licences as follows: -

1. Class A

(a) Class A bureau de change shall be a foreign owned or locally owned bureau de change allowed to open branches anywhere in the United Republic of Tanzania.

(b) Foreign owned Class A bureau de change shall be required to have minimum capital of one billion Tanzanian Shillings.

(c) Locally owned Class A bureau de change shall be required to have minimum capital of five hundred million Tanzanian Shillings.

(d) Class A bureau de change shall be allowed to conduct spot buying and selling of foreign exchange, money remittance transactions, carry out business as agent of bank, insurance, mobile network operators, or any other financial related activity as may be approved by the Bank of Tanzania.

2. Class B

(a) Class B bureau de change is a bureau de change with local shareholding. (b) Class B bureau de change shall not be allowed to open branches.

(c) Class B bureau de change shall be required to

maintain a minimum capital of two hundred million Tanzanian Shillings.

(d) Class B bureau de change shall be allowed to conduct only spot buying and selling of foreign exchange with a single outlet, carry out business as agent of bank, insurance, mobile network operators, or any other financial related activity as may be approved by the Bank of Tanzania

3. Class C

(a) Class C bureau de change is a bureau de change established in a hotel of a rank of three stars or above.

(b) Class C bureau de Change licence shall be issued exclusively to a hotel or hotel owner.

(c) Class C bureau de change shall not be required to maintain minimum capital.

(d) Class C bureau de change shall consist of hotels intending to offer spot buying and selling of foreign exchange to the hotel's customers only.

The Foreign Exchange (Bureau de Change) Regulations, 2023 which revoke the Foreign Exchange (Bureau de Change) Regulations, 2019 can be accessed from the website of the Bank of Tanzania via the following link:

<http://www.bot.go.tz/Publications/Acts,%20Regulations,%20Circulars,%20Guidelines/Regulations/2023101114503382.pdf>

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) ON LABOUR HIRE

REF: EOI/TZ/ADM/HR/LH/2023/01

Buckreef Gold Company Ltd "BGCL", a JV agreement company between State Mining Corporation (STAMICO) and TRX Gold, a 100% owned subsidiary of Tanzanian Gold Corporation (TSX: TNX) (NYSE MKT: TRX). For more information visit: <https://www.tangoldcorp.com/>. The company has operations located in Mnekezi Village, Geita District, Tanzania.

BGCL is pleased to announce that eligible contractors are invited to express their interest in providing unskilled and semi-skilled labor for our mining operations. The tasks will involve maintaining the environment, gardening, and general housekeeping in the process plant areas.

The evaluation of the prospective bidders will be done based on the following minimum criteria:

- At least five years of relevant experience and expertise in the mining industry or related projects. Having previous experience working in similar conditions, such as a gold processing plant, would be an added advantage. Vendors must also submit supporting documents and information, including assignment names, client names and addresses, contract value, and execution dates.
- Compliance with the Tanzania Mining (Local Content) Regulations of 2018 is mandatory.
- Evidence to support adhering to labour regulations i.e., NSSF Clearance certificate, Labour Supply license, WCF compliance certificate, OSHA Compliance certificate.
- Detailed information regarding their technical and managerial capabilities, including organizational structure, qualifications of staff, and the number of key personnel.
- Eligibility of the vendor (i.e., Valid business license, BRELA certificate, Tax clearance certificate, TIN & VAT certificate. e.tc)

Expressions of interest should be submitted by email (procurement@buckreef.co.tz) no later than **02:30p.m 24th October 2023** (Submission deadline). Communication will be made to all pre-qualified vendors once the company has completed its pre-qualification evaluation based on the information supplied.

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Uganda all set to advocate East African countries' interests at G77+China summit next year

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

UGANDA will use the Summit of the G77 + China platform, which the country gets to host next year, in advocating for the interests of other East African countries, including Tanzania, Kenya, Rwanda, Burundi, South-Sudan and DR Congo.

That was stated by the Uganda Consulate in Arusha, Ambassador Anne Katusiime Kageye during the occasion to celebrate the country's 61st Independence anniversary held at the Uganda Consular office in the city.

The Group of 77 at the United Nations is a coalition of 135 developing and emerging countries, in a joint deliberation to promote its members' collective economic interests and create an enhanced combined negotiating capacity in the UN.

"As you may be aware Uganda will be hosting the 19th Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement from 15 to 20 January 2024 and assume the chairmanship of the NAM for the next three years," said Ambassador Kageye.

She added that alongside the NAM summit, Uganda is also going to host the summit of the G77 + China in Kampala.

"Uganda looks forward to advocating for the interests of developing countries including the EAC and enhancing mutual economic cooperation from the two summits," added the consulate.

"In this regard, Uganda's bilateral relations will remain to be influenced through its active role in strengthening regional integration for economic growth and political stability within our East African Community," the consulate maintained.

The envoy revealed that focus will remain on creating opportunities for the East African people through the available expanded market as well as guaranteeing strategic security, pointing out that it was imperative for the region to enhance collaboration in areas of infrastructure development such as the oil pipeline, roads, railways, and energy.

She congratulated the Republics of Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania for their trio winning the 'Pamoja' bid to host the CAF Africa cup of Nations in 2027, saying the achievement will boost the EAC image globally and provide several opportunities for East Africans.

The 61st Uganda's Independence Anniversary was celebrated under the theme of 'a united and progressive nation and taking charge of our future as a free nation.' Here in Arusha, the event was organised by the country's diaspora community.

The guest of honour at the commemoration was Professor Bonard Mwape the Director General of the Eastern and Southern African Management Institute (ESAMI), who implored all Ugandans living in Tanzania and other overseas countries to ensure that they support fellow countrymen and women.

"It is a noble course for people who make it in life abroad to support others back home," he stated.

For his part, the chairperson of the Ugandan diaspora, Didakus Kaguta, said the occasion coincidentally happened in sync with the commemoration of Nyerere Day in Tanzania on October 14, which to them was also a big honour.



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CCM Parents Wing urges party districts leaders to be innovative

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

CHAIRPERSON of CCM Parents' Wing in Morogoro Region, Dr Rose Rwakatare has urged party leaders in districts to be innovative in establishing various economic activities in order to strengthen the party.

She made the over the weekend while concluding her tour she conducted in the districts of Malinyi, Kilombero, Ulanga, Kilosa, Mvomero, Gairo, Morogoro Urban and Morogoro rural districts.

She said it was important for the party leaders to invest in multi-economic projects which will increase income in the party to ease operations costs.

Dr Rose also urged parents to promote good morals in society and fight all forms of violence as well as drug abuse.

She said that each district should ensure that it has enough houses for the Wing's employees while making major efforts to promote unity and solidarity within the party.

She also asked CCM members to be proud to market all the good things that are being done by the 6th phase government, including the construction of health centres, classrooms, schools, hospitals, roads and improvements being made in the health sector.

She said President Samia Suluhu Hassan is determined to bring about major economic reforms by opening the doors to investors who have continued to come in the country.

She said the members of the party and Tanzanians in general have a responsibility to support the efforts of President Samia by ensuring that they work hard in their areas.

She said that since coming into power, President Samia has strengthened international diplomacy where the outcomes have started to be seen in investors from various

countries flocking to the country in various sectors.

Dr Rose also visited people with special needs to comfort them by providing them with various needs and encouraged the community to build a culture of visiting families with needs to provide support for various things.

She emphasised the strength of the Parents' Wing and visited various projects while emphasizing that leaders should strive to solve some of the challenges facing the association.

She also inspected the chicken breeding projects and construction of a house for the employees of the party's Parents' Wing in Gairo and Kilombero districts.

The chair promised to contribute bags of cement to the construction of the Ipopoo dispensary and to provide female towels to students at Miembeni secondary school in Malinyi District.

During the visit, Dr. Rose also inspected cashew farm and fish pond construction projects where she donated funds for the procurement of a plot for the construction of a CCM employee's house in Morogoro municipal and.



...the members of the party and Tanzanians in general have a responsibility to support the efforts of President Samia by ensuring that they work hard in their areas



Akili Platform managing director Roghat Robert (in red T-shirt) and his assistants pictured with visually impaired students of Tabora Region's Furaha Primary School shortly after presenting tree seedlings to the school on Saturday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

School alumni association to address challenges facing Tanga govt school

By Getrude Mbago

OVER 200 members of the Tanga School Alumni Association (TSAA) are set to convene in Dar es Salaam on October 28, this year to among other matters to discuss best ways to strengthen unity and support development of the school.

Tanga secondary school, whose history dates back to the 1890s when it was established as the first government secondary school, is facing a number of challenges which the alumni are now stepping in to address them.

Major General (rtd) Hamisi Semfuko, Interim chair of the association told

reporters in Dar es Salaam at the weekend that the members have seen it important to ensure that Tanga School gets all the required boost from alumni and stakeholders as it has big contribution to the country's development.

He said the association will be officially launched during the meeting giving green light for the members to start putting focus on supporting development of the school.

He said they expect the Minister for Health, Umyy Mwalimu to be the guest of honour where many other top government and private sector officials will attend.

"Former President Jakaya Kikwete is also expected to be among the attendees, he is also one of the former students of the Tanga school," he said.

He said Tanga secondary school was the first government secondary school in the country and it was built by the German colonial authorities in the 1890s in Tanga Region as a young men training centre as well as teachers training college before being confirmed to be a secondary school in 1905.

"This school has played a very big role in bringing transformation not only in the education sectors but many other fields by producing experts who are currently serving in various sectors

and many others have retired," he said.

He said the former students are concerned with the state of their former school and have decided to take part by supporting various repairs.

One of the first things which the former students are expected to support the school is establishment of a special e-library unit to enable students and teachers access online materials such as books for easy learning.

Eng Ramadhani Mwikalo, one of the alumni said the association is well prepared to build unity to rehabilitate the Tanga secondary school to further enhance performance of the school.



College of Business Education rector Prof Edda Lwoga (R) exchanges documents in Dar es Salaam at the weekend with Weights and Measures CEO Stella Kahwa shortly after signing an apprenticeship training agreement. Photo Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

Tabora residents called upon to protect railways infrastructure

By Guardian Reporter, Tabora

DEPUTY Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Transport, Dr Ally Possi has urged Tanzanians to make sure they protect railways infrastructure for the country's development and to ensure the safety of the users.

Dr Possi made the appeal here at the weekend when speaking to Tabora Region residents and other guests who attended the apex of the Railways

Safety Week that began October 9 and held here at the national level.

"These infrastructure are costly, hence I call upon railways workers and all of us in general to protect them as if we vandalise them our own lives become threatened," he said.

Dr Possi further said in case whoever sabotages railways infrastructures will be regarded as an economic saboteur and stressed that as government it cannot tolerate such

crime.

Speaking on behalf of TRC director general, head of Tabora Railways Technology Institute, Damas Mwijanga said TRC continues with various efforts to improve TRC including the revamping of its infrastructure and rolling stock - wagons and locomotives.

"We would like to remind the people that in railways transport, safety is the first priority hence workers should

make the correct use of signs and other signals at railways crossings, railway line reserves and stations," Mwijanga said.

The celebrations of Railways Safety Week are a result of resolutions of Southern African Railways Associations (SARA) of which Tanzania is a member and is marked in October every year, and this year's slogan is "Railway Transport Starts with You, Take Precautions."

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China partially right on global fake news concerns at present

FOR a few months top information executives in China have been mounting a charm offensive with journalists engaged in a four month training stint to get a keen grasp of the Chinese view of global affairs. One vital issue is to comprehend the Belt and Road Initiative that has directed Chinese strategic interactions since President Xi Jinping came to office in 2013 and is still relevant, though being adapted to changing conditions. Another international workshop involving African journalists at the weekend referred merely to the ancient Silk Road, not BRI per se.

A senior Communist Party of China (CPC) official with responsibility for information was making a case for African journalists to take caution in handling news as there is a galore of fake news in numerous media outlets.

The trouble in that assertion wasn't whether that was true or not as definitely it is true, but in the capacity of journalists to distinguish between real and fake news.

The CPC official gave a particular view of global affairs and where the fake news comes in, whereas if the journalists were in a Western country they would be told that view is part of fake news, that this isn't how the world is organized; there are things not stated.

One fairly enlightening aspect of the information cadre's remarks was the need for journalists to make an effort to seek accurate information from reliable sources given the current global environment.

The earlier trap was not missing, in the idea that an African journalist or any other can credibly tell valid from fake news, and the proof is to read a fairly controversial statement and ask a group of journalists, picked at random, to decide its validity. Responses will be

ideologically inclined, tied to explicit perspectives of where they come from, or news outlets they serve.

In that case, the central committee deputy director of the Publicity Department and director of the State Council Information Office, was actually giving a specific picture of what is correct in the world today, and what is not.

Many in his audience were sympathetic and definitely in tune with his remarks, but there are numerous nuances at national and global level to be sure countries or stakeholder agencies are talking about the same thing.

There are too many changes around the world to make out what position is valid and what is not, for instance supporting economic links is not identical with taking political positions. Trade with any country is one thing, while international disputes involving this or that country is a different issue.

Another aspect the state information guru noted was that news is an established business and everyone wants to get into it even non-professionals. This occasions the spread of fake news far removed from global joint efforts of strengthening culture exchange, safeguarding peace, unity and fostering win-win economic development.

He said journalists should advocate people to people exchanges and cooperation, serving as a bridge between communities of different backgrounds. All that is valid and is indeed taking place, so his remarks helped to intensify the bond between the visiting journalists and China. It doesn't solve the wider issues.

Not even within countries and indeed within the journalism profession can one credibly draw a line between news and fake news as opinion is embedded in news.

Kiswahili relevant for a broad range of functions at IMF, World Bank activities

KISWAHILI enthusiasts will have jumped with excitement in the wake of a Zanzibar cabinet minister, representing the Union authorities, asking that the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to make Kiswahili one of the languages of communication during its meetings. The minister said the need arises from the growth of the language and its wide use at regional and international levels. The occasion was at the 26th meeting of finance ministers and central bank governors from the first group of African countries, where Tanzania is a member. The request is likely to have been coordinated with others, by and large.

Whether or not the language is needed at higher levels of ministerial and bank governors' meetings is one thing, as it needs to be checked with how far ministers from East Africa, or top leaders, use the language in United Nations councils.

The UN General Assembly would be the starting point of using Kiswahili for it is a wider assembly than the IMF World Bank executive meetings. Additionally, there is plenty of technical material in meetings of Bretton Woods institutions' board of governors or executive committees, in which case it faces significant hurdles there.

For one thing, we aren't certain how far ministers from East Africa, or top leaders, use the language in United Nations councils. The UN General Assembly would be the starting point of using Kiswahili for it is a wider assembly than the IMF World Bank executive meetings. Most such officials are likely to be reluctant to do so.

Even if chances of Kiswahili being

used at upper levels of IMF and World Bank meetings are limited, opportunities seem to exist at grassroots levels. It may provide an opportunity for the World Bank issuing leaflets and pamphlets on its programmes and what needs to be done, instead of entirely relying on government agencies to state what the global lender is doing. If East Africa wants language democratization at global level, they may incite project assessment or vision democratization with those agencies, whereas at present they just talk to experts.

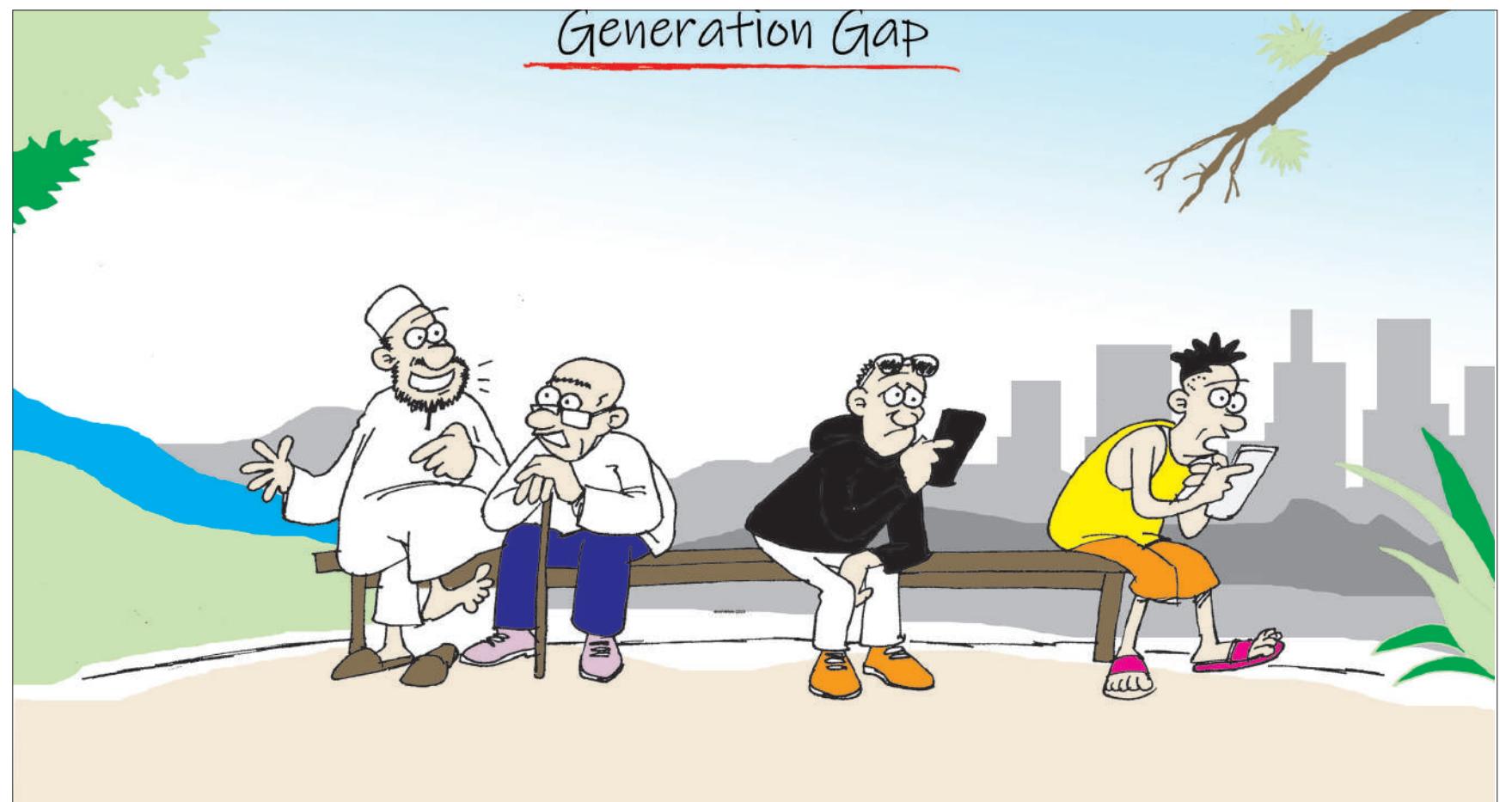
So our language activists and policy makers need to realise that language like other instruments has two sides, one that is passive, agreeable and somewhat romantic, that diplomats will address this or that issue in Swahili.

At the same time it opens another avenue, in case local missions of the World Bank and IMF wish for it, as their offices can widen the use of the language by preparing leaflets and other write ups on projects or policies.

At present Bretton Woods missions talk to top officials rather than address themselves to public opinion, which could change if they are pushed to indigenize in relation to the language. We aren't there yet but it matters.

The minister said many of its member countries in sub-Saharan Africa speak the language, which it true to the extent that it means they understand the language.

The view was also aired that approximately 200 million people speak Kiswahili in the world, which isn't too far from adding up the population of Eastern Africa, and excluding the Democratic Republic of Congo. How far it is a global language is debatable in the least.



How complaints against judges are handled needs to change

THE Judicial Service Commission's threat to accountability and independence.

The long delays in dealing with complaints against Judge President John Hlophe and Judge Nkola Motata have shown that there are major challenges in holding judges accountable for misconduct.

Problems with the process have serious implications for public confidence in the judiciary, and for the rule of law and constitutional democracy.

Judges are vested with extensive powers, and their independence is strongly protected. If these powers are abused and errant judges cannot be removed from office, the potential repercussions are far-reaching.

Complaints are dealt with by the Judicial Service Commission (JSC). In a labyrinthine process, these complaints are received by the Judicial Conduct Committee (JCC). Complaints may be dismissed outright and less serious complaints may be dealt with via a range of sanctions short of impeachment.

For more serious complaints, which (if proved) may lead to the removal of a judge from office, the JCC will recommend to the JSC that a Judicial Conduct Tribunal (JCT) be established to conduct an inquiry. The finding of the Tribunal must then be endorsed by the JSC. If this results in a recommendation that a judge be removed from office, the matter is then sent to Parliament. If Parliament votes for removal by a two-thirds majority, the President must then formally remove a judge from office.

At the time of writing, no judge has yet been removed from office through this process. The possibility of removal is an important accountability mechanism, which is vital to securing judicial independence.

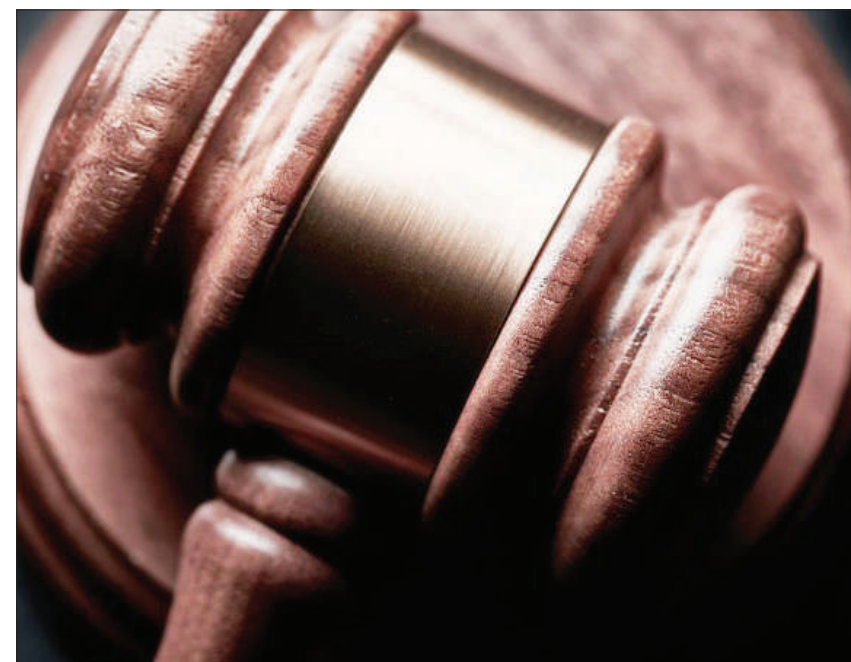
On the one hand, if judges could be removed at the whim of the executive or Parliament, this would weaken their independence.

What is required is a balanced process, one that enables accountability while securing judicial independence.

How the JSC has performed its role has been the subject of much criticism as it threatens both judicial accountability and independence.

In September, Freedom Under Law (FUL) hosted a webinar enabling civil society organisations to discuss the complaints process. We did so to begin developing civil society's suggested reforms to the complaints process. The webinar provided an opportunity for organisations to share their insights and experiences of the process.

FUL presented the findings of a recent research report, which examined the JSC's performance, and made suggestions for reforms.



Judges Matter shared insights from their research and monitoring of the complaints process, and #UniteBehind and Open Secrets shared their experiences as current complainants. Open Secrets, together with Shadow World Investigations, have lodged a complaint against retired Judges Willie Seriti and Hendrick Musi for their conduct in running the commission of inquiry into the arms deal.

#UniteBehind have lodged a complaint against Judge Tintswalo Annah Nana Makhubele for her conduct in serving as chair of the board of control of PRASA while simultaneously serving as a judge, and for her conduct while at PRASA, which is alleged to have enabled corruption.

These inputs provided a wide range of helpful insights into the functioning of the complaints process, and gave a remarkably consistent picture of its problems.

First, there is a problem with the basic institutional design. The complaints process is poorly designed, making the handling of a complaint so convoluted as to be almost unworkable. Timelines between different stages in the process can drag on interminably and each stage provides an avenue for potential litigation, with judges frequently taking the opportunity to litigate every point they can potentially on the state's dime. Many of the steps in the process appear to be unnecessary.

Second, there are issues of institutional capacity. The members of the JCC are sitting judges with busy workloads, which places a tremendous amount of strain on the processing of complaints. When deciding complaints, the JSC sits as a "small JSC" (without members of Parliament), and functions on an ad-hoc basis without any continuity. It has frequently been unable to complete its work due to failing to meet a quorum. The secretariat is also significantly under-capacitated.

These factors lead inexorably to a third problem, the notorious delays in

the process. Complaints are dealt with extremely slowly, and the fact that so few cases have been finalised presents a fundamental problem of credibility. Without civil society organisations vigorously pursuing complaints, many complaints would likely not be at the point that they are now.

A fourth issue relates to the role of complainants in the process. Organisations that have been involved in bringing complaints describe frustrations with their role during hearings being circumscribed. They noted that it fell on them to create impetus for complaints to proceed.

A fifth issue is legal costs. There are two aspects to this. The first is the scope and responsibility of the payment of the legal costs of the judges defending themselves against complaints. For instance, the Makhubele tribunal's most recent postponement has been due to a dispute between Judge Makhubele and the state attorney regarding payment of her eight-member legal team, the costs of which are significant.

Another aspect is the costs incurred by organisations who have brought complaints and have played a significant role in the ongoing process. There is no way that these organisations are able to reclaim their substantial costs. To expect a small organisation to make such a contribution is problematic and puts complainants at a serious disadvantage.

There are further issues, such as a lack of transparency about the status and outcome of complaints, the JSC following an inconsistent practice in making recommendations to suspend judges facing serious complaints, and questionable decision-making by the JSC in determining the outcome of complaints.

Several suggestions for reform emerged from the discussions.

FUL's report highlights the need to

- increase the JSC's capacity to deal with complaints;

- introduce timelines for the resolution of complaints; provide a greater role for complainants;

- provide better reporting;
- introduce a policy of default suspension for judges facing complaints of potentially impeachable conduct; and

- a greater role for retired judges, particularly on the JCC.

The role of retired judges prompted some interesting debate, with some reservations being expressed as retired judges may still be constrained by professional connections to former colleagues. And as the Open Secrets complaint showed, the conduct of retired judges themselves can be an issue.

Reform will likely need to take place in both the short and long term. In the short term, the capacity of the JSC could be improved by increasing the secretariat and staffing the JCC with more judges (retired or otherwise) to enable it to deal with complaints quicker.

The "small JSC" needs to be formalised as a permanent, working structure. In the longer term, institutional reforms need to be made, which may include re-writing the legislation to streamline the process and make it less vulnerable to litigation.

In the long term, it should be considered whether the legislation should outline a more ambitious manner to deal with judicial misconduct. Further, the desirability for judges to oversee their own misconduct processes, while acknowledging the need to balance independence and accountability, should be interrogated.

An important underlying issue was raised about the teaching of legal ethics. Some law schools do not have a self-standing course in legal ethics. Further, the legal ethics course offered by the law societies is taught in the context where students are focused on and driven by passing admission exams, leaving little room for critical engagement and careful study.

Unsurprisingly, the academic literature on legal ethics in South Africa is almost non-existent. There is a general lack of accountability in the legal profession with the Legal Practice Council exhibiting similar failings in its disciplinary processes as the JSC. This means that judges are being drawn from a profession with a lack of accountability.

The time is ripe for reform. At its October sitting, the JSC announced that it is seeking to have legislation amended to expand the composition of the JCC. This shows some recognition that the system is not functioning adequately and needs to be reformed. It is hoped that the JSC and lawmakers will embrace the further suggestions which emerged from this civil society engagement.

South Africa egg shortage: How poultry products became a hot commodity

By Nobuhle Simelane, Johannesburg

EGGs are currently South Africa's hottest commodity. The country has been grappling with one of its worst outbreaks of bird flu - millions of chickens have been killed over the past few weeks, supplies of poultry meat have been threatened and supermarkets across the nation have run out of eggs.

Experts predict the egg shortage will cause the popular ingredient to jump in price - far from ideal considering it is one of the most affordable sources of protein for the millions living in poverty.

Retailers, farms and industry giants have also been hit, with the nation's largest chicken producer stating the flu had "ravaged" a sector already burdened by rising costs and an electricity crisis.

In an effort to stop the spread of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza - a deadly, extremely infectious type of bird flu - farmers have culled more than seven million egg-laying chickens. That amounts to 20-30% of the country's entire chicken stock, according to South African Poultry Association.

As a result, social media sites have been inundated with pictures of bare supermarket shelves, while many shoppers found that shops still selling eggs have set limits on how many can be bought.

Online shopping sites are no better - several consumers hoping to buy eggs on the web have been met with "unavailable" or "low in stock" messages.

No more cheap eggs

Domestic worker Nomalanga Moyo buys eggs every week in order to make muffins for her children's lunchboxes. Her store of choice is a spaza shop - the term for a small informal outlet - in her township of Diepsloot. Here, she can buy any quantity of eggs - when funds are low, she is able to get just two eggs for about 2.50 rand (13 cents; 11p). However, this week, the store was totally out.

"I am now going to wait until I go to work during the week to see if I can find eggs at the normal shops. However, it will cost me more," a worried Ms Moyo said.

More than half of South Africans live below the poverty line. They already spend about 35% of their income on food and according to the Pietermaritzburg Economic Justice and Dignity research group, this share will likely increase as a result of the egg shortage.



South Africa has been struck by a deadly, highly infectious type of bird flu

"Not only will consumers spend more for eggs but the rising price of eggs will affect all other food products where producers use eggs and other poultry products," it said.

Businesses have also been impacted by the flu.

In a trading update at the end of last month, leading South African poultry producer Astral Foods said the outbreak had so far cost it \$11.5m.

Astral said the flu has "spread at an alarming pace" and ravaged the poultry industry. The company also joined other producers in warning that South Africa could experience a shortage of chicken meat over the next few months.

Small businesses, which are less able to weather market shocks, have also voiced concerns.

"After baking scones for a client yesterday I was left with three eggs. I went shopping after to find more eggs but the price was too much for me," Zamapholoba Ngcobo, a bakery owner in the city of Pietermaritzburg said.

The shortage could not have come at a worse time, Ms Ngcobo said, as



Zamapholoba Ngcobo's bakery is among the many business impacted by the shortage

wedding and graduation season means cake orders are at an "all-time high".

But where there are losers, it seems there are always winners. Ukulinga, a poultry farm in KwaZulu-Natal province, saw news of flu outbreaks in Brazil and Argentina earlier this year and implemented strict biosecurity measures as a precaution.

Nkululeko Ngidi, a manager at the farm, said: "When we started the farm we had to go out looking for business. Now that our farm is among the few that are free from bird flu, customers are looking for us."

"We have seen increased demand... we at the moment supply 130,000 eggs to businesses in the area on a weekly basis."

Unfamiliar strain

Farmers and industry experts estimate it will take six months for the poultry sector to replace

the chickens it culled - meaning any shortage of poultry products could last through the festive season and into 2024.

Paul Makube, an agriculture economist at First National Bank, told the BBC: "The outbreak has moved at a rapid pace, it is worse than what we saw during the outbreak in 2017. A further complication comes from the fact that we are dealing with a strain we have not previously dealt with."

Concern has spread beyond the border - Namibia, which imports most of its poultry from South Africa, banned poultry products from its neighbour amid the outbreak.

In an effort to reassure its consumers and businesses, South Africa's government announced that it is considering purchasing bird flu vaccines.

And for the lucky South Africans that can actually find eggs in the shops, officials have stressed chicken products on shelves are safe for consumption.

Belt and Road Initiative contributes to global connectivity

By He Yin

TRAINS loaded with Southeast Asian agricultural products such as durians and mangosteens are now frequently entering China through the Mohan railway port in southwest China's Yunnan province, along the China-Laos Railway.

Since the beginning of this year, the China-Laos Railway has transported over 14 million tons of goods to and from Laos, Thailand, Vietnam, Myanmar and other countries. The logistics vitality of the China-Laos Railway continues to rise, serving as a vivid example of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) promoting connectivity and fostering interconnected development.

Over the past 10 years, the BRI has taken "hard connectivity" of infrastructure as an important direction, "soft connectivity" of rules and standards as an important support, and "people-to-people connectivity" among partner countries as an important foundation. It has vitalized global connectivity and common development, improving global economic governance and promoting the healthy development of economic globalization.

The essence of the BRI is to promote infrastructure development and connectivity, enhance coordination of economic policies and synergy of development strategies, foster synergetic and interconnected development, and achieve shared prosperity.

Over the past 10 years, the "hard connectivity" of infrastructure has been constantly enhanced.

Connectivity is about connecting physical structures. China's cooperation should extend to wherever roads, railways, air routes and the Internet take it.

The construction of six major international economic cooperation corridors and the development of surrounding infrastructure have been steadily advancing. Iconic projects such as the Jakarta-Bandung High-Speed Railway, the Mombasa-Nairobi Railway, the Addis Ababa-Djibouti Railway, and the Piraeus Port have been successfully completed. The China-Europe freight service now operates on 84 routes, connecting 211 cities in 25 European countries. The New International Land-Sea Trade Corridor reaches 465 ports in 120 countries and regions worldwide.

Thanks to Belt and Road cooperation, many countries have tackled long-standing infrastructure bottlenecks and integrated into the global supply, industrial and value chains.

American futurists the Nesbitts remarked that never before in history has anyone attempted to connect so many countries and continents in the economic realm by implementing a series of policies.

Over the past 10 years, the "soft connectivity" of rules and standards has been significantly strengthened.

Connectivity is about connecting rules and regulations. When coordination and cooperation are enhanced and regulatory obstacles are reduced, logistics will become smoother and exchanges more convenient.

In the past decade, China and other Belt and Road countries have made positive progress in areas such as aligning work systems, coordinating technical standards, mutually recognizing inspection results, and networking electronic certificates. The benefits of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership have



Photo shows a container ship at the Piraeus Port, Greece. (People's Daily/Meng Xianglin)

started to emerge, and China ranks first in the world in terms of the number of Authorized Economic Operator agreements.

From 2013 to 2022, China's trade in goods and non-financial direct investment with other Belt and Road countries grown 8.6 percent and 5.8 percent each year on average, respectively, and their cumulative two-way investment exceeded \$270 billion.

According to Belt and Road Economics, a report released by the World Bank, the BRI, when fully implemented, will increase intra-BRI trade by 4.1 percent.

Over the past 10 years, the "peo-

ple-to-people connectivity" among partner countries has become increasingly splendid.

Connectivity is about connecting the hearts of people. With enhanced mutual understanding, countries can achieve better communication and be more successful in their endeavors.

The 600 wells drilled by a Chinese company in Malawi have become "wells of happiness" benefiting 150,000 local people. The Luban Workshop has imparted vocational skills to young people in Tajikistan and other countries. China's Juncao technology has taken root in over 100 countries, becoming a "grass of

prosperity" for local people...

The BRI adheres to a people-centered development philosophy, and focuses on eliminating poverty, increasing employment and improving livelihood, so as to ensure that the fruits of cooperation benefit the people of all countries involved.

The BRI promotes sharing of development experiences, thus reinforcing many countries' confidence in pursuing development paths suited to their national conditions.

The BRI also fosters a stronger people-to-people bond, building mutual appreciation, understanding and respect among the peoples of participating countries.

"We need to promote a global partnership of connectivity to achieve common development and prosperity. I am confident that as we work closely together, we will transcend geographical distance and embark on a path of win-win cooperation," said Chinese President Xi Jinping.

Currently, economic globalization is facing headwinds, and global trade remains sluggish. The importance of strengthening connectivity has become even more prominent.

At the upcoming third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation, China will collaborate with all relevant parties to outline a new blueprint for connectivity, promote coordinated and interconnected development and inject new impetus into the recovery of the world economy.

By **Abdirahim Saeed, Nader Ibrahim and Yassin Mahmoud**

THE devastating floods which killed thousands in eastern Libya a month ago were the result of a destructive force of nature, but BBC Arabic has uncovered evidence that mismanagement by the local authorities led to many deaths that could have been prevented.

There are three main accusations:

Firstly, residents of Derna, the hardest-hit town, say they were told to stay at home rather than being evacuated even though it was known that Storm Daniel was coming.

Secondly, local and regional authorities are accused of failing to address the danger posed by the dams on the Derna riverbed, which runs through the town. Two dams spanning the Derna valley inland from the city burst on 11 September, causing the catastrophic flooding.

Finally, the authorities are accused of hindering the aid effort in the days immediately after the tragedy.

Anger in Derna escalated into protests on 18 September and the home of the mayor - who later resigned - was subsequently burned down.

The death toll remains unknown, with many bodies believed to have been washed out to sea. At least 4,000 people have been confirmed dead and another 10,000 reported missing in a town with a population of about 90,000.

Evacuation failings

Since the fall of long-time Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi in 2011, the country has been divided between a UN-backed government in the capital, Tripoli, and a rival authority backed by military strongman General Khalifa Haftar, whose forces control eastern Libya, including Derna.

Ahead of the arrival of Storm Daniel, various bodies in the east held emergency meetings and subsequently issued instructions to the region's residents.

These generally focused on the evacuation of coastal and low-lying areas in Derna, and stay-at-home orders for other parts of the city and wider region.

But residents have told BBC Arabic that evacuation efforts were inadequate in a number of respects:

they focused on the wrong part of the city

the warnings did not reach many of the people that needed to hear them

no sufficient provision was made for where evacuated people should shelter

and there were various conflicting stay-at-home orders and curfews.

Residents of the town were generally instructed to stay indoors.

People living in specific areas on the seafront or close to the riverbed were ordered to leave their homes but there was no comprehensive or consistent list of areas to be evacuated.

Local residents told the BBC that some people who were evacuated from the seafront because of fears of rising sea levels were moved to more

Libya floods: The flawed response that increased Derna death toll



Flooding in Derna devastated residential areas, killing thousands

dangerous areas that were later flooded.

"There were no warnings of possible flooding, just that the sea levels might rise," a local engineer told the BBC. "Only those by the beach were asked to evacuate, but the rest of the city was asked to stay indoors."

The man, who has chosen to remain anonymous in fear of reprisal, lost his wife and two of his sons in the tragedy. He added that just a few hours before the flooding, a force from the interior ministry was going around asking people to stay indoors.

"Many of those that evacuated from the beaches went into central Derna, where they were killed by the later flooding," he said.

Preparations actually began well in advance of the disaster.

On 9 September - two days before the devastating flood - the eastern government convened an emergency committee meeting and declared the following two days national holidays to encourage people to stay at home.

A curfew was declared in the region from 20:00 that evening and orders were given for the evacuation of "areas near the sea and low-lying areas located in the valleys of Benghazi and the entire eastern region".

The announcements generally called for people to move to "safe places", without specifying where they should go.

On the same day, the mayor of Derna made a similar call to evacuate various seafront and low-lying neighbourhoods.

But by 10 September, online announcements and video statements posted by the Derna police had dropped any mention of evacuation, and were focusing on the curfew and making sure people stayed at home.

Photos geolocated by the BBC show police patrols out on the roads following another official announcement which imposed a curfew "inside the city as a precaution to prevent emergency, espe-

cially areas near the beach".

This proclamation came via a Facebook post, and many residents of Derna have complained that television and social media were insufficient means to alert people, especially given the disruption in the aftermath of Storm Daniel.

Red Crescent staff were also active in coastal areas in the days ahead of the flood - videos show them calling on people via megaphone to clear their homes to stay safe from Storm Daniel.

So notable efforts were made to move residents in some areas of the city, but all of these evacuations anticipated that the threat would come from rising sea levels, rather than the failure of infrastructure far inland and the Derna valley flooding.

Failure to heed dam warnings

Derna residents reported hearing a loud blast before the city was engulfed - the failure of one or both of the two dams which had until then been holding back the floodwaters in the valley.

The upper dam had a storage capacity of 1.5 million cubic metres of water, while the lower dam could hold 22.5 million cubic metres.

Each cubic metre of water weighs about one tonne (1,000kg), so the water held back by the dams weighed a total of 24 million tonnes.

As that weight moved downhill, it produced enormous power. Witnesses have said the water was nearly three metres high in places.

Public pronouncements by officials in Derna or the eastern government made no reference to the potential overflow or collapse of the two dams serving the city, focusing instead on the dangers of strong winds and potentially rising water levels.

Dr Abdulwanis Ashour, a hydrologist and lecturer at Omar Al-Mukhtar University, told the BBC he had collected data on the condition of the Derna dams for a study published last year, which showed they were not prepared to withstand a storm like Daniel.

He said he had spent years studying the Derna

dams and had discovered the presence of numerous cracks and fissures. In his research, he asserted that they would not be able to handle a large amount of rainfall and were at risk of collapse.

Dr Ashour pointed out that studies and reports had been conducted by local and international entities over the years, all of which warned about the condition of the Derna dams and their danger to nearby areas. He affirmed that successive governments were aware of these reports.

On Monday 25 September, Libya's Public Prosecutor's Office, part of the western government, ordered the arrest of 16 officials responsible for managing Libya's dams as part of investigations into negligence regarding dam maintenance and other flood-related work. But it is not clear if any of them have actually been arrested.

Delaying aid delivery

The emergency response of the Derna authorities has also been widely criticised.

In a rare sign of unity in the divided country, pleas for help from the stricken town were answered as a multitude of aid workers immediately set about delivering supplies from cities under the control of the rival government in the west. But these convoys were stopped and denied access into Derna.

BBC Arabic has been told that this was due to tight security measures invoked immediately after the disaster by the eastern authorities, which led to delays in aid for thousands of survivors for days afterwards.

"Nothing and no-one gets in without their permission," one Libyan aid worker told the BBC. This aid worker - originally from Derna - lost several friends and relatives to the floods.

They work for the Libyan Red Crescent - the only aid agency allowed to work in Derna in the early days of the crisis - and so were one of few aid workers granted access to the city from day one.

"Haftar and his troops only trust the Red Crescent, but we couldn't do much as the crisis was so big. We needed all the help we could get," said the aid worker, who spoke to the BBC on condition of anonymity, for fear of being targeted by Gen Haftar's troops.

"Haftar put security before rescue, and political differences before helping devastated Derna residents," the aid worker said, adding that Gen Haftar's forces denied immediate access to volunteers coming from western Libya and halted delivery of aid supplies for days.

They say that security forces spent hours scrutinising much-needed aid supplies looking for "weapons that could be smuggled into the city".

Gen Haftar has been in control of Derna since 2018, but he only took it after Islamists linked to Islamic State had held out against his forces for three years. One local resident told the BBC he thought the city "was still getting punished" for this resistance.

Whatever the motivation, Derna's residents were left for days with no food, clean water or medical supplies, while vital aid supplies were withheld and stored for inspection. It is impossible to know how many lives were lost as a result.

The BBC also spoke to the leader of an aid convoy sent from the west of the country, who recounted a similar story.

Abdel Monem Kherasha from Tripoli said his convoy was prevented from entering Derna.

"We were stopped before Derna's entrances and we were ordered by the 'Libyan National Army' [LNA, Gen Haftar's militia] to hand over our supplies," said Mr Kherasha.

The BBC has found that aid supplies gathered from such convoys were stored in two main warehouses supervised by the LNA, one in Benghazi and the other in al-Marj.

They were carefully inspected and then distributed by the LNA, an operation that took hours and even days.

It wasn't until Thursday 14 September, when the size of the catastrophe was apparent to the whole world, that a long queue of trucks carrying aid from around the country was allowed into the city.

Derna resident Al-No'man Ali told the BBC that they finally received food and aid supplies on the Friday after the disaster, after days of waiting.

After the protests began on 18 September, many local and international journalists in the city were forced to leave after coming under pressure from the authorities.

At the same time, communications in the city went down - many protesters believe they were deliberately cut to stop the demonstrations from escalating.

The lack of mobile phone signal and internet hindered the rescue and aid work in the city as the different international and local teams that were eventually allowed to operate there couldn't coordinate their work.

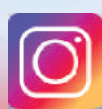
The BBC has approached the east Libyan authorities for comment on those allegations, but has not received a response. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). **BBC**

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WB to support economic empowerment for millions of girls and women in Africa

By Guardian Reporter

MILLIONS of girls and young women across Eastern and Southern Africa will gain greater access to education and economic empowerment opportunities thanks to the newly approved East Africa Girls' Empowerment and Resilience program (EAGER).

This new program, approved on September 28, 2023 and supported by \$832 million in International Development Association (IDA) financing, will boost girls' and women's education and earnings while strengthening institutional capacity for the implementation of gender equality policies.

EAGER brings together countries facing similar challenges hindering girls' and women's empowerment and will be deployed in phases. Madagascar and Mozambique are the first two countries to participate in the initiative, with the African Union (AU) serving as the regional institution supporting the programme.

Future phases are expected to include Burundi, Comoros, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Lesotho, Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

"EAGER is a groundbreaking initiative that will help to achieve impact at scale by directly reaching millions of girls, women, and stakeholders.

It also seeks to create the institutional conditions necessary to empower even more girls and women," said Boutheina Guermazi, Director for Regional Integration, Africa, and the Middle East.

In its first phase, the EAGER program will directly support over two million girls to stay in or return to school and enable 160,000 women to increase their productivity in the labor market in Mozambique and Madagascar.

It will also reach more than six million agents of change, including traditional leaders, par-

ents, and boys, through behavioral change campaigns designed to shift gender norms in the two countries. It will enhance the capacity of 26,000 local administrators, community leaders, and service providers to effectively implement gender-equality reforms.

In Eastern and Southern Africa, over 40 million girls do not attend school, and a staggering 55 million girls and young women are married before the age of 18.

This lack of access to resources and decision-making power during adolescence often leads to a trajectory of low productivity, leaving them excluded from the labor market or relegated to low-quality jobs in adulthood, thus contributing to a significant gender gap in job earnings.

"A human-centered engagement is needed to address the deep-rooted causes of women's disempowerment.

EAGER is a multi-sectoral effort encompassing education, health, jobs, and social protection, recognizing the strong interrelation of these dimensions in women's empowerment," said Sara Troiano, the Task Team Leader on EAGER, emphasizing the need for a holistic approach.

The World Bank's International Development Association (IDA), established in 1960, helps the world's poorest countries by providing grants and low to zero-interest loans for projects and programs that boost economic growth, reduce poverty, and improve poor people's lives.

IDA is one of the largest sources of assistance for the world's 74 poorest countries, 39 of which are in Africa. Resources from IDA bring positive change to the 1.3 billion people who live in IDA countries.

Since 1960, IDA has provided \$458 billion to 114 countries. Annual commitments have averaged about \$29 billion over the last three years (FY19-FY21), with about 70 percent going to Africa.



African states urged to make sustainable financing for research on health and devt

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AFRICAN governments have been called upon to step up funding to make research and development of health innovations easier and faster.

The move according to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will make the next generation of scientific and technological breakthroughs relevant and accessible to all.

Speaking at the announcement of a slate of new initiatives to support locally led innovation in Dakar yesterday, Moussa Balde, Senegal's Minister for Higher Education, Research and Innovation said over the past two decades, global investments in a pipeline of innovative solutions has helped to reduce childhood deaths to children under 5 by half.

The announcement was made by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and its partners at the Grand Challenges Annual Meeting.

"But lifesaving innovations still take too long to reach those who need them and are not always designed with equity from the start. Grand Challenges Senegal continues to invest in the country's brightest scientists and innovators, and we are pleased to be part of this global network of Grand Challenges partners investing in locally led solutions to ensure innovations, including in health, education, and agriculture, benefit everyone equally," said Balde.

"New health technologies have the potential to save millions of lives, but R&D funding is going in the wrong direction," said Gates, adding that "Donors need to step up their commitments to ensure health innovations reach those who need them more quickly, so more lives can be saved."

Kedest Tesfagiorgis, Deputy Director, Global Partnerships and Grand Challenges at the foundation said: "What started as a single pro-

gram funded by the Gates Foundation and its partners has grown into a family of initiatives and partnerships across national borders, fields of study, and sectors that catalyze research, products, and partnerships to save and improve the lives of the world's most vulnerable people."

He added: "Our community of brilliant innovators is proof that a great idea can come from anywhere and be supported by the funders, policymakers, and advocates needed to move ideas into the laboratory and, ultimately, to the people who can most benefit from them."

Data shows that while overall health research and development funding is increasing, only about 2 percent is directed toward diseases that affect the world's poorest people.

In 2020, the annual funding gap for product development targeting poverty-related and neglected diseases was estimated at \$2.6 billion.

Launched in 2003, Grand Challenges, the foundation's flagship innovation program, focuses attention and funding on pressing global health and development problems that affect the world's poorest people, using open calls for proposals to crowd source potential solutions.

In an address to the more than 1,400 scientists, policymakers, and donors attending the annual meeting, Bill Gates, co-chair of the Gates Foundation, called for the world to spend at least \$3 billion more every year on global health and development in order to close the critical gaps in funding for neglected diseases.

Gates announced that the foundation is investing \$30 million to support a new artificial intelligence (AI) platform in Africa. The platform will provide African scientists and innovators with the technical and operational support they need to turn promising ideas into

scalable health and development solutions.

It is a step towards ensuring the benefits of AI are relevant, affordable, and accessible to everyone—particularly those in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs)—and that these critical tools are developed safely, ethically, and equitably.

The foundation also announced new investments aimed at expanding access to a novel mRNA vaccine manufacturing platform that gives countries, including Senegal and South Africa, the technology to develop and manufacture their own vaccines.

The mRNA technology is considered a potential game-changer for a range of infectious diseases, including tuberculosis, malaria, and Lassa fever, which disproportionately affect people in LMICs. This additional local vaccine manufacturing capacity will support LMICs to develop low-cost, high-quality vaccines that address their most urgent health priorities.

A weak link in Africa's defences against malaria

By Michael Penn

TURKANA County in northwestern Kenya was supposed to be the land that malaria forgot. An arid, windy region abutting Uganda, South Sudan and Ethiopia, its climate was thought to be too dry for the mosquitoes that harbor malaria-causing parasites, and thus it has been excluded from national efforts to prevent the spread of the disease.

But that assumption may have been wrong, according to a new study by malaria researchers at the Duke Global Health Institute and Moi University in Kenya. And worse, it may leave an opening for new forms of malaria that could reverse the progress East Africa has made in controlling the disease.

"These findings are game-changers for malaria control in East Africa," says Wendy Prudhomme O'Meara, Ph.D., a professor of medicine and global health at Duke who led the research.

O'Meara's team found that approximately 30 percent of the people they tested in Turkana County had malaria parasites in their blood, indicating that the disease was already endemic in the region. But even more concerning was the type of malaria: Researchers found a small but significant incidence of a parasite called Plasmodium vivax, which historically has been almost non-existent in sub-Saharan Africa. The study is the first to confirm cases of P. vivax malaria in Kenya that were likely the result of local transmission.

The parasite's appearance in Kenya may be connected to an invasive mosquito species known as Anopheles stephensi, which migrated to the Horn of Africa during the past decade and has been found in five countries in northern Africa. Its arrival in Djibouti in 2016 coincided with a 100-fold increase in malaria cases, leading the World Health Organization to issue an alert about the insect's invasion, calling it "a major potential threat to malaria control and elimination" on the continent.

"If we don't do something about it, we're going to be in trouble very soon," says Eric Ochomo, Ph.D., a medical entomologist with the Kenya Medical Research Institute who



identified the invasive species in northern Kenya in December 2022, around the same time as O'Meara's study.

Both the mosquito and the parasite it carries present significant challenges to the continent's malaria control efforts, the researchers warn. P. vivax behaves differently than the most prevalent forms of malaria in Africa, which can allow it to evade screening tests and therapies most frequently used across the continent. It can go dormant in the liver, causing relapses weeks or months after infection.

"We are worried that with the presence of the An. stephensi, cases of P. vivax malaria may very well increase," says O'Meara, who has been working on malaria prevention in Kenya since 2003. "There are no measures in place for P. vivax malaria control in Kenya, and it needs some targeted mechanisms."



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'New financial package launched for pensioners'

By Guardian Reporter

PROF. Joyce Ndalichako, Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability), has lauded NMB Bank for its endeavour of coming up with special services for senior citizens and prospective pensioners.

The minister made the remarks yesterday in Dodoma when speaking at a workshop to educate prospective pensioners on how to enjoy a financially secure life after many years of serving the country diligently.

The move is in line with its inclusive finance commitment and dedication to provide innovative banking solutions to all segments of society.

Prof Ndalichako described the package and its education programme as an innovative idea and a brilliant scheme for advancing decent pensioners' lives.

She added that it adds value to efforts of the government to better the local pensions sector and ensure senior citizens not only enjoy their retirements but also continue to play a decisive role in national building efforts.

"The government will continue to create proper operational conditions for pension funds and improve the investment environment so that pensioners can capitalize on opportunities brought by lenders like the NMB Hekima Plan," Prof Ndalichako pointed out.

Stressing the importance of retirees' fiscal discipline in spending their pensions, the minister said measures taken by the government in the sector include improving the liquidity positions of pension schemes and enhancing services.

She said these have included strengthening the financial position of the Public Service Social Security Fund (PSSSF) by drastically reducing its debts through a special bond from

the 4.6 trn/- it was in 1999.

"The government has also cleared a big chunk of its debts to the PSSSF by paying 500bn/- of the 982bn/- it owed the scheme," she explained.

According to her, investments being made in digital solutions have greatly improved delivery of pension services in the country and support from stakeholders like NMB Bank will further make things better.

Vicky Bishubo, bank's head of government business department told over 400 Dodoma pensioners and future retirees that the financial solutions will principally enable them to cope with challenges of life during retirement.

She said that NMB Hekima Plan that also enables pensioners to make informed investment decisions is part of the enlightenment programme seeking to accord them a life with dignity after many years of active national service. "NMB Bank is a market leader that will continue to improve how to better serve retirees and extend to them the requisite financial knowledge and resources," she added, noting that the development cements the commitment to provide highly innovative services to all members of society.

Bishubo said financial solutions in the package include various flexible-term soft loans as well as mortgages through which pensioners can borrow up to 1bn/-.

There are also special accounts with benefits such as a 2m/- compensation in case of death of retirees or their spouses and a similar amount for permanent disability.

The arrangement equally offers senior citizens lessons on health issues and how to securely manage their finances as well as guiding them where to profitably invest their pensions.

The other key aspect of NMB Hekima Plan are its various life and property insurance policies, whose premi-



The Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office for Labour, Youth, Employment, and Persons with Disabilities, Prof Joyce Ndalichako (C), launches the special programme for retirees and prospective retirees of NMB Bank called NMB Hekima Plan in Dodoma. Standing third from the left is the bank's Head of Government Business Department, Vicky Bishubo, and third from right is the Dodoma District Commissioner, Jabir Shekimwari. Others present include bank's head of branch network and sales department, Donatus Richard (2nd L), representative of retirees, Martine Chivaligo (2nd R), bank's Central Zone Manager, Janeth Shango (L), and the Head of Personal Banking Department of the bank, Aikansia Muro (R). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

ums Ms. Bishubo said are highly competitive in the market. She told participants at the Dodoma Forum that similar education workshops will be conducted throughout the country, noting that

the presence of prospective pensioners at the event was because it was good to prepare them for retirement.

According to her, NMB Bank strongly believes

that the lessons learnt from the programme will adequately address fears of life after retirement as the future retirees will be well prepared and equipped to cope with the situation.

Air France marks 90yrs of aviation excellence, committed to enhancing customer experience

By Guardian Reporter

FRENCH carrier Air France is celebrating 90 years of elegance, 90 years of technology, innovation and comfort on board its aircraft, and 90 years of travel, fine dining, design, haute couture, art and architecture.

Since its creation on October 7, 1933, the company has been celebrating French excellence, a "je-ne-sais-quoi" that the world recognizes in France, thanks to an exceptional travel experience that takes elegance to new heights.

Marking the day over the weekend in Dar es Salaam the airline outlined key milestones achieved over the years in the fields of aviation technology, innovation, and onboard comfort.

The event also sought to celebrate the airline's key partners including travel agents, travel advisors, and other players of its Business-to-Trade (B2T) network. These partners play a pivotal role in the airline's success, working tirelessly to ensure that travelers have seamless and memorable experiences.

Marius van der Ham, Air France KLM General Manager for East and Southern Africa, Nigeria, and Ghana said the 90-year journey has been one of progress, innovation, and an unwavering pursuit of excellence.

"As we celebrate this momentous milestone, Air France remains dedicated to upholding the values that have defined us for 90 years. Moving forward, the airline remains committed to upholding the values and traditions that have defined it for 90 years.

Beyond connecting people and cultures, I see a legacy of innovation and technological leadership in aviation that have played a pivotal role in shaping the modern aviation landscape. It is our commitment that we shall



Air France KLM General Manager for East and Southern Africa, Nigeria, and Ghana, Marius van der Ham, delivering his keynote speech at the Serena Hotel in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania during the celebration of Air France's 90 Years of Aviation Excellence. The event also sought to celebrate the airline's key partners including travel agents, travel advisors, and other players of its Business-to-Trade (B2T) network.

consistently continue to push the boundaries of what is possible in air travel to enhance passenger safety, comfort, and convenience," said van der Ham.

"Air France has played a vital role in bridging nations and cultures, connecting Dar Es Salaam to all corners of the world and enriching the tapestry of international travel. This milestone not only reflects Air France's legacy but also its vision

for the future. We celebrate you and we do commend your dedication to enhancing aviation standards, and we look forward to continued collaboration in fostering a more interconnected world through air travel," said Nabil Hajloui, the French Ambassador to Tanzania.

Air France has reaffirmed its commitment to provide its passengers with the utmost comfort and luxury in the air and to connect people

and cultures across the globe. This is in addition to continuing with key collaborations with renowned chefs to offer passengers a culinary experience that rivals the finest restaurants as part of its dedication to gastronomy.

The airline further seeks to remain committed to design excellence and add an element of sophistication and beauty to every aspect of the passenger experience.

Govt urged to train women and youth on conservation farming

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

EXPERT in the farming sector has tasked government and private sector to scale up mobilization and train farmers on conservation agriculture.

GEORGE Mwakatobe, a researcher at the Tanzania Agriculture Research Institute (Makutupora -Dodoma) made the call recently during a mid-year workshop to review mentorship programmes for women and youth that was convened by Agricultural Markets Development Trust (AMDT).

Mwakatobe said to promote conservation agriculture adoption and scaling-up mobilization and training to farmers, the government should engage the private sectors and ensure those trained pass on the acquired knowledge to their fellows.

He said the government should establish resource centers in each zone that will be dealing with conservation agriculture, noting that most farmers have knowledge on conservation agriculture but there is a need to encourage them to practice it because some trained farmers do not practice it.

He said conservation agriculture is practiced in some places countrywide including Babati, Kiteto and Karatu in Manyara Region. It is also practiced in Ukara in Mwanza Region, Arusha, Mbeya and Ruvuma regions. He added that farmers who practiced conservation agriculture in Dodoma Region have recorded an increase in their yields.

Mwakatobe thanked AMDT for organising the event calling upon agriculture colleges and universities to also include conservation agriculture in their curriculum.

He hailed the government for its engagement and collaboration to make conservation agriculture more successful.

The Ministry of Agriculture has been conducting various meetings with non-government organisations (NGOs) on promotion and investment in conservation agriculture, he added.

A farmer, George Masaka urged youth and women dealing with agribusiness to apply modern technology and adhere to ethics while conducting their activities, stressing that the use of modern agricultural technology plays a crucial role for the development of the sector.

Masaka said application of modern technology in planting and harvesting might result in high yields hence income to the farmers and state coffers.

The two-day event attracted more than 25 participants from Mtwara, Manyara, Dodoma Ruvuma, Lindi, Iringa, Rukwa and Njombe regions.



Health minister and Tanga Urban Legislator Umyu Mwalimu (3rd R) and Coca-Cola Kwanza managing director Unguu Sulay (2nd R), present working tools to some of the 311 women food vendors, 'mama lishe', beneficiaries of Coca-Cola's Mwanamke Shujaa economic inclusion program, shortly after they received the working tools at a function held in Tanga on Sunday. Each woman received a 15kg gas cylinder, a two-plate gas cooker, an apron, a cooking table, and a crate of soda. At least 6,700 entrepreneurs have benefited from the program over the last three years. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Women food vendors in Tanga celebrate success of Mwanamke Shujaa campaign

By Guardian Correspondent, Tanga

OVER 1,300 empowered women food vendors from the Tanga Region came together to celebrate a resounding triumph of the Mwanamke Shujaa campaign, a ground breaking initiative, a beacon of hope and empowerment, brought to life through the visionary partnership of Coca-Cola Kwanza Ltd, Oryx Gas Tanzania, the Institute of Social Work (ISW), Korogwe FM, and TK FM Radio.

Coca-Cola Kwanza Ltd, a subsidiary of Coca-Cola Beverages Africa (CCBA), continues to lead the way in community empowerment, this time supporting a remarkable 311 women food vendor in Tanga city, bringing the total number of empowered women to a remarkable 1,395 in the Tanga region through the Mwanamke Shujaa campaign.

This extraordinary initiative has provided these women vendors with vital business support, including essential cooking equipment, clothing items, and a series of workshops aimed at enhancing

their skills in areas such as bookkeeping, customer care, stress management, and capital growth.

Umyu Mwalimu, Minister of Health and Member of Parliament for the Tanga Constituency, graced the ceremony and expressed her deep appreciation for the unwavering support provided by Coca-Cola Kwanza Ltd and Oryx Gas Tanzania.

She highlighted the pivotal role of this initiative in boosting food vendor operations, increasing individual income, generating job opportunities for women, and aligning with the government's clean energy agenda.

Each empowered woman received a substantial package, including a 15kg gas cylinder, a two-plate gas cooker, an apron, a cooking table, and a crate of soda, all aimed at further improving their businesses. This year, the Mwanamke Shujaa campaign has empowered a grand total of 1,711

women, demonstrating Coca-Cola Kwanza Ltd steadfast dedication to promoting women's economic empowerment.

Unguu Sulay, Managing Director of Coca-Cola Kwanza, reiterated the company's commitment to shaping a more equitable future for communities.

He said, "Coca-Cola Kwanza is thrilled to contribute to women's empowerment initiatives through educational, employability, and entrepreneurial programs."

Sulay proudly noted that the company has uplifted an impressive 1,395 women food vendors in the Tanga region in less than two months, bringing the total number of empowered women to a remarkable 1,731.

Moreover, he highlighted the youth component of their Economic Inclusion Program, which empowered 1,039 youth this year, making a total of 2,770 individuals impacted by their programs.

This initiative is an integral part of Coca-Cola Kwanza Ltd on-going efforts to empower women entrepreneurs and contribute to the economic development of communities.

The Mwanamke Shujaa campaign is making a significant impact in the lives of women food vendors in Korogwe and is a testament to the collaborative efforts of Coca-Cola Kwanza Ltd, Oryx Gas Tanzania, the Institute of Social Work, Korogwe FM, and TK FM Radio.

Coca-Cola Kwanza Ltd remains firmly committed to fostering economic empowerment for women in Tanzania, with one more initiative planned for this year.

Kwimba District new CRDB bank branch to bolster economic dev't

By Guardian Correspondent, Kwimba

KWIMBA District Commissioner, Ng'wilabuzza Ludigija has said the opening of the CRDB bank branch in the district will spur economic development of the people in the district.

He said many know that Mwanza region is blessed with many economic opportunities including mining, fishing, farming and even tourism hence the CRDB Bank branch will enhance trust among business people as well as small and middle entrepreneurs in the planning of their business undertakings.

"Let's also use loan from the Bank to implement our projects in order to raise the income of every one of us as well the Council itself," said DC Ludigija. He gave the remarks when inaugurating the CRDB Bank Branch at Ngudu Town at the weekend

Kwimba is among seven districts of Mwanza Region with many opportunities that can benefit the people if they get capital to increase the value of the available raw materials.

"This CRD bank branch is the 18th branch in Mwanza Region. This is a big number of branches from one bank institution; hence it is my

hope that the people will grab opportunities offered by the bank," he said.

However, he reminded that bank services are important and education thereof is supposed to be given to children to enable them realise their goals when they grow up.

"The opening of the branch will increase benefits to farmers in case farmers access to loans at small interest, under 10 per cent, especially to vulnerable and other groups," he said.

Welcoming the official guest, CRDB Director of Loans, Xavery Makwi said that for 27 years since its establishment, the bank has been expanding from 19 branches in 1996 to 261 at present in every district of the country.

He said the growth aimed to take bank services closer to the people irrespective of where they are.

He said in addition to the big number of bank branches, the bank has over 25,000 agents and over 550 ATMs.

Makwi said there are 26 agents in Kwimba district, part of the 1,000 serving the entire Mwanza region and urged the people to utilise them.



Kwimba district commissioner, Ng'wilabuzza Ludigija launches CRDB Bank branch in Ngudu Town over the weekend. The branch is the 18th in Mwanza region and the 261st in the country. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

USAID-funded project registers successes

By Beatrice Philemon

A UNITED States Agency for International Development (USAID) funded project to empower People with Disabilities (PWDs) dubbed: 'Data Driven Advocacy Activity (DDA)' has ended with positive results in Tanzania.

The project's three main objectives included launching platforms for increased collaboration among like-minded organizations, strengthening evidence-based advocacy to facilitate civil society's abilities, and collect as well generate, monitor and report independent and reliable information concerning human rights abuses.

Daniel Lema, Freedom House Inc-Tanzania, chief of Party said this over the weekend during a meeting to disseminate DDA outcomes and impacts to civil societies who were implementing the project and reflect on new upcoming opportunities.

He listed some of the results as establishing a human rights desk in Zanzibar that in turn has helped 149 cases to be documented in all districts of Zanzibar and the desk shared 83 cases with the Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance (CHRAGG) in Zanzibar as well as amendment of the HIV and AIDS Act.

Other includes enactment of the People with Disabilities PWDs Act in Zanzibar; establishment of the Tanzania Online Media Alliance, organization of the Tanzania youth forum, youth leadership camps and establishment of the CSOs knowledge hub.

"We have launched strategic litigation training, improved financial management system, improved organizational governance, improved ability of civil society organizations to engage with the government decision makers and others," he said.

He said this has been possible through 100 civil society organizations who received more

than 4bn/- to implement the DDA project with funding from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

The project was being implemented by Pact Tanzania and Freedom House which have also helped other civil society organizations, networks, and key individuals to respond to urgent and unanticipated needs.

He said the project started in 2017 and its target was to end in 2022 but with continued support from USAID was extended for fifteen months coming to an end next month.

"We had all the financial and technical resources we needed, our work and dreams would not materialize without your support, the people we have worked together tirelessly in ensuring we adapt as the environment evolved, responding to the emerging needs and holding us to account for our commitment throughout the project implementation," he said.

He commended DDA implementing partners from across the country saying it is from their commitment and tireless work that the project was a success.

Levina Kikoyo, Country Director, Pact Tanzania hailed USAID for their financial support that in-turn has helped CSOs in both Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar to raise their voices and brought positive changes in the communities as well as help Pact Tanzania to provide capacity development to CSOs on various issues relating to financial management.

She said through the support they have received training on how to write project proposals, human resource management, monitoring and evaluations, adaptive management and organization communication strategy.

Also she called on CSOs who were implementing the project to ensure the seed that they get from the project does not end after the end of the project.

PS happy with beneficiaries of Skills Development Fund

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology Prof. Carolyn Nombo has expressed her satisfaction after witnessing beneficiaries of the Skills Development Fund (SDF) using the skills they attained to produce various products with high quality.

Prof. Nombo made the remarks over the weekend in Kibaha District, Coast Region, during the celebration of the climax of Adult Education Week, where she represented the Minister of Education, Science and Technology, Professor Adolph Mkenya.

While in the TEA pavilion, Prof. Nombo met with some of the beneficiaries of the SDF provided through the Skill Development Fund (SDF) and appreciated what they are producing.

SDF which is under Tanzania Education Authority (TEA) get funds from the government and World Bank (WB) and since its inception 2017 the fund has benefited 49,000 Tanzanians.

Prof. Nombo said, it is interesting to see that the beneficiaries have dared to work on what they have learned and produce various products with great creativity in them.

She asked the beneficiaries to start promoting the products in order to increase the scope of the market in the country and abroad.

"These products you produce are good and I'm sure they have a big market here in the country, you need strategies to promote them so that they reach more Tanzanians and at the end of the day the market will grow so that you can achieve your goals especially in entrepreneurship," said Prof. Nombo.

The communications officer of TEA, Eliafile Sola, said the Tanzania Education Authority (TEA), has participated in the celebration of Adult Education Week through the SDF with the aim of helping Tanzanians to get involved in wealth production activities in order to increase their incomes.

She said in the celebration of the Adult Education Week, various leaders had the opportunity to visit TEA pavilion including the Deputy Permanent Secretary in the President's Office Local Government and Regional Administration (PO-RALG) responsible for Education, Dr. Charles Msonde. Dr. Msonde inspected himself the products produced by the beneficiaries of SDF and was excited to see how competent they are in producing various product that can compete in local and foreign market.

While at the pavilion, Dr. Msonde asked the entrepreneurs to use the skills they have acquired to teach their colleagues so that they can be self-employed and employ other Tanzanians.

He said that the fund is important because it enables youth who get the training to start their own projects and leaving the dependency of struggling to find employment.

TEA's Information and Communication Officer, Eliafile Sola, said SDF has been providing skills training grants to youth that aim to give them skills so that they can produce various products and eventually become economically independent.

She said that in the exhibition they have involved some of the beneficiaries of the training to develop skills which started to be given in various regions in 2018.

"The training was given in six priority sectors which are the energy sector, Information Technology and Communication IT, Agriculture, Transport, Construction, Tourism," said Eliafile.

MDBs record climate finance of close to \$61bn for low and middle-income economies last year



By Special Correspondent

CLIMATE finance by Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) for low-income and middle-income economies reached a new record of \$60.7 billion in 2022, up 46 percent compared to 2019 volumes, a new joint report by the MDBs has found.

Of the amount, \$38.0 billion, or 63%, went into climate change mitigation finance, and \$22.7 billion or 37%, supported climate change adaptation. Mobilised private finance stood at \$16.9 billion, the report said.

The announcement comes as delegates meet in Marrakesh,

Morocco, for the World Bank Group and International Monetary Fund Annual Meetings, where scaling up public climate finance, particularly for low and middle-income economies, ranks high on the agenda.

In 2022, MDBs allocated \$38.8 billion to high-income economies. Of this, \$36.3 billion, or 94%, was for climate change mitigation finance and \$2.5 billion or 6%, went into climate change adaptation finance. The amount of mobilised private finance stood at \$51.9 billion.

With the record 2022 climate finance volumes, multilateral development banks have, for the second year in a row, ex-

ceeded the 2025 climate finance targets (link is external) they set themselves at the UN Secretary General's Climate Action Summit in 2019. This included delivering a cumulative \$50 billion in climate finance for low-income and middle-income economies, at least \$65 billion globally, with an expected doubling in adaptation finance to \$18 billion; and private mobilisation of \$40 billion.

Compared to 2019 volumes, MDB 2022 climate finance for low and middle-income countries increased by 46% (\$41.5 billion) and global climate finance by 62% (\$61.6 billion).

For example, the African

Development Bank's climate finance investments increased from \$2.1 billion in 2020 to \$2.4 billion in 2021 and \$3.6 billion in 2022. The Bank's allocation is almost entirely channelled to low-income and middle-income economies.

The Bank Group's Director for Climate Change and Green Growth Department, Anthony Nyong, said the institution recognises the urgency to mobilize climate finance at scale to address climate impacts and harness climate opportunities on the continent.

He said: "As shown in the report, external climate funds, including Climate Investment

Fund, Global Environment Facility and Green Climate Fund, continue to be the main source of co-financing. More is needed from the private sector. The African Development Bank is committed to rallying domestic and global partners to de-risk private capital to unblock the needed trillions of climate finance for Africa."

Transparent joint reporting on climate finance

The Joint Report on MDBs Climate Finance is an annual collaborative effort to publish climate finance figures, with a clear explanation of the methodologies for tracking pro-

gress concerning their joint climate targets, such as those announced at the UN Climate Change Conference in Paris (COP21) and the greater ambition pledged for the 2021-2025 period.

This year's report incorporates the Council of Europe Development Bank and New Development Bank's climate finance fully into the MDB reporting so that for the first time, all ten MDBs' climate finance is included in the aggregated data reported. Even without the two MDBs joining the reporting, global climate finance rose to \$98 billion in 2022. In addition, this year's report includes

a more detailed breakdown of MDB climate finance in least-developed countries and small island developing states.

The 2022 multilateral development bank report, coordinated by the European Investment Bank (EIB), combines data from the African Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, the Council of Europe Development Bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the EIB, the Inter-American Development Bank Group, the Islamic Development Bank, the New Development Bank, and the World Bank.

'The synergy of international development projects, PhD studies in the global south: Bridge over troubled waters'

By Renatus Mbamilo

In the Global South, where the pursuit of knowledge meets the complexities of development, a transformative synergy is taking root.

It's a synergy that brings together the pragmatic aspirations of international development projects and the intellectual endeavours of PhD studies, offering a beacon of hope for the countless doctoral candidates grappling with challenges like data scarcity and a lack of real-world insight in their research.

For many PhD candidates in the Global South, the path to a doctorate can be a formidable journey. Among the myriad of challenges they face, two stand out prominently: the scarcity of relevant secondary data for their research because it is very expensive to col-

lect primary data, and the gap in understanding the real-world dynamics of their chosen fields especially for applied research. These obstacles can be daunting, but there's a hope emanating from collaboration between international development projects and PhD candidates that brings relief. Let's explore how this synergy may change the game:

1. Data Availability in Development Projects: International development projects, driven by a mission to uplift communities and foster progress, often gather a wealth of data. These projects cast a wide net, collecting information on vital aspects of development, including healthcare, education, livelihoods, and beyond. For PhD candidates, this treasure of data represents an oasis in the desert. It provides access to real-world, granular information that

can fuel their research and answer pressing questions.

2. Collaborative Research and Mentorship: Many development projects are the result of partnerships between international non-governmental organizations (INGOs), local (national or sub-national level) non-governmental organizations (NGOs), philanthropies, charities, universities, and other local institutions. These collaborations may offer PhD students a unique opportunity to work side by side with seasoned researchers and practitioners. Mentorship from these experts can shape research agendas, methodologies, and provide a guiding light through the often complicated paths of academia.

3. Filling Research Gaps: Development projects employ rigorous monitoring and evalu-

ation mechanisms to assess their progress and overall performance. Along the way, they identify gaps, challenges, or areas where existing strategies fall short. These gaps become signposts for PhD research. Inspired by the real-world challenges uncovered by projects, students can delve into these areas, propose innovative solutions, and contribute to ongoing efforts.

4. Resources and Funding: Some development projects extend funding opportunities to local researchers including PhD candidates though they are quite few. The scholarships, grants, and stipends ease the financial burden of pursuing a doctorate in the Global South whose tuition fees for most PhD programs are between USD 6,000/= and USD 12,000/=. Furthermore, some projects offer access to research facilities and equipment which can elevate the quality and depth of research.

5. Networking and Exposure: Development projects often host conferences, workshops, and knowledge-sharing events. PhD students connected with these projects find themselves in the midst of a diverse array of experts and practitioners. This exposure allows them to present their research, gain critical feedback, and expand their professional networks.

6. Policy Impact and Advocacy: PhD research conducted in tandem with development projects carries the potential to directly influence policy decisions and project implementation. The PhD researchers become advocates for positive change, working hand in hand with projects to drive policy reforms and amplify their research's real-world impact.

7. Knowledge Transfer and Capacity Building: Development projects are committed to transferring knowledge and best practices. Local researchers and PhD candidates who may be involved in these projects acquire new

skills and insights that empower them to conduct research with genuine real-world applications.

This synergy from the Global South's unyielding quest for development can exemplify that research is no longer a solitary endeavour confined to academic halls. It is an ever-evolving, dynamic force for change, intrinsically linked to the pressing needs of communities. It may bridge the gap between academic theory and practical action, elevating PhD research from an academic exercise to an instrument of tangible transformation. In a world that is grappling with intricate and pressing challenges, this synergy may present a spark of hope. It underscores the notion that knowledge, when harnessed with purpose and passion, has the power to reshape the destiny of nations and uplift the lives of people in the Global South.

As we witness the growing importance of sustainable development goals, it is imperative to foster and nurture this synergy. By encouraging collaboration between academia and development practitioners, we unlock innovative solutions, drive impactful policy changes, and illuminate the path toward a brighter future for the Global South. It is a testament to the resilience, adaptability, and unwavering spirit of researchers in the Global South as they rise to the occasion and redefine the possibilities of research and development.

I hereby urge all decision-makers, universities, and international development practitioners to embrace this approach and commit to ensuring that every project carried out in Global South nations like Tanzania includes provisions for supporting at least one PhD candidate by at the minimum granting them access to project data.

Renatus Mbamilo is a passionate advocate for research-driven development and global collaboration.

VIEW FROM THE TOP



WORLD

IMF, World Bank 'impotent' on Israel-Gaza war amid reforms

MARRAKECH, Morocco

GLOBAL finance leaders' paralysis in addressing the fallout from the Hamas attack and Israel's response last week exposed deep geopolitical divisions hampering the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, even as they advanced new funding plans aimed at easing more-frequent economic shocks.

Hamas launched its unprecedented attack on Israel on Oct 7, just as top finance officials arrived in Morocco for the IMF and World Bank annual meetings, upending the gathering's carefully crafted script calling for new resources and steps to revive flagging global growth.

IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva did not mention the new conflict at opening events. Later, as Israel's retaliatory strikes mounted, she struggled to address it, initially describing it as a human tragedy but a vague source of economic uncertainty.

In private conversations at the meetings, the Israel-Gaza conflict's implica-

tions were front and center, from a new refugee crisis to trade impacts and the threat of fighting in Lebanon and the West Bank, participants from finance groups to non-profits told Reuters.

"In the face of a major global shock like this that's human created, that's not a climate shock, these institutions are impotent to do anything about it, which is why they're not even talking about it," said Rachel Nadelman, a senior research fellow at American University's Accountability Research Center, who attended civil society and official events at the meetings.

The inability to respond extended to chair's statements issued by the Group of 20 major economies and the IMF and World Bank steering committees, which failed to mention the conflict.

These bodies were again unable to issue joint communiques, reflecting deepening geopolitical tensions, most recently over Russia's special military operation in Ukraine, which has long sparred over communique language.

A G20 official said that body has been



Palestinians stand by the rubble of a building destroyed in Israeli airstrikes in Deir el-Balah Gaza Strip, on Sunday. AP

riven for two years by the Ukraine conflict.

"The Israeli-Palestinian conflict is even more controversial - almost impossible to reach consensus," the official said.

Accomplishments overshadowed

World Bank President Ajay Banga acknowledged on Sunday that the Israel-Gaza conflict, along with the Ukraine crisis and fighting in Africa, were "casting long shadows" over the meeting's accomplishments and adding to economic challenges.

"You know, without peace, it's hard for people to get stability, growth, look after their children, get jobs," he said.

The World Bank's governing body approved a new vision statement "to create a world free of poverty on a livable planet" to incorporate its new mission to fight climate change, pan-

demics and fragile states, along with new steps to expand lending.

The IMF's steering committee agreed to boost quota funding by year-end, while a \$3 billion fundraising goal for its poor-country trust fund was met.

But conflicts remain the biggest challenge to the global economy, said Josh Lipsky, a former IMF official who directs the Atlantic Council's GeoEconomics Center.

"If these institutions are going to be legitimate and fit-for-purpose for the coming decade, they're going to have to respond to geopolitical crises in close to real time," he told Reuters.

"Geopolitical shocks are economic shocks now and economic shocks are geopolitical shocks - and they're trying to detach the two."

Agencies

We continue to act to destroy, demolish Hamas - Israel

TEL AVIV

ISRAELI Defence Forces spokesperson Lieutenant Colonel Peter Lerner (pictured) said that Israel Defence Forces have carried out hundreds of strikes against Hamas operatives since its attack on October 7.

He asserted that Israel continues to act in order to destroy and demolish the capabilities of Hamas, adding that the terrorist group will not be allowed to use Gaza Strip as a staging ground for attacks against Israel and our civilians."

While addressing a media briefing, he said, "We are in day 10 of our war on Hamas after the government instructed us to destroy Hamas's capabilities, its infrastructure, pursue its leaders, and restore security and safety to the people of Israel.

Indeed, throughout the last ten days, the IDF has conducted hundreds of strikes against Hamas operatives, the leadership, its institutions and its terrorist infrastructure."

"The terrorist infrastructure includes advanced capabilities such as drone, explosives, rockets, tunnel capabilities, and the Hamas leaders themselves. I can say and confirm it at this time that we have targeted and killed several of their leaders, including terrorists that actually participated in the

butchering of babies in their bedrooms, and we continue to act in order to destroy and demolish Hamas' capabilities, governing and military capabilities. Hamas will not be permitted to govern the Gaza Strip as a staging ground for attacks against Israel and our civilians," he added.

He said that there are still concerns of security in southern communities of Israel. He said, "On day 10, I can still confirm that there are still concerns of security in southern communities of Israel.

Over the last 24 hours, there was three engagements in and around the border area with terrorists that attempted to attack Israel, including in I can confirm that in each of the engagements, every time a terrorist meets an IDF soldier, the terrorist is killed."

He said that Israel continues to press for an evacuation of people from the north of the Gaza Strip towards the south. He noted that several hundreds of thousand of people have listened to their advice to move out of north Gaza and relocate to the south. He said that terrorist group Hamas in the past few tried to stop the evacuation of people.

"We are continuing to press for an evacuation from the north of Gaza Strip towards the south. On the day four of our since our calling, we have seen several hundreds of thousands of people listening to our efforts



calling people to move south in order to evacuate the area and enable us to differentiate between combat between Hamas terrorists and non-combatants," Lieutenant Colonel Peter Lerner said.

"And indeed, it is part of our humanitarian efforts to differ as a temporary measure to remove people from Hamas's way while we deal with Hamas and that is contrary to what Hamas does as they operate and in order to maximize civilian casualty of Palestinians themselves.

Over the last few days, we've seen extreme efforts of Hamas to try and prevent evacuation of people, including physical barriers, what appears to be explosive devices on the roads and indeed they are challenging people's will to live the Palestinians will to live in Gaza by preventing them from

moving," he added.

He said that Israel is taking all the steps necessary in order to encourage people to move south. He stressed that IDF does not target intentionally or seek to target or harm civilians unlike Hamas, and the military is operating to achieve its goal of destroying Hamas's capability.

On the ongoing Israel-Palestine conflict, Lieutenant Colonel Peter Lerner says, "In anticipation of the situation with Hezbollah, we had several attacks by Hezbollah across the border in the north with several anti-tank guided missiles fired at our forces and I would like to see Hezbollah is trying to increase pressure at the will of Iran in order to undermine the efforts Hamas's capability in the Gaza strip, they are doing this to escalate the situation in the border, in order to challenge Israel..."

Renana Gome, an Israeli woman, has called for help to reunite with her two sons taken hostage by Hamas. She described the horrific moment her life was turned upside down.

She could not hold back her tears while she spoke about how her sons were taken hostage by Hamas. On Saturday, the IDF confirmed that over 120 civilians are being held captive in Gaza by the Hamas.

ANI

Middle East on brink of full-scale war, Russian envoy to UN warns

UNITED NATIONS



THE Middle East is on the brink of a full-scale war, Russian Permanent Representative to the United Nations Vasily Nebenzya warned.

"The region is on the brink of a full scale war and an unprecedented humanitarian catastrophe," he told reporters following a closed-door UN Security Council meeting on the current escalation of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. "Let me be clear: the responsibility for the looming war in the Middle East, to a large extent, lies on the United States," he told reporters following a closed-door UN Security Council meeting on the current escalation of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

According to Nebenzya, "it is Washington that recklessly and selfishly blocked the work of the Middle East Quartet of international mediators in an effort to monopolize the peace process and limit it to imposing an economic peace with Israel on the Palestinians and other Arab countries without solving the Palestinian question." "We consistently warned against this, saying it will backfire one day, and so it did," the Russian envoy stressed.

Nebenzya added that "for years, the US blocked any reaction, any signal from the UN Security Council, claiming that its quiet regional diplomacy is more effective."

"We shouldn't ignore that the current flare-up of violence happens against the background with real systematic violations of the decisions of the UN Security Council and the General Assembly, including the illegal expansion of settlements, which is regularly condemned by the vast majority of UN member states," he said.

Nebenzya added that Russia unequivocally condemned "extreme brutality, killings and the horrifying scale of violence." "Any killings and violence against peaceful civilians, both Israeli and Palestinian citizens, is inadmissible," the Russian envoy stressed.

Border crossing between Gaza, Egypt to reopen for foreign

CAIRO

The Rafah crossing between Gaza and Egypt will reopen for foreign national Palestinians at 9 am (local time) on Monday when humanitarian aid will also start crossing into Gaza, NBC News reported citing Palestinian embassy representative Kamel Khatib.

The Rafah crossing between Gaza and Egypt is the only remaining outlet to move people out of Gaza and send supplies into it. Notably, Israel has closed two border sites and the Rafah crossing has remained shut for much of the past week, according to NBC News report.

The US Embassy in Israel on Monday said that desperate residents hoping to move from Gaza through the Rafah crossing might receive "very little notice" if it opens, CNN reported.

The US Embassy said, "It is unclear whether, or for how long, travellers will be permitted to transit the crossing. If you assess it to be safe, you may wish to move closer to the Rafah border crossing," adding there may be "very little notice if the crossing opens and it may only open for a limited time," CNN reported.

Meanwhile, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken voiced confidence in his recent conversation with Egypt's President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi regarding the delivery of aid to people in Gaza and said that the Rafah crossing will be reopened.

He made the remarks to the press at Cairo Airport on Sunday and added that the measures are being put in place with the United Nations, Egypt, Israel, and others to get assistance in and to get it to people who need it.

"With regard to Rafah, I had a very good conversation with President El-Sisi. We have put in place - Egypt has put in place a lot of material support for people in Gaza. And Rafah will be reopened. We're putting in place with the United Nations, with Egypt, with Israel, with others, a mechanism by which to get the assistance in and to get it to people who need it," Blinken said.

Meanwhile, Israel's Energy and Infrastructure Minister Israel Katz announced Israel's decision to open the water to the south of the Gaza Strip after it was shut off following Hamas's attack on October 7.

In a statement posted on X, Katz stated, "The decision to open the water to the south of the Gaza Strip, which was agreed upon between Prime Minister Netanyahu and President Biden, will result in pushing the civilian population to the south of the Gaza Strip and will make it possible to tighten the general siege on Gaza in the areas of electricity, water and fuel, and will make it easier for the IDF to operate and destroy the Nazi Hamas infrastructure."

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BEIJING

CHINESE Foreign Minister Wang Yi, who is also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, called for a ceasefire in the ongoing Palestine-Israel conflict yesterday.

Discussing the crisis with his Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov in Beijing, Wang (pictured) said China condemns all forms of actions that harm civilians and opposes any act that violates the international

China calls for Gaza ceasefire in meeting with Russia

law.

The UN Security Council needs to take measures and major countries should play active roles, Wang said.

The most pressing need at the moment is to cease fire and stop war, Wang said, stressing the importance of pushing the two sides back to negotiation and setting up emergency humanitarian channels to prevent a larger-scale humanitarian crisis.

The fundamental approach is to activate the two-state solution, strive for an even broader consensus and promote the establishment of the timetable and road-

map for restoring the legitimate rights of the Palestinian nation, he said.

The meeting took place ahead of the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation, slated for today and tomorrow in Beijing.

Wang said this year, which marks the 10th anniversary of the Belt and Road Initiative proposed by President Xi Jinping, is of great significance for connecting the



past with the future.

China appreciates Russian President Vladimir Putin's high appreciation of and support for Belt and Road cooperation, Wang said, extending the welcome to Russia for continuing its active participation in the initiative to make further contribution to boost common development and prosperity.

Lavrov said Russia and China have kept a good momentum in developing bilateral relations. Russia expects to maintain close strategic communication with China and deepen practical cooperation

across the board.

Lavrov noted that President Putin is very much looking forward to meeting President Xi in China and participating in the forum, expressing confidence over the success of the event.

The two sides also conducted strategic coordination concerning the efforts to strengthen cooperation within the United Nations, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, the BRICS and other multilateral frameworks.

Xinhua

By Qiang Wei, People's Daily China's State Council Information Office on Oct. 10 issued a white paper titled "The Belt and Road Initiative: A Key Pillar of the Global Community of Shared Future."

The white paper will give the international community a better understanding of the value of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), facilitate high-quality cooperation under it, and ultimately deliver benefits to more countries and peoples.

The white paper says to promote greater connectivity through BRI cooperation, China has continued to facilitate policy coordination, infrastructure connectivity, unimpeded trade, financial integration, and closer people-to-people ties, by orienting towards "hard connectiv-

Belt and Road Initiative leads to China's development, global wellbeing

ity" in infrastructure, bolstering "soft connectivity" through harmonized rules and standards, and strengthening people-to-people bonds.

As its scope expands, the BRI has become the world's largest platform for international cooperation, with the broadest coverage.

Over the past decade, BRI cooperation has witnessed remarkable results. It has opened up new space for world economic growth, built a new platform for international trade and investment, reinforced the development capacity of relevant countries and improved people's lives, sought ways to improve the global governance

system, and brought greater certainty and stability to a world fraught with turbulence and change. The initiative has contributed to addressing global development imbalance and advancing modernization in all countries.

The BRI has brought tangible benefits to participating countries. A large number of infrastructure projects have been built, with significant progress for participating countries in the construction of railways, highways, pipelines, shipping, energy, communications and other basic public service facilities. This has improved local living and working conditions and the development environment,

and boosted these countries' capacity for independent economic development.

The World Bank has estimated that by 2030, BRI-related investments could lift 7.6 million out of extreme poverty and 32 million out of moderate poverty. The BRI has added vitality to economic globalization. World Bank study - "Belt and Road Economics: Opportunities and Risks of Transport Corridors" - noted that transport infrastructure projects under the BRI would reduce trade costs for the world by 1.8 percent, and reduce trade costs along the China-Central Asia-West Asia economic corridor by 10 percent. This has greatly facilitated global trade

and boosted economic growth. The study projects that trade growth would range between 2.8 and 9.7 percent for corridor economies and between 1.7 and 6.2 percent worldwide, and global real income is expected to increase by 0.7 to 2.9 percent.

The BRI has provided new solutions for improving global governance. According to the China's National Image Global Survey released by the Academy of Contemporary China and World Studies in 2020, the BRI is the Chinese proposal with the highest level of acceptance overseas, with more than 70 percent of respondents recognizing the positive impact of the BRI on individuals, states

and global governance.

European think tank Bruegel released a paper titled "Global Trends in Countries' Perceptions of the Belt and Road Initiative" in April 2023, which noted that the BRI is generally positively received in the world, and Central Asia and sub-Saharan Africa, in particular, exhibit strongly positive sentiment towards the BRI.

The BRI has garnered strength for the progress of human civilization. The global influence of various multilateral and bilateral political party exchange mechanisms has increased with the creation of mechanisms such as the CPC and World Political Parties Summit, and the

CPC in Dialogue with World Political Parties High-level Meeting.

Various BRI cooperation mechanisms have emerged, including the Silk Road Think Tank Association, the Belt and Road Initiative Tax Administration Cooperation Mechanism, the Alliance of International Science Organizations, the Belt and Road Health Professionals Development Alliance, the Silk Road International League of Theaters, and the Silk Road International Museum Alliance. The emergence of such mechanisms has facilitated people-to-people exchanges in diverse forms, promoting mutual understanding, mutual respect, and mutual appreciation among the peoples of all countries.

People's Daily

Six months on, Sudan's conflict still shows no signs of peaceful resolution

KHARTOUM

THE devastating conflict in Sudan entered its sixth month on Sunday without showing any signs of peaceful resolution, creating one of the worst crises the country has ever faced.

The conflict began on April 15 when the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) clashed in Sudan's capital Khartoum and other regions. The violence has killed thousands of civilians, displaced millions more, and destroyed much of the country's infrastructure, especially in Khartoum.

It has also worsened Sudan's economic woes. As the war dragged on, Sudanese politicians and international humanitarian organizations warned of

more suffering and violence if no political solution was reached.

"If we fail to reach a political settlement to the current military conflict, Sudan will turn into a center and source of disasters in the world and the region," Siddiq Al-Mahdi, acting chairman of the Sudanese National Umma Party and a member of the Forces of Freedom and Change Alliance (FFC), a civilian political coalition in Sudan, said in a statement.

Yasir Arman, chairman of Sudan People's Liberation Movement - SPLM Democratic Revolutionary Current and an FFC leader, expressed his concern that both sides in the Sudanese conflict lack a clear strategy to manage the crisis and arrive at a political resolution.

"The SAF and the RSF will not accept each other's demands, and both will



Refugees from Sudan cross into Ethiopia in Metema, on 4 May 2023. File photo

indulge in a search for more gains," Arman said, urging national, regional, and international actors to push for a lasting humanitarian ceasefire.

Arman urged a joint decision by the African Union, the Arab League, and the UN Security Council to implement a no-fly zone and halt attacks on residential areas, emphasizing the importance of

addressing humanitarian concerns and protecting civilians.

The UN mission in Sudan said on X platform that about 5.6 million people have been displaced inside and outside Sudan since the start of the conflict. It said humanitarian partners have reached about

3.6 million people with life-saving assistance, but noted that the revised 2023 Sudan Humanitarian Response Plan was only 33.5 percent funded.

The war has also disrupted vital sectors such as education, as schools and universities have been closed. Also on Sunday, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) said on the X platform that "six months into the Sudan crisis, UNICEF fears disruption of basic services can cost the future of 24 million children."

It said there were 19 million children in Sudan who did not have access to education, while 14 million others did not have access to basic services. "Sudan is on the brink of becoming home to the worst education crisis in the world," said Mandeep O'Brien, UNICEF country representative in Sudan.

"Now, forced away from their classrooms, teachers, and friends, they are at risk of falling into a void that will threaten the future of an entire generation," she said. At the economic level, the war has caused severe shortages in food supplies and a spike in prices of essential goods. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) said in a statement that the six-month-long hostilities in Sudan threatened food security across the country.

Xinhua

China not imposing anything on anybody, says Putin

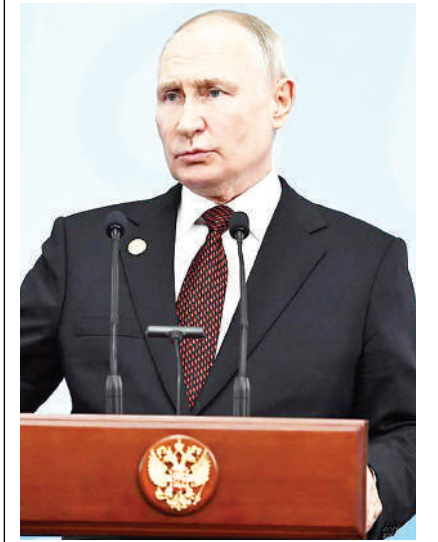
THE current foreign policy of China, including the one implemented in the Belt and Road project, is built on searching for a compromise, Russian President Vladimir Putin said in the interview with the China Media Group.

Beijing endeavours to find projects and ways of achieving common goals that are acceptable for everybody, the Russian leader said.

"This is a specific feature of current China headed by President Xi Jinping in building relations with others. Nobody imposes anything on anyone else; nobody enforces. Only an opportunity is offered," Putin stressed.

If any complications arise, "there is a search for a compromise," the Russian President said.

"They are always found. In my opinion, this distinguishes the Belt and Road project offered by the President of China from many other ones attempted to be implemented globally by countries with heavy colonialist heritage," Putin added. Agencies



Poland election earthquake: What happens next?

A second exit poll in Poland has predicted the governing right-wing populist Law and Justice party won the most votes in Sunday's election but will lose its majority in parliament.

If the official result, expected on Tuesday, confirms the second exit poll prediction - which has a 2% margin of error - it's up to President Andrzej Duda, a former Law and Justice MP, to appoint a new prime minister to form a government.

Who gets first shot at forming a government?

It's customary - and President Duda has said he would do this - for the president to choose the leader of the largest single party, in this case Law and Justice, to have the first shot at forming a government and securing a vote of confidence in parliament.

However, Law and Justice appears to have no clear route to forming a government with a majority, whilst a diverse opposition coalition of Civic Coalition, the Third Way and the Left does seem able to form a government with a majority.

According to the second exit poll, Law and Justice would win 198 seats,



A politician from Civic Coalition - one of the opposition parties with the numbers to form a majority - grins after the exit poll

well short of the 231 needed for a majority. Its potential coalition partners are limited as even with the far-right Confederation party, they would muster only 212.

The opposition could count on 248 seats.

If President Duda lets Law and Justice have the first go and it fails, then parliament gets the second shot at forming a government, which if the

result confirms the exit polls, would give a majority to the opposition coalition.

President Duda could also decline to ask Law and Justice to try to form a government given the parliamentary maths.

What if nothing is agreed?

If that second parliamentary attempt fails, then President Duda selects another candidate for PM, and if that fails, he can call fresh elections.

If all these stages pan out, Poland could be without a government into November and December - and/or heading towards fresh elections.

What do the opposition parties disagree on?

If the opposition coalition is appointed and confirmed in a vote of confidence, it will not have an easy time.

Firstly, it's politically diverse, from the moderate conservatives of the Third Way to some hard-left MPs in the Left.

For example, both Civic Coalition and the Left support liberalisation of the rules on abortion. Civic Coalition and the Left campaigned to allow women to choose to terminate their pregnancies up to 12 weeks.

The Third Way takes a more conservative approach, saying it wants to overturn a 2020 court ruling outlawing abortion in cases of severe foetal defects - which effectively banned all legal pregnancy terminations - but would then put the issue of any further steps to a referendum.

The Left wants to significantly reduce the influence of the Catholic

Church on state institutions, something that Third Way MPs may be uncomfortable with.

What obstacles could a coalition face?

The opposition block has pledged to restore the independence of the judiciary and the public media.

The European Commission and multiple international bodies say Law and Justice's reforms have undermined judicial independence and media pluralism. Under Law and Justice, the state media has been transformed into party (Law and Justice) media.

But again, such change could face opposition from two important actors - President Duda, and Poland's top court the Constitutional Tribunal, which is now controlled by judges who are sympathetic to Law and Justice.

Both have the power to veto an opposition government's legislation.

An opposition coalition would not have the three-fifths majority in parliament required to overturn a presidential veto, so President Duda could make life difficult for them.

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Zimbabwe's tourism sector poised to boom with upgraded airports

BULAWAYO

ZIMBABWE'S tourism sector is poised for a major boom, following the upgrading of the country's major airports with enhanced passenger handling capacity.

The country's tourism and aviation officials shared their hope at the just-ended Sangani/Hlanganani World Tourism Expo, which took place from Thursday to Saturday in Bulawayo, the country's second-largest city.

"Aviation is an enabler, a catalyst in the development of Zimbabwe's economy, more so tourism," said Passmore Dewa, manager of Joshua Mqabuko Nkomo International Airport in Bulawayo.

During the three-day Expo, stakeholders highlighted that Zimbabwe's tourism sector was poised for further growth, following the upgrading and modernization of the country's two major airports, the Robert Gabriel Mugabe International Airport (RG-MIA) and Victoria Falls International Airport in partnership with China.

The upgrading has boosted the country's total airport passenger handling capacity to 9.5 million from 5 million, and given foreign tourists wide options of direct landing at the main airports in Harare, Bulawayo, and Victoria Falls, Tarirai Musonza, chief director for Tourism and Hospitality Management, said.

"The opening-up of the new airport which is capable of landing wide-boarded aircraft has been a game changer within the Zimbabwe destination," she



said, as the upgraded RGMIA will be able to handle over 6 million passengers compared to the 1.5 million before.

The upgrading projects are already bearing fruit, with more international airlines flying in, Musonza said.

The upgraded RGMIA was officially commissioned in July by President Emmerson Mnangagwa, who hailed the new-look airport as "magnificent" and matching international standards. African budget airline Fastjet said it has managed to position Victoria Falls, the country's prime tourist destination, as a national and regional tourism hub now that the airport is modernized.

Fastjet has developed new routes connecting Victoria Falls to previously unserved domestic tourist destinations such as Hwange National Park and Kariba, and

to South Africa and Botswana.

"As Fastjet our business model is based on robust air connectivity and our focus has been on positioning Victoria Falls as a tourism hub," Vivian Ruwuya, the airline's chief commercial officer, said.

Andrew Makona, Air Zimbabwe's chief executive, said their thrust was on reviving the troubled national airline into a viable entity that can adapt to the changing environment.

He added that the airline's goal is to make RGMIA the country's business hub and Victoria Falls the tourism hub. Wen-gayi Nhau, president of the Tourism Business Council of Zimbabwe, emphasized the need for more airport infrastructure development.

"We need airport infrastructure that speaks to our Vision 2030, world and in-

ternational best practices. We need to have more airlines coming into the country and to develop new routes to grow our tourism," he said.

Vision 2030 refers to the country's long-term development vision of becoming an upper-middle-income society by 2030.

Zimbabwe's tourism is on a positive trajectory after the pandemic, with both tourist arrivals and investment on an upward trend as the government seeks to grow the sector into a 5-billion-dollar tourism economy by 2025. Xinhua

UN chief calls on Hamas to 'immediately' release hostages without conditions

NEW YORK

THE Secretary General of the United Nations, Antonio Guterres has called on Hamas to "immediately" release the hostages without keeping any sort of conditions.

In a post on social media platform X, Guterres made two humanitarian appeals amid the present situation in the Middle East.

"As we are on the verge of the abyss in the Middle East, I have two humanitarian appeals: To Hamas, the hostages must be immediately released without conditions," he posted.

"To Israel, rapid & unimpeded access for humanitarian aid must be granted for the sake of the civilians in Gaza," he added.

"Each one of these two objectives is valid in themselves. They should not become bargaining chips and they must be implemented because it is the right thing to do," Guterres said in a statement, adding that "Gaza is running out of water, electricity and other essential supplies." The Times of Israel reported.

According to the latest update, 1300 people have been killed, with over 3600 injured, reported The Jerusalem Post.

Defence Minister Gallant said that on an estimate, 150-200 Israelis are being held hostage by Hamas in the Gaza Strip, adding, "We are making every effort to locate them even in this great complexity."

According to the latest update, 1,300 people have been killed and over 3600 injured in the Hamas terror attacks, reported The Jerusalem Post. As Israel continues to retaliate against Hamas, Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday said

that Hamas thought Israel would break, but "We will break Hamas," reported The Times of Israel.

During the weekly cabinet meeting, the Prime Minister along with ministers stood in silence for a minute and paid tribute to those who lost their lives in the deadly Hamas attack.

"Hamas thought we would break; we will break Hamas," Netanyahu said.

He further stressed that Israel is working in unity and it conveys a clear message to Hamas and to the world.

"We are working around the clock as a team, with a united front," he says. "Our unity conveys a clear message to the people, the enemy, and to the world," he added.

The ministers shared a moment of silence, during which, Netanyahu said, "In memory of our brothers and sisters who were murdered in cold blood, and our heroic warriors who fell in battle."

Netanyahu noted that it was the first meeting of the emergency war government and that five members of the National Unity Party were present Benny Gantz, Gadi Eisenkot, Chili Tropper, Gideon Sa'ar, and Yifat Shasha-Biton.

Moreover, he emphasized that the entire nation is behind the front-line warriors of Israel.

"I saw our wonderful warriors who are now on the front line. They know that the entire nation is behind them," he said.

"They understand the magnitude of the task. They are ready to act at any moment, to exterminate the bloody monsters that rose up against us," he added.

ANI



Secretary General of the United Nations, Antonio Guterres

SPORT



The Acting Commissioner of Social Welfare from the Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups, Tulo Masanja, hands over a trophy to El Rahaman School's pupil after the school's squad emerged victorious in a soccer event that was part of a children's bonanza that took place in Dodoma last week. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT RENATHA MSUNGU

St. Gemma's orphanage dominates Dodoma bonanza

By Correspondent Renatha Msungu, Dodoma

THE athletics squad made up of youths from St. Gemma's orphanage won the 100m race of a bonanza which took place at Isanga Prison's grounds in Dodoma last week.

The St. Gemma's Primary School's pupils and fellow children from various centers featured in the bonanza that was organized by the Prisons Service, with the participating youths battling it out in a variety of disciplines.

The bonanza was moreover organized to commemorate the death of the Father of the Nation, Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere, whereby various prizes were handed over to the teams that emerged victorious.

The 100-meter race saw St. Gemma Center's runners grab first and second places, whereas the third-placed runner came from the El Rahaman Center also based in Dodoma.

The soccer showdown had seen the Isanga Prison children's team defeat the Treasury team 2-1 and the other encounter had Chang'ombe's team recording a 4-3 victory over St. Gemma Center in the penalty shootout.

Speaking after the conclusion of the bonanza, the Medical Officer of the Prisons Service Clinic Abdusalam Mpamba said that sports are healthy for children and that prompted his institution to organize the bonanza to keep children healthy so they can study well.

He said that the Prison Service, through the Gender Desk, has decided to organize the

bonanza to make children living in difficult environments feel that they are akin to other children when it comes to the upbringing they are accorded at the orphanages.

Mpamba maintained the Prison Service cares about children and that is why the institution organized the bonanza to ensure that children improve their health through participation in sports.

Acting Director of Administration and Human Resources of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Hilda Twega, congratulated the Prisons Service for hosting the children's bonanza and asked the institution to organize another bonanza.

Tegwa said that sports are healthy, so, the institution ought to regularly organize bonanzas in centers for children living in difficult environments so they can have fun.

The Member of the Gender and Children Desk for the Prisons Service, Daimu Mmorosha, also said sports are healthy for children, so the institution had every reason to organize the bonanza so that children can showcase their talents in various sports.

The Secretary of Gender and Children Desk for the Prisons Service, Scholastica Ndunguru, said the desk, apart from taking charge of other matters, sees to it a child gets his/her basic rights.

According to Scholastica, the desk decided to organize the bonanza to bring together children living in difficult conditions and their counterparts from steady homes.

Al Ahly coach slams tight AFL schedule ahead of Simba SC clash

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi & Agencies

EGYPT Al Ahly's head coach, Marcel Koller, has raised significant concerns about the scheduling of fixtures for the inaugural African Football League (AFL).

The Swiss tactician believes that the demanding timetable could adversely affect his players as they gear up for a crucial quarterfinal clash with Simba SC that has been penned for the end of this week in Dar es Salaam.

As the African Football League prepares to kick off its first-ever edition on October 20, Al

Ahly, the Cairo giants, find themselves diving headfirst into the competition with a challenging encounter against Tanzanian outfit Simba SC.

This quarterfinal first leg will be hosted in Tanzania, followed by a swift return to Cairo for the second leg just four days later.

Koller (pictured), a seasoned Swiss tactician, expressed his dissatisfaction with the fixture dates, emphasizing the potential negative impact on his international players, whether Egyptian or of other nationalities.

"The dates of the African Football League fixtures are not suitable. The international players, whether Egyptians or of other nationalities, will suffer because of the dense schedule," Koller noted.

As the international break began on October 9, the Egyptian national team was set to hold a training camp from October 9-17.

Koller is deeply concerned that this tight turnaround, combined with the demanding travel schedule, will take a toll on his international players.

He noted: "They did not consider the hard traveling circumstances that face the international players as moving inside Africa takes long hours."

"I cannot judge if my international players would be fit for the Simba SC game when they join my team after finishing the international camp," Koller added.

The African Football League is a competition introduced by the Confederation of African Football (CAF) in collaboration with FIFA, and it showcases eight teams from across the continent.

As the tournament gains prominence, the concerns raised by Koller underscore the importance of adequate planning and consideration of players' physical well-being in such events.

Despite these concerns, Al Ahly has been making waves in continental football, the CAF Champions League defending champions are in Group D of this season's tournament Group Stage along with Yanga of Tanzania, CR Belouizdad of Algeria, and Medeama of Ghana.



SPORTS

Medical tourism taking a turn as prayer groups outbid one another

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

AN array of advertisements was being heard in the past week for different sorts of what are essentially medical visitations, where traditional hospitals were not on the wavelengths but medical tourism agencies, especially for cosmetic interventions.

The price tag was not being cited but it was likely to be high, as earlier, the placing of stomach balloons to reduce eating and weight at Mloganzila Referral Hospital, a cosmetic intervention that didn't appear to attract many. It also has adverse effects.

This was something predictable, on account of the rising prowess of prayer centers and miracle healers where the city of Dar es Salaam has them in good numbers.

Little is known how far their presence has affected hospital attendance or reference, as there isn't sufficient data on the relationship between hospital services and the rise in population.

And unavoidably there is scant or no data at all on how many people are delivered from diseases by visiting prayer centers, but word of mouth may appear to suggest that the number is considerable each week.

Yet there are specific centers where this medical tourism outreach is taking upper reaches, on account of the spreading of miracle healing services from diseases to chances of rectifying ruined aspirations in life.

This is the subject of especially intense preaching at places like Kawe and Kimara Temboni, as well as a couple of places at Ubungo Riverside, while for a couple of months least the most noticeable attention has been directed at Buza kwa Lulenge.

This suburb hosts a key prayer spot that changed the rules of the game, not just in healing but in liquidating witches. That attracted the mushrooming of



Choir singers of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, located at Mbezi Luis in Dar es Salaam, sing in a special service for guests organized by the church's Kibamba Kwa Mangi branch recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

an alternative prayer center that now appears to have faded, for it was not audible most of Saturday morning when it is presumed that large numbers of potential listeners with some cash to spare would be tuned to their favourite radio channel.

Instead, there was a more traditional service provider not just promising healing from a whole range of diseases with a wonder drug whose name was of course in Arabic, but a lot more.

The spokesman of the center who issued its appeals and explanation went further on the issues than is usually the case, as he admitted too many of the hidden things on witchcraft.

It was a sort of exposition involving an explanation of jinn attacks, and their types, sorting them out.

But this exposition is also partly injurious to them as they are doing it under duress if one is aware that witches and non-apostolic traditional healers are allies. The differentiating factor in how the more mainstream prayer center, located not in Buza kwa Abiola as the one now losing steam after frantically trying to compete with the witch-buster healing center at Buza kwa Lulenge, is predictably on the treatment

of witches.

The narrator went as far as promising service seekers that there is a handkerchief that enables a person to see his witch attacker, causing diseases or ruin in business, dislocation of marriage affinities, etc.

The difference is that after seeing a person's villain, it would not be up to him to administer any punishment but leave it to divinity.

This is a way of salvaging something for those found in the business of causing pain to others just as they hate their success.

Dar bankers bonanza wins plaudits

By Guardian Correspondent

ORGANIZERS of a football bonanza involving staff of various banks in Dar es Salaam, held last weekend, have won praise for the smooth hosting of the showdown.

The bonanza, known as the 'Senior Banker Footie Tournament', was played at the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club venue, with the host as well fielding an outfit in it.

John Joseph, NBC Bank staff, praised the bonanza's organizers for doing a wonderful job that brought several bankers together.

He also requested the bonanza's organizers to consider upgrading the showdown so it can turn into an annual event.

Joseph disclosed: "I like this kind of

feeling, meeting new faces from other banks that we rarely meet."

"Through this event, we have met, shared ideas, chat, and built relationships from there," he added.

The bonanza's maiden edition had participants forming two teams, the first of which consisted of players from the banks, and the other was made up of Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club footballers.

Speaking before the bonanza's kickoff, Tanzania Bankers Association (TBA) Managing Director, Tusekele Joone, said that the coveted showdown was organized by TBA and sponsored by CRDB Bank PLC, NMB PLC, NBC, and Kitomari Banking and Financing Blog. The bonanza, the TBA MD noted, aims to build unity among bankers through sports, which turns out to be a shared platform for many.

Tusekele stated: "As organizers, we have felt so good seeing these people coming together at this Bonanza."

Maendeleo Bank Managing Director, Ibrahim Mwangalaba, noted that when banks come together it is a great boost to the country's economic growth.

Mohamedi Nyengi registered the winning goal for Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club's team during its game against the Deposit team in the 'Senior Banker Footie Tournament'.

Speaking after the clash, Nyengi said he scored the goal in a difficult position.

The goal-getter noted he received a pass from his teammate, Thomas Kipese, and he got the better of the opponent's defenders and cracked a fierce shot that went straight into the net.



Dar es Salaam's Lumumba Primary School pupils participate in hockey at Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Youth Park's venue recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Lionel Messi remains a doubtful starter for Argentina. Neymar under fire in Brazil

SAO PAULO

LIONEL Messi's involvement in a 1-0 win over Paraguay last week doesn't necessarily mean he'll be fit for Argentina's next game in World Cup qualifying against Peru.

Messi played most of the second half against Paraguay last Thursday despite struggling with muscular pains in the weeks leading up to the game.

But there's no certainty he'll play against Peru on Tuesday despite practicing with the squad.

Meanwhile in Brazil, Neymar is under fire for his lackluster performance in a 1-1 draw against Venezuela last week that ended with some fans throwing popcorn at the Arena Pantanal in Cuiabá. He will have a tough challenge at Uruguay to show he is back in form.

The next World Cup in the United States, Mexico and Canada is expanding to a 48-team format, meaning direct entry to the top six teams in South America. The seventh-place team will contest an intercontinental playoff for a berth.

World Cup winner Argentina leads continental qualifying with 9 points, followed by Brazil (7), Colombia (5), Uruguay, Chile and Venezuela (4), Ecuador (3), Paraguay and Peru (1), and Bolivia (0).

The fourth match day in South American qualifying also features Ecuador against Colombia, Paraguay against Bolivia and Venezuela taking on Chile.

PERU vs. ARGENTINA

Argentina's practice on Sunday didn't show whether the 36-year-old Messi will play against Peru. He took part of the morning session at his national team's training ground, but has recently felt muscular pains in his right leg that have sidelined him for several MLS matches for his club, Inter Miami.

If Messi plays at Peru, coach Lionel Scaloni might have to remove either Julián Álvarez or Lautaro Martínez from the lineup that beat Paraguay. Keeping the captain in the starting lineup will likely mean Argentina playing Nico Gonzalez again in Lima.

Messi substituted Julián Álvarez in the 52nd minute against Paraguay, when Argentina was already in the lead. He hit the post twice, but had a low key performance overall at the Monumental de Núñez Stadium in Buenos Aires.

Peru has lost its latest two qualifying matches in South American qualifying. The squad arrived in

silence shortly before dawn so no fans could be at the airport protesting after its 2-0 loss at Chile. Players and coach Juan Reynoso know they will face a much tougher challenge against the World Cup champion.

"May this defeat today suit us for what is coming," Reynoso said in a news conference after the match in Santiago. "You don't qualify by playing beautiful soccer, you do it by playing well. For us to do that, we need to be a chameleon team that adapts to various circumstances."

URUGUAY vs. BRAZIL

Brazil fans were frustrated with the draw against Venezuela, a team that has never qualified to a World Cup. The 31-year-old Neymar was the team's most criticized player after that encounter because of several missed passes and floppy finishes.

The Al-Hilal striker was filmed leaving the pitch in anger as some fans threw popcorn at him. Brazil's soccer tradition calls "pipoqueiro" (popcorn man) the players who fail to deliver in big matches. He is likely to face Uruguay at the Centenario Stadium in Montevideo on Tuesday.

Neymar is Brazil's all-time top goal scorer with 79 goals in official matches.

Brazil's new coach Fernando Diniz, who was also criticized after the draw with Venezuela, is likely to make three changes for the next round of qualifying.

Right-back Danilo is injured, and is set to be replaced by Yan Couto. Left-back Guilherme Arana is expected to be replaced with the 24-year-old Carlos Augusto, who will make his national team debut. And striker Richarlison, on a six-match goal drought for the national team, could lose his position to Gabriel Jesus.

Uruguay has not beaten Brazil in World Cup qualifying since 2001. Captain Federico Valverde is optimistic about the match after a 2-2 draw at Colombia. He said he and Real Madrid teammates Vinicius Júnior and Rodrygo of Brazil have spent weeks talking about the encounter.

"We could have gotten a better result, but at least we returned with one point, which always suits us," Valverde said of the draw. Uruguay has been coached by Argentine Marcelo Bielsa since the start of South American qualifying.

AP

Spain, Scotland and Turkey lock up Euro 2024 spots

LONDON

SPAIN clinched their place at Euro 2024 on Sunday after a 1-0 win away to Norway, also sending Scotland through from Group A as Turkey joined the growing ranks of qualifiers.

Barcelona midfielder Gavi scored the only goal early in the second half in Oslo, bouncing a shot into the corner to help Spain qualify for next year's finals in Germany with two games to spare.

"We are very happy because the team has grown a lot and has a great future," said Spain coach Luis de la Fuente. "We have worked to get to this moment."

They moved top of Group A on goal difference, but the result ensured Scotland punched their ticket to the tournament as well, with Norway five points adrift going into their last match next month.

"When we qualified via the play-offs last time, we set ourselves a target of doing it automatically next time - so that's the first mission accomplished," said Scotland captain Andy Robertson.

Norway have not qualified for a major competition since Euro 2000, but a team featuring Erling Haaland and Martin Odegaard still has hope of advancing to the play-offs.

Georgia thrashed Cyprus 4-0 in the other game in that group.

Turkey capped off a momentous week in which they were announced as co-hosts of Euro 2024 with Italy, by turning on the style in the closing minutes to beat Latvia 4-0 and book their place at the finals. Yunus Akgun broke the deadlock just before the hour and former Everton forward Cenk Tosun grabbed two late goals either side of a Kerem Akturkoglu strike to complete the victory for the Group D leaders.

"I am very happy that we confirmed (qualification) tonight with this win," Turkey coach Vincenzo Montella told UEFA.com. "I am perhaps the happiest coach in the world right now. That's why I'll enjoy it first, and then we'll continue our preparations immediately."

- Wilson revives Wales -

Turkey sit six points clear of Wales, who leapfrogged Croatia into second



Belarus' goalkeeper Sergei Ignatovich attempts to stop a shot taken by Switzerland's midfielder Xherdan Shaqiri. PHOTO: AFP

as Harry Wilson got both goals in a 2-1 victory over last year's World Cup semi-finalists in Cardiff.

Wilson outran the Croatia defence to loft in the opening goal shortly after half-time and then glanced in a Dan James cross for the second.

Mario Pasalic reduced the deficit but Wales now have control of their own destiny heading into the concluding rounds of qualifying games in November. Croatia find themselves at risk of missing a major tournament for the first time since the 2010 World Cup after back-to-back defeats.

Switzerland needed two late goals at home to Belarus to rescue a 3-3 draw but surrendered first place in Group I to Romania. Xherdan Shaqiri curled the Swiss ahead in St Gallen before Belarus, beaten 5-0 by the same opponents in March, levelled through Max Ebong.

Denis Polyakov nodded Belarus in front at a corner and the visitors looked on course for a shock win when Dmitri Antilevski struck a third in the 84th minute. Manuel Akanji tapped in from a Shaqiri free-kick to spark the last-ditch comeback for the hosts as substitute Zeki Amdouni saved Switzerland's blushes, scrambling in a 90th-minute equaliser.

Romania eased to a 4-0 victory over Andorra to move a point clear, but the Swiss have a game in hand after Thursday's trip to Tel Aviv was postponed due to the war between Israel and Hamas.

Sir Jim Ratcliffe to control Man United football operations to take Glazers out of firing line

By Tom Morgan

SIR Jim Ratcliffe will take immediate control of football operations at Manchester United should his 25 per cent investment be ratified by the club's board - possibly as early as this week.

The vast majority of United fans are desperate to see the back of the Glazers but Ratcliffe is hoping the prospect of him taking over the running of the sporting side of the business may go some way towards appeasing disgruntled supporters demanding a full sale only.

Telegraph Sport understands a board meeting has been scheduled for Thursday and, should the billionaire Ineos owner's plan to take a 25 per cent stake get the go-ahead, it could pave the way for significant changes on the football and performance side.

There is understood to be admiration at Ineos for manager Erik ten Hag and the job the Dutchman has done since taking the helm 17 months ago but it remains to be seen what it might mean for the futures of other senior staff, including chief executive Richard Arnold and football director John Murtough.

Ratcliffe is thought to be willing to pay up to £1.35 billion for just a quarter stake - a significant premium on United's £2.6bn market valuation - but in return he has insisted on a clause that grants him control of sporting matters at a time when Ten Hag's side are sitting 10th in the Premier League after a torrid start to the season.

His proposed deal is now moving rapidly after Qatari banker Sheikh Jassim bin Hamad Al Thani, his only realistic rival, withdrew from the negotiation process over the weekend citing frustration at the Glazers' valuation.

"Club on verge of most meaningful ownership development in 18 years

It remains to be seen if Ratcliffe can get a deal over the line this week, with well placed sources acknowledging the frequent delays in a process that first began almost 12 months ago, but United could be gearing up for the most meaningful ownership development since the Glazers took charge 18 years ago.

Under a co-ownership deal, the Glazers would still retain control of



Sir Jim Ratcliffe is now closer than ever to shaking hands on a proposal. Agencies

commercial operations. It is also uncertain what it would mean for much needed upgrades to Old Trafford, although one well placed source said the need for investment in the stadium was being taken into account.

That could mean that not all the money offered by Ineos goes to shareholders and there is also an expectation that the Glazers' voting rights will be diluted under the terms of any agreement.

The Glazers currently own 69 per cent of the club but 96 per cent of the voting rights owing to a complicated dual share structure.

While such a deal will not provide the clean break from the Glazers so many fans want, Ratcliffe's Ineos group believe it would give them an opportunity to drive change on the pitch and in performance terms in the shorter-term.

That is why Ratcliffe was so keen to gain assurances that his proposals include "operational control of footballing matters", a key figure with knowledge of the situation said.

United have lost six of their opening 11 matches and are already facing an uphill battle to progress from their Champions League group after losing their opening two matches to Bayern Munich and Galatasaray.

The club feel a major injury crisis has been a significant factor behind their troubled start but some of the summer signings, including goalkeeper Andre Onana, are already under scrutiny and recruitment has long been considered an issue in the post-Sir Alex Ferguson era. Arnold, meanwhile, faced calls to resign over his

handling of the Mason Greenwood situation.

Ineos have had mixed results in their previous ventures in football with Nice and Lausanne but feel both have been valuable learning experiences. Ratcliffe has huge trust in his Sir David Brailsford, Ineos' director of sport and British cycling's former performance director, who would likely wield significant influence at Old Trafford.

The same could apply to Jean-Claude Blanc, the former Paris Saint-Germain chief executive who joined Ineos in February. Blanc, who has also been chief executive of Juventus previously, spent 12 years at PSG and has experience of running an ambitious club.

As previously detailed by Telegraph Sport, Ratcliffe also wants clauses attached to any deal which will enable him to eventually stage a full takeover, his long-term aim.

About 69 per cent of United is owned by the American family, the rest spread among multiple stakeholders who own shares listed in New York. With complexities to overcome around the club's structure, Ratcliffe had repeatedly promised the Glazers he could be more agile than Sheikh Jassim in overcoming potential hurdles.

Ratcliffe, who was born in Failsforth, Oldham and was at the Nou Camp in 1999 for United's treble win, will rely on his local background to win over a fanbase sceptical about the Glazers remaining at the club initially while also hoping to drive change on the football side.

- Saka bounces back -

Bellingham is also far from England's only weapon as they aim to conquer Europe in Germany next year.

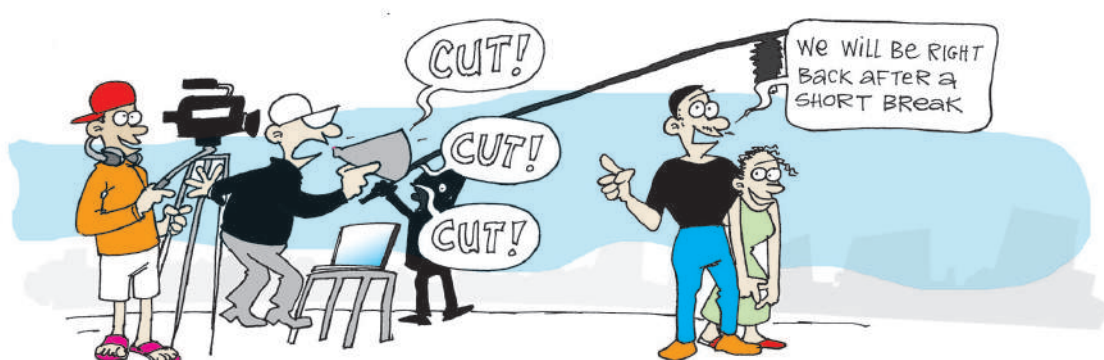
Bukayo Saka missed the decisive spot-kick in the Euro 2020 final but has bounced back to lead Arsenal's renaissance and become undroppable at international level.

Jack Grealish, Declan Rice and Harry Kane have also all moved clubs for more than 100 million euros over the past two years.

Grealish, Phil Foden, Kyle Walker and John Stones were treble winners with Manchester City last season, while James Maddison has flourished since his summer move to Tottenham.

"We lost in the Euros final but the most important thing is we're progressing and doing very well," added Trippier.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Ngorongoro Queens' skipper, Neema Justine (R), gets a Player of the Match prize from a cricket official once her side played against Kilimanjaro Queens in the 2023 Tanzania Women's Cricket Premier League's match that took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

Ngorongoro Queens wallop Kilimanjaro Queens in 2023 Women's Cricket Premier League

By Guardian Reporter

NGORONGORO Queens' cricketers have opened their campaign in the inaugural Tanzania Women's Cricket Premier League on a sound note, commanding a seven-wicket drubbing of Kilimanjaro Queens at Leaders Club ground in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

The four-team showdown has been organized by the Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA), seeking to step up efforts to raise the standard of women's cricket at the domestic level.

Kilimanjaro Queens went in to bat first and were bowled out for 100 runs in 18.1 overs, with the cricketers placed high up in the order contributing immensely to the squad's figures.

Skipper Fatuma Kibasu notched 18 runs, whilst batting at number four, as Swaumu Deo and Nasra Hamza ended with 16 runs apiece.

The experienced cricketer's knocks had propelled the batting squad to 78 runs within 11.4 overs, with her dismissal leaving the team with three wickets down.

Opener, Swaumu Godfrey, had the most impressive innings during the team's turn with the bat, having made her way back with 20 runs.

The early dismissal of the remaining members of the batting order was a drawback to Kilimanjaro Queens' team's attempt to finish its innings with an imposing figure.

All-rounder, Neema Justine, led Ngorongoro Queens' efforts to keep in check, in which she posted three wickets. Tabu Saidi also secured three wickets.

Mwanamvua Hamisi made matters worse for Kilimanjaro Queens after notching two wickets.

Much as Fatuma took two wickets for Kilimanjaro Queens, her attempt to launch a successful onslaught could not materialize.

Even though they were presented with a somewhat tricky task of chasing 101 runs from 20 overs to come out with a victory, Ngorongoro Queens embarked on a successful chase given the players went on to notch 103/3 in 12.2 overs.

The opening batting pair of Neema and Mwanaidi Ammy solidly propelled to victory, with early dismissals of fellow top-order cricketers, Shufaa Hamza and Mwanamvua Hamisi, hardly weakening their resolve.

Neema was in great form at the crease, finishing the innings with bat in hand and 41 runs to her name.

Mwanaidi was equally ruthless to Kilimanjaro Queens' bowling unit, notching 37 runs in her stint.

Neema's fifth wicket stand with the other top-order cricketer, Tabu Saidi, made certain of Ngorongoro Queens' victory, with Tabu making her way back with 21 runs not out.

Mount Meru Queens, Ngorongoro Queens, Usambara Queens, and Kilimanjaro Queens are taking part in the Tanzania Women's Cricket Premier League.

Cricketers making Mount Meru Queens include Foide Ezekiel, Mwamvita Mwasiga, Zakia Ally, Lightness Eladius, Bilhuda Salum, Jenipher Gabriel, Farida Amiry, and Gertrude Mushi.

Asha Lugali, Zena Hassan, Sophia Frank, Mwapwani Ally, Aisha Mohamed, Malizia Salum, and captain Monica Paschal are the team's other cricketers.

Ngorongoro Queens' cricketers are Mwajabu Omary, Mwajuma Matheo, Remmy Mkina, Dorice Helmet, Lonsina Seperatus, Maua Alfani, Mwanaidi Sufiani, and Gertrude Faustine.

Mwana Ushanga, Tabu Said, Shufaa Hamza, Neema Justine, Joan Jackson, Mwajabu Salum, and Mwanaidi Ammy are also on the list.

Kilimanjaro Queens are made up of Florida Peter, Halima Ramadhani, Mariam Hussein, Zuhura Masoud, Angel Paschal, Sharifa Rashidi, Mwanaidi Mohamed, and Maimuna Fikiri.

Dar basketballer joins Botswana top tier club

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIAN basketballer, Fotius Ngaiza, has joined Botswana's basketball outfit, Dolphins.

Ngaiza, a center who previously played for Dar es Salaam's Vijana Club, headed to Botswana last week to join the Dolphins for his first professional outing in his career.

The 21-year-old baller has become a pillar in the national basketball team at the moment, his move opened the door for compatriots with a desire to excel in the game to follow in his footsteps.

Dolphins were looking for skilled players with more offensive and defensive end products to improve their squad ahead of the Basketball Africa League.

The former Vijana Club player is known for his discipline and dedication to the game which earned him the opportunity to showcase his virtuosity in Botswana.

Junior NBA Coordinator, Bahati Mgunda, noted: "There are different aspects of his game he can develop, so he is going to develop there."

He revealed: "Ngaiza is a skillful player, I have known him from the junior level and he still has room to continue growing. I think he is on the right path."

Dolphins make Group D of the continental showpiece that also consists of Bravehearts Basketball (Malawi), Munali Suns Basketball Club (Zambia), JBC Basketball Club (Zimbabwe), and UNAM Wolves of Namibia for the Road to BAL first qualifying round.

Ngaiza has been one of the star players at Vijana in the Basketball Dar es Salaam (BD) League and his efforts have now paid off.

Mgunda pointed out it is a good move for Ngaiza to play at the prestigious Basketball African League and maintained it is an ideal platform for the baller.

He noted that the level he showed in the national team during the recent African Men's Basketball Championship has boosted his reputation and the Dolphins have made no mistake in signing him.

Mgunda insisted that Ngaiza landed the opportunity due to his discipline, hard work, and determination to scale great heights in the game.

"Dolphins Club was looking for a player with certain qualities, after sending them Ngaiza's clips, they were happy with his end product and what he can offer to their team and they decided to give him the contract to strengthen their team ahead of the Basketball Africa League tournament," he added.

The Road to BAL has been slated for October 3-November 19 2023 with a total of 20 teams registered to play in the first round, which is played in five groups.

"This is an important opportunity for him as a player and for the nation in general because he participates in the competition with top players," he said.

New Singida Fountain Gate FC coach calls for patience

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

NEW Singida Fountain Gate FC head coach Ricardo Ferreira urged patience for the club's rebuilding efforts in his press unveiling.

The former Al Hilal SC and Al Merrikh SC coach was announced as the new coach of Singida Fountain Gate FC on Sunday to replace Ernst Middendorp.

Middendorp resigned immediately after leading Singida Fountain Gate FC to a narrow 1-0 victory over Egypt's Future FC in the CAF Confederation Cup Second Preliminary Round's first leg game in Dar es Salaam last month.

The incoming Ferreira is tasked with improving the club's fortunes after a dismal start to the 2023-24 campaign.

Singida Fountain Gate FC has won only one of the squad's five NBC Premier League games this season.

They crashed out of the CAF Confederation Cup Second Preliminary Round and also lost both games in this season's Community Shield mini tournament.

On the back of finishing in fourth position in their debut top-flight campaign last season and spending big in the three transfer windows, Singida Fountain Gate FC faces a mammoth task to quench fans' expectations as they try to break through into one of the big teams in Tanzania.

The burden of expectation has seen the club go through two coaches, making Ferreira the third appointment barely three months into the season.

After Hans van der Pluijm, Mathias Lule, Thabo Senong, Ramadhan Nsanzurwimo, and Middendorp all featured in the dugout this season, it was put to Ferreira at a press conference that he would be within reason to ask for time from the Singida Fountain Gate FC management.

The Brazilian tactician noted: "Football is like this. When I arrived at Al Hilal in Sudan in 2005, we won the Sudan Premier League. In the second year, we won the Premier League and went a step higher by qualifying for the CAF Champions League Group Stage."

"And in the third year, we qualified for the CAF Champions League semi-finals and won the league title



Singida Fountain Gate FC's head coach Ricardo Ferreira. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SINGIDA FOUNTAIN GATE FC

once again," the gaffer revealed.

Ferreira stated: "What I am saying is that football is a step-by-step process. I don't have magic. I can't talk about success right now but after one year the players have the philosophy. Imagine if you are a player and you have three or four coaches in a season."

The Brazilian insisted: "You are confused, you don't know what you are doing.

This is not correct for the players. Maybe it is good for the press, comfortable for the short term but for the future, it is not good."

Ferreira said: "Step-by-step, I am now talking about this season, you will see what I do. You are the judge and I do my job. I don't know about the future, God decides the next step for us."

Flexibles by David Chikoko

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