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By Henry Mwangonde

THE government should use tax generated from alcohol and cigarettes to create a strong fund to facilitate implementation of the anticipated Universal Health Coverage (UHC), a section of stakeholders has proposed.

Dr David Isaya, quality improvement coordinator at the Christian Social Service Commission (CSSC), made this appeal at a media engagement forum ahead of the Tanzania Health Summit slated for next week.

This was the right time for such revenue to support healthcare, he said, noting that church based health centres were positive on introducing universal health coverage.

It will improve delivery of healthcare, enhancing its quality, he said, underlining that every Tanzanian has the right to quality healthcare.

It is the role of the government to support those not able to contribute to the scheme, he said, pointing out that most of our people live in villages, thus the only way to ensure care for all is to rescue them by universal health coverage.

To deliver quality healthcare, the government should use tax from beer and

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## Housing tribunals: Minister queries advocates' conduct

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

GAPS of professionalism among advocates handling cases in district land and housing tribunals arise lead to their purposely delaying hearings in such cases.

Dr Angelina Mabula, the Lands, Housing and Human Settlements minister, made this observation in officiating at a working session for members of district land and housing tribunals convened by the Tanganyika Law Society (TLS).

She urged TLS to conduct a study on the causes of delays in land cases, waiting without hearing for unnecessary excuses, affirming that some advocates have been at the cause of land cases piling up, for failure to observe their duties.

The tribunals are often used



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as escape routes for defaulters of bank loans by applying for court injunctions, with advocates misusing such orders to cause uncalled for delays, she said.

The use of injunctions occasions complaints, with loan issuing banks failing to collect their dues from defaulters owing to court injunctions preventing them from taking appropriate action, she stated.

The situation has a negative impact on the economy since the banks cannot collect debts and thus fund new loans, as the capital is tied up with standstill land tribunals.

The permanent secretary to the ministry needs to pay special attention to the land and housing tribunals in the city, as the

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## RC quizzes sugar, edible oil freight disappearance

By Guardian Correspondent, Tanga

A CONSIGNMENT of smuggled sugar and edible oil that entered the country via the unofficial port of Kasera in Tanga city was taken away before the relevant officials could do anything about it.

Omary Mgumba (pictured), the Tanga regional commissioner, said here yesterday that the consignment whose tonnage remained unclear was scuttled



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away by some unknown people, under questionable circumstances.

The contraband was hustled away just after reaching the port, while the dhows that carried it were left on the spot, with the RC noting that he received that information from security organs.

The consignment, believed to be smuggled, reached the port on Sunday but it quickly disappeared, with the RC obtaining the news belatedly where an impromptu inspection at the informal port yielded blank stares.

There was credible information that a large consignment of edible oil and sugar had landed on the

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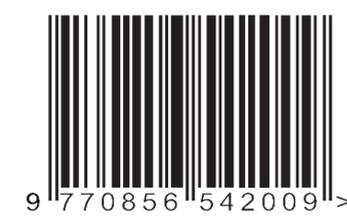
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shore, he said, recounting the futile inspection visit.

He issued an appeal for ensuring that guards in the area are more alert in their duties, directing that those who were on guard duty on the night of the incident be made to explain how the consignment was taken away.

TRA regional manager Specioza Owure said steps taken so far include the detention of the vessel that carried the contraband until the owner thereof comes to claim it.

Other steps include beefing up patrols in coastal areas and border spots, she said, intimating that the incident arises from some traders not being patriotic.

They do not abide by procedures on importation of goods and paying the required taxes thereon, she stated.

"Transporters should abide by the laws and procedures for the importation of goods. What we are doing now is to beef up patrols and make sure the reports we receive are not suspicious," the manager added.

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cigarettes to support Tanzanians who will not be able to contribute to the scheme, he emphasized.

During the symposium, experts will fathom what there is at present and areas needing more resources to achieve quality targets in the Health Sector Strategic Plan (HSSP).

Collaborative efforts in the public and private sectors in ensuring delivering quality healthcare will similarly be examined by the CSSC summit, a joint ecumenical body of the Tanzania Episcopal Conference (TEC) and the Christian Council of Tanzania (CCT).

It was set up in 1992 to facilitate initiatives in social services delivery, focusing on education and health services provided by member churches.

Dr Omary Chillo, the president of the Tanzania Health Summit, said the three days forum will feature a hybrid in-house and online gathering for more than 40 high-profile speakers from African countries and beyond.

They will take up the theme: "Quality of Healthcare in Tanzania: The Current Status and Area of Improvement toward achieving HSSP V," with an eye to citing areas needing more resources to achieve their quality targets.

Collaborative efforts of the public

and private sector in ensuring delivery of quality healthcare will also be discussed, organisers said.

Dr Pius Kagma, the quality improvement coordinator for the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments) said the government was committed towards delivering quality healthcare for all.

Upon approval of the Universal Health Coverage bill by the National Assembly, the government will ensure health services are improved and ensure that all Tanzanians are covered, he stated.

The government was committed to strategically improve health data in public hospitals for effective delivery of services especially in rural areas, he further noted.

The first reading of the Universal Health Coverage was made in the National Assembly towards the closure of the latest meeting of the legislature last month. Its various provisions include fines of 5m/- to 100m/- for suspected dishonesty in use of health insurance schemes, or imprisonment.

Private health service providers will be audited by the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) by appointing an official to sit in the board of key private hospitals to facilitate observance of the stipulated regulations.



Zanzibar First Vice President Othman Masoud Othman (R) and the US Deputy Chief of Mission in Tanzania, Robert Raines, lift an emblem engraved with the word 'THIS' - Tanzania HIV Impact Survey, for short. This was at the launch of the 2022-2023 AIDS Indicators and Outcomes Study in Tanzania held in Zanzibar yesterday. Story on Page 7. Photo: Rahma Suleiman

# World Bank admits ending poverty by 2030 unfeasible

By A Special Correspondent

World Bank president David Malpass has declared that the world is unlikely to meet the goal of ending extreme poverty by 2030.

He was unveiling a new World Bank report on 'Poverty and Shared Prosperity' yesterday, with its 2022 edition providing "the first comprehensive look at the landscape of poverty in the aftermath of an extraordinary series of shocks to the global economy."

The report underlines that by 2030, nearly seven percent of the world's population - nearly 600m people - will still be struggling in extreme poverty, living on less than two dollars per by current prices.

It said the COVID-19 global pandemic dealt the biggest setback to global poverty-reduction efforts since 1990, and the war in Ukraine makes matters worse.

Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) now accounts for 60 percent of all

people in extreme poverty at 389m, with the region's poverty rate standing at about 35 percent of total population, the world's highest.

Progress in reducing extreme poverty essentially halted in tandem with subdued global economic growth, the report asserted, noting the rise in extreme poverty and decline of shared prosperity brought by inflation, currency depreciations, and climate change.

The latter is central to broader overlapping crises facing development, presenting a grim outlook for billions of people globally. "Adjustments of macroeconomic policies are needed to improve the allocation of global capital, foster currency stability, reduce inflation and restart growth in median income," the report emphasized.

"The alternative is the status quo - slowing global growth, higher interest rates, greater risk aversion, and fragility in many developing countries," it cautioned.

To achieve the 2030 goal of

ending poverty, the Washington-based institution recommended that each country in SSA would need to achieve per-capita GDP growth of nine percent per year for the remainder of this decade.

National policy reforms can help restart progress in reducing poverty, while stepped-up global cooperation will also be necessary, it said.

In fiscal policy, the report urged governments to avoid broad subsidies and increase targeted cash transfers, pointing out that half of all spending on energy subsidies in low- and middle-income economies go to the richest 20 percent of the population who consume more energy.

"Cash transfers are a far more effective mechanism for supporting poor and vulnerable groups," it said, with observers noting that for Tanzania transfers benefit upwards of three million people in hundreds of thousands of households.

The second proposal is to focus on long-term growth by targeting high-

return investments in education, research and development, apart from infrastructure projects.

"In a time of scarce resources, more efficient spending and improved preparation for the next crisis will be key," underlining that mobilising domestic revenues without hurting the poor should be the critical focus.

"Property taxes and carbon taxes can help raise revenue without hurting the poorest. So can broadening the base of personal and corporate income taxes," it said.

Governments have to minimise economic distortions and negative distributional impacts by using targeted cash transfers to offset effects of structural distortions on the most vulnerable households.

The World Poverty Clock, an online tool that monitors the progress against poverty globally, indicates that about 70m Nigerians live in extreme poverty, representing 33 percent of the country's estimated 200m people.



Dr Angelina Mabula

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commercial capital leads in the number of unheard land conflicts from defaulters of bank loans.

TLS needs to apply the formal disciplinary code of conduct on unfaithful members painting a bad image of the profession for failure to observe ethics, the minister affirmed.

Some advocates have chosen to set up offices in areas with many land conflict challenges and add to those conflicts by faulty advice to clients. Most of them who invaded the areas and lodge complaints based on forged documents, she further asserted.

A special case in Mapinga ward in Bagamoyo district saw an advocate handling cases of the people claimed to invade land of traditional residents. The advocate was backbiting traditional residents on the dates when they acquired the areas, forging documents in favour of his clients, she stated.

Advocates need to honour their cases calendar diary as the majority bring into collision the dates for hearing in various courts, postponing cases lined up for hearing in land and housing

tribunals, she elaborated.

The government intends to oversee a fair working environment for clients and advocates, as there is no reason for case delays. Most such matters don't involve legal technicalities and have plenty of room for discussions, she stated.

One envisaged measure is amending the law to ensure it is tailored to speed up hearing by offering full time employment to tribunal chairmen, to generate confidence and rapidly settle piling workloads.

A tribunal chairman can handle at least 100 cases in a year by 2024, while at present there is an average of 320 cases needing to be heard, she said.

Ally Nkhangaa, the TLS central zone manager, said the professional body intends to work on the challenges raised by the minister. Advocates with disciplinary issues to be cleared will be submitted to the respective bodies, he said.

"In our meeting today we will discuss the issues and concerns raised since all parties are here, and come up with usable options on handling district land and housing tribunal challenges," he added.



SinoTan Company chairman Jensen Huang (R) briefs former President Jakaya Kikwete (L, foreground) on progress in the implementation of the Kwala Satellite City project at the ongoing investment and business exhibition in Kibaha, Coast Region, yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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## Bashe prohibits charges on farmers' registration for subsidised fertiliser

By Guardian Correspondent, Singida

AGRICULTURE Minister Hussein Bashe has officially launched the 2022/23 farming season and distribution of sunflower seeds in Singida Region while banning the practice of farmers being charged levies when registering themselves to buy government subsidized fertiliser.

The minister also expressed his displeasure after finding out that the agent who was contracted to distribute the fertiliser to farmers in the region has not started doing so.

Addressing farmers and both regional and district officials of Singida Region, he said the government decided to register

farmers after realising that in all previous years the billions of shillings provided by the government as subsidy on fertiliser did not those intended.

"It is prohibited to charge a farmer in the registration exercise, and any farmer who is required to pay registration fees should report the issue to his Councillor or Member of Parliament," Bashe said.

He also instructed local councils in regard to 10 per cent loans earmarked as loans to vulnerable groups to be directed to farming activities instead of loaning the money to motorcycle drivers (bodaboda), saying in farming activities, the local councils stand to earn revenue therefrom.

Regarding bank loans to farmers he said any farmer who seeks bank loans and finds the interest is above 10 per cent should report the matter to the district commissioner with related documents for further steps.

He told all banks in the country that stand to benefit from money from farming and those that can provide service to the farming sector and charge interest under 10 per cent are the ones that will do business with the Ministry of Agriculture.

On the issue of seeds, Bashe said "if the country cannot have the capacity to produce own seeds, we shall remain as slaves."

He added: "Whoever will control science and ability to produce seeds

means he controls other people's food; hence he will be their absolute ruler."

He said the phase VI government has decided to stress on research, seed production, the availability of farm inputs and extension services.

He said in order to solve the edible oil challenge in the country, 15,000 tonnes of quality sunflower seeds is needed, saying this year seeds production reached 2,900 tonnes from 223 tonnes the previous year.

He said he has instructed Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) and Agricultural Seeds Agency (ASA) to make sure they increase seed production to 10,000 tonnes for the 2023/24 farming season.

## Researchers underscore need for standards in digital labour market

By Felister Peter

RESERACHERS are suggesting stronger protections and more robust labour standards in the country's digital labour market as findings of a new report indicates the presence of many challenges including lack of contracts and low payments.

The findings which were released in Dar es Salaam yesterday by the Policy Research for Development-REPOA found that most of the companies in the gig economy platforms do not meet the minimum standards of fair work and pay.

REPOA Director of Research, Dr Lucas Katera said: "We want the government to assist digital workers to have decent work by supervising the sector to ensure gig workers enjoy their rights accordingly."

Dr Katera noted that since unemployment is a challenge not only in Tanzania but in the world, REPOA in partnership with Fairwork from the United Kingdom's Oxford University embarked on research to make sure the sector flourish for the country's economic growth as well as improvement of people's welfare.

"Digital labour is one of the areas which contributes to economic growth and creates a number of job opportunities. It is the new area which requires more work on it; it was overlooked in the labour laws as most workers do not have contracts and their payments are too low," he added.

Director of Employment Services in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability), Joseph Nganga said the government will work on the research findings to improve its policies for gig workers to have decent work.

"It is good research; it will help us as policy makers to keenly look at the sector because it employs more than 10,000 people. The number of people employed in this sector is big and has a big impact on our economy, especially job creation,"

remarked Nganga.

Nganga promised that the government will work to address the various challenges facing workers in the gig economy platforms including the skills deficit whereas training will be provided to them accordingly.

He said the government will also consult the companies to make sure those in the digital labour market benefit with social protection and are registered with various social protection schemes.

Fredrick Mwinzegule, Secretary General of the Tanzania Online Drivers Association (TODA) said: "The research will help to improve our working conditions. Our services are important to both the public and government as they contribute to its coffers."

He said REPOA has shown the reality of what gig workers are facing. He called upon the government to help them by making sure companies that are ready to follow the set regulations are facilitated to operate smoothly.

Presenting the findings of the report-Fairwork Tanzania Ratings', Senior Researcher, Dr Hilda Mwakatumbula said since the sector is rapidly growing; it is time for the government to develop policies and regulations that will lead to decent jobs.

She said only one out of six platforms meet both the local minimum wage and the living wage in Tanzania while on fair conditions, none of the platforms could evidence that there are strategies that mitigate against all the risks that workers experience.

On fair contracts, the researcher said that three of the six platforms proved to provide clear and transparent terms and conditions subject to the new law of Tanzania.

REPOA Executive Director, Dr Donald Mmari said: "For the first time we have looked at the companies offering ride-hailing services, food delivery and artisan services to rate them on how they treat their workers."



### TANOIL INVESTMENTS LIMITED



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TANOIL Investments Limited (TANOIL) is a wholly owned Company by the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC). The Company was initially incorporated as the Commercial Petroleum Company (COPEC) on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1999 to conduct oil trading. Following the enactment of the Petroleum Act in 2015, TPDC changed the name COPEC to TANOIL so as to revamp oil trading in the country and Africa.

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3. **Certified copies of relevant certificates**.

#### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- ▶ A **citizen of Tanzania** of sound mind not less than 35 years.
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Late applications will not be considered.

Application letters should be addressed to: **Chairperson, Nomination and Compensation Committee, Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, PSSSF Kambarage Building, Jakaya Kikwete Road, P. O. Box 1191, DODOMA.**

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# AMDT invests 4bn/- to transform sunflower and pulses subsectors

By Henry Mwangonde

THE Agriculture Markets Development Trust (AMDT) has announced a plan to invest 4bn/- to facilitate interventions to transform sunflower and pulses subsectors in the country.

The amount will be issued as grants to nine partner organisations and government institutions that will co-facilitate the implementation of the agriculture development projects in 11 regions of Tanzania.

Speaking at a press conference to announce the investment, AMDT Chief Executive Officer Charles Ogutu said the investment will focus on interventions that feed into the government's priorities in the agriculture sector as defined in the agenda 10/30 and the Agriculture Sector Development Programme (ASDP) II.

"The current global social economic context clearly aligns with developing and emerging economies as the future pillar for world food security and growth. Without transforming our agriculture economy, one sector at a time, Tanzania will miss out on every important opportunity," he said.

He said the project will also focus on key areas of enhancement of availability and access to improved seeds, access to finance in the two crop sectors, business development services and good agriculture practices including postharvest management.

Additionally the project will also improve access to rural advisory services and value addition in sunflower and pulses and will cover eleven regions of Manyara, Singida, Dodoma, Morogoro, Arusha, Lindi, Mtwara, Songwe, Ruvuma, Njombe and Rukwa up to 2023.

"However, it is expected that the

well performing partnerships will be extended for another year up to 2024," he added.

He said as cross-cutting and prerequisite requirements, all interventions will adhere to gender transformative approaches to ensure equitable and meaningful participation and benefit for women, youth and men.

He further said climate smart agriculture practices and technologies will be strengthened in all projects and partnerships to tackle effects of climate change to enable farmers to be more resilient.

Ogutu said this was the best time to invest in Tanzania's agriculture because the government has shown the way through injection of huge chunk of the budget into the sector adding that through collaboration the transformation of the national main economic sector will be tangible.

He said AMDT's goal is to unleash large scale positive changes in agriculture leading to broad and sustained impact on the lives of thousands of productive people with increased opportunities for employment and income.



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Civil Aviation Training Centre lecturer Thamarat Abeid addresses students of Tanga city's Galanos Secondary School earlier this week on employment opportunities in the aviation sector. Mkwakwani Secondary School and Tanga Technical School students were earlier treated to similar briefings. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## DAWASA connects 42 industries with clean, safe water in Kibaha

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation Authority (DAWASA) has connected 42 industries with clean and safe water in Kibaha District in Coast Region.

DAWASA Public Relation Manager, Everlasting Lyaro said this when speaking during the 3rd Investment and Business exhibition that is going on at Maili Moja grounds in Kibaha District.

She said apart from citizens who benefit with clean and safe water, DAWASA has been connecting

industries with water as a move to enable smooth operations of investment activities in the region.

She said in the exhibitions DAWASA provides education on availability of water services and sanitation for people and they have been solving their problems instantly.

"Am happy that I got all important information regarding water connection from DAWASA and water project that are implemented in the region I would like to encourage more people to attend this exhibitions and I promise

they will not regret," he said the authority has invested 1.1trn/- to implement different water projects for the Coast and Dar es Salaam regions and improvement of water availability.

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DAWASA Chief Executive Officer, Engineer Cyprion Luhemeja, told reporters recently that the aim of the investment is to ensure that 100 percent of Dar es Salaam and Coast

Regions get clean water by the year 2023.

He said the authority has done the best to strengthen the availability of clean water for 96 percent of Dar es Salaam and Coast Region through the strategic business plan which is implemented for three years from (2021/22 - 2023/24).

According to the CEO, DAWASA's goal is to make sure clean water services are available for 100 percent and at least to meet 60 percent of sanitation in its area of services.

"We have succeeded to provide water services for 96- percent so we are ahead of CCM Manifesto which instructs that by 2025 availability of water should be 95 percent in towns and 85 percent in rural areas," said Eng. Luhemeja.

## Minister Biteko: We'll soon form a board for geologists

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

THE government is in the final stages of completing the process of establishing a board of geologists that will help to bolster the industry, which brings in more revenues.

Minerals minister Dr Doto Biteko unveiled this here on Tuesday when speaking at the ongoing annual general meeting of Tanzanian geologists, which has been sponsored by Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML).

The four-day meeting is being coordinated by the Tanzania Geology Society (TGS) and brought in more than 300 participants.

Biteko said that once the board comes in it will give an opportunity to stakeholders to express their views on how the board should be

formed, how it will be managed, issues that will involve sources of funds and look at legal issues.

He added: "It's important that geologists ensure that they develop the profession of geology in order to give the country respect, including enabling those who are able to get accurate information and thus attract more investment in the mining sector."

He also asked geologists to ensure that they honour their profession by not allowing dishonest people to interfere with their professional duties due to the importance of research activities for the development of the mining sector and the nation at large.

Prof Abdulkarim Mruma, TGS president explained the geological wealth that the country of Tanzania

is blessed to have and explained the best way to use the profession for the development of the country and the whole society.

GGML's head of geology unit Eric Kalondwa said that the mining company has provided 25m/- to sponsor the annual meeting that has been attended by eleven geologists from Geita region.

The meeting is aimed at sharing experiences because there are various programs aimed at bringing together people with similar fields.

He said that GGML employees, who are also from the field of geology, have benefited in various ways since the establishment of the association.

This year's meeting aims to focus on the issue of establishing the board of geologists, especially considering that the field includes people from different areas, including oil extraction, water, different types of minerals and gold.



SBC Tanzania Ltd business development manager Fadi El Khalil joins Standard Seven pupils of Dar es Salaam's Kihonzile Primary School in a graduation ceremony dance at the school's premises earlier this week. He was the chief guest. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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Members are referred to (i) the joint announcement made by HeidelbergCement AG ("HeidelbergCement") and AfriSam Mauritius Investment Holdings Limited ("AfriSam") on 26 October 2021 ("Joint Announcement"), (ii) the further joint announcement made on 1 July 2022 ("First Extension Announcement") and (iii) the further joint announcement made on 1 August 2022 ("Second Extension Announcement"), which announcements relate to the proposed acquisition by Scancem International DA ("Scancem"), a subsidiary of HeidelbergCement, of 43,504,403 ordinary shares in Tanga Cement from AfriSam, which shares constitute 68.33% of the issued share capital of Tanga Cement ("Acquisition"). The Acquisition is regulated by a share purchase agreement concluded between Scancem, AfriSam and AfriSam (South Africa) Proprietary Limited on 22 October 2021 ("SPA"), as amended.

Unless otherwise defined herein, terms written with a capital letter in this Announcement bear the meaning ascribed thereto in the Joint Announcement, the First Extension Announcement and the Second Extension Announcement.

Members are advised that on 23 September 2022, the Fair Competition Tribunal ("FCT") informed Tanga Cement and Scancem of its decision in relation to the appeals filed by (i) Chalnze Cement Limited and (ii) Tanzania Consumer Advocacy Society against the merger clearance certificate (with conditions) issued by the Fair Competition Commission ("FCC") in relation to the Acquisition dated 6 April 2022 ("Conditional Approval"). The FCT held that the Conditional Approval should not have been granted by the FCC and declared it void. This informal ruling of the FCT means that the Acquisition cannot proceed until the requisite outstanding approval is obtained. HeidelbergCement and AfriSam are considering how to proceed, but the FCT ruling has placed the Acquisition at great risk of not being implemented.

The parties are awaiting the formal ruling from the FCT and will then seek appropriate advice in this regard. The parties continue to be convinced of the Acquisition's benefits to the Tanzanian economy and its consumers. The Acquisition has received formal letters of support issued by the employees of Tanga Cement and their labour union representatives. Furthermore, the transaction is well aligned with the Tanzanian government's investment drive and the parties believe that it will benefit the country in its large infrastructure investment program. Conversely, the purported interest of the appellants in the transaction has not become clear in the proceedings before the FCT.

The Board of Directors of Tanga Cement have been informed that the parties to the SPA have concluded an addendum to the SPA on 30 September 2022 in terms of which the Longstop Date has been further extended from 30 September 2022 to 16 January 2023 or such later date as the parties may agree. In terms of this addendum, the enterprise value has been set to an aggregate amount of USD 155 million for Tanga Cement. This translates to an indicative price of TZS 2,265 per Tanga share. It is important to note that material uncertainty exists currently on the final Acquisition Price, which remains subject to adjustments related to debt, working capital, other expenses and other potential adjustments post-closing.

Members of Tanga Cement are cautioned that there is no certainty that all the Conditions to the Acquisition will be fulfilled, or waived, timeously. Therefore, there is no certainty that the Acquisition will be consummated.

Members are accordingly advised to continue to exercise caution when dealing in Tanga Cement's securities.

Further announcements will be made in due course.

On behalf of the Board.

Lawrence Masha  
Chairman of the Board  
6 October 2022



Exim Bank Tanzania CEO Jaffari Matundu (R) leads other senior officers of the bank in cleaning the cars of the bank's customers at its head office branch in Dar es Salaam yesterday as part of the commemoration of Customer Service Week. Left is one of the customers, Vin Mart Company's Rashmit Lathigara. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Govt launches education campaign in Kagera Region on Ebola dangers

By Guardian Correspondent, Kagera

THE education campaign on the protection against Ebola threat to motorcycle drivers (bodaboda) and other vehicles has been launched yesterday in Kagera Region by the Minister for health, Umyy Mwalimu.

The campaign to last 30 days will be conducted by half of all bodaboda drivers in the region and other five other vehicles with posters and announcements by health experts that will be distributed to the endangered districts -- Karagwe, Ng'ara, Misenyi and Bukoba Urban.

Speaking after the launch of the campaign yesterday, Umyy said they will provide education to all bodaboda leaders, village and

homesteads' leaders with the aim of reaching all people, especially those who cross unofficial borders.

"Many travelers use over 1,000 unofficial border crossings, many of who use bodaboda to take them to various areas, hence we educate them on identifying and protecting themselves against Ebola disease, and that they should immediately report whenever they see such symptoms to the nearest village officials," she said.

She also allayed fears on the disease, saying they should be ambassadors by using their work as bodaboda.

She also said the readiness to fight the disease is big, monitoring officials have been placed at 351 centres in the region and screening

all incoming travelers at all border areas.

She said the government has invested much effort in educating the public on what should be done and how they can protect themselves against the disease.

"People are worried that the disease has found its way into the country, no, we do not have even a single case of the disease. We must invest a lot of effort in preventing it to enter the country, rather than staying idle so that when it comes in we start moving about," the minister added.

She also called for the Ebola campaign to mobilise people to be vaccinated against Covid-19 to reduce Ebola's impact in case it finds its way into the country.

Meanwhile, the Director of Public Health Education from the Ministry, Dr Ama Kasangala said the drivers were given flash discs with special messages, fliers and other posters carrying warnings on the disease.

He said they will also be distributed in public transport vehicles including commuter buses. Messages will educate people to make easy for them to identify symptoms of the disease.

He called on members of the public to dial 199 to report on any person with Ebola symptoms or whoever has a question to ask about the disease, adding that the call will be received by about 20 to 30 people at the main Customer Service Centre in Dar es Salaam.

# Reinforce SRHR education to bolster family planning, activists on gender counsel

By Guardian Reporter, Same

GENDER activists yesterday suggested the need to come up with programmes that will reinforce education on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and scale up family planning in the country.

They made the suggestion when speaking during parallel discussions at the ongoing northern zone gender festival at Kwaskwasa grounds in Same District, Kilimanjaro Region. The activists were discussing the topic on "enhancing community services to promote sexual reproductive health rights."

"There is a need to come up with a programme to educate male parents on sexual reproductive health rights so as to meet family planning uptake," said Nestory Mhando from the Dar es Salaam-based Aga Khan Foundation (AKDN).

He suggested the need for creating more rooms for people to understand sexual reproductive health rights, so as the family be able to know all issues related to child spacing, something which have health beneficial to women.

Lucy Odiwa from Tanga-based organisation—Women Choice suggested the need to extend education on sexual reproductive health rights to teenagers—boys and girls, who get into sexual relation at tender ages.

"Children at all levels need to be well informed on sexual reproductive health issues, so that they become better mothers and fathers in future, hence a better nation," she said, noting that education on safe menstruation is for schoolgirls and improve girls education.

According to Lucy, when girls and women have access to safe and affordable sanitary materials to manage their menstruation, they decrease their risk of infections.

"This can have cascading effects on overall sexual and reproductive health, including reducing teen pregnancy, maternal outcomes, and fertility. Poor menstrual hygiene, however, can pose serious health risks, like reproductive and urinary tract infections which can result in future infertility and birth complications. Neglecting to wash hands after changing menstrual products can spread infections," she said.

Another participant, Joseph Safari suggested the need for parents to be close to their children and educate them on sexual reproductive health rights and meet their desired dreams.

He also pointed out that abortion at family level has been increasing due to poor family planning uptake on both mothers and fathers.

Stesheni ward councillor, Eng. Heriel Mjema suggested the need to create friendly health facilities to relieve pregnant women from trauma caused by lack of better services.

He said that there is a need to improve roads and transport vessels to and from health facilities.

Lilian Liundi, Tanzania Gender Networking Programme (TGNP) executive director suggested the need for improving people's income to deter teenage pregnancies as most of those girls who are impregnated are from poor families. "This challenge is not from the well-to-do families, so there is a need to improve families' incomes and get rid of these unnecessary pregnancies which in turn ruins girls' dreams," she said.

Lilian urged people especially women to get the interest-free loans provided by district, municipal and city councils which can help to transform their economic status, hence improve the sexual reproductive health in their localities.

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- Mkombozi Commercial Bank now invites sealed bids from eligible service providers to apply for the below services:

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18	MKCB/RFP/018/2023	Provision of legal services

- Tender documents will be shared via email after payment of a non-refundable fee of TZS 100,000. Payment should be made to: (Account name: TENDER FEES, Account number: 30104080). Payment slip should be submitted through [aneth.usiri@mkombozibank.co.tz](mailto:aneth.usiri@mkombozibank.co.tz)
- The interested eligible bidder may obtain further information from Secretary, Tender Committee, Mkombozi Commercial Bank, email: [aneth.usiri@mkombozibank.co.tz](mailto:aneth.usiri@mkombozibank.co.tz)
- All bids in one envelope clearly marked "RFP Pre qualifications for vendors for year 2023" must be delivered to the Secretary, Tender Committee, Mkombozi Commercial Bank, Plot No.40 Mansfield Street, P.O. Box 38448 Dar es Salaam (Behind St Joseph's Cathedral)
- Proposal must be submitted not later than **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022 at 1400hrs**. Proposal must be hand delivered and dropped at tender box located at the main reception at Mkombozi bank head office.

# Bilateral relations between Tanzania and Nigeria stand as solid as ever, says envoy

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

NIGERIAN High Commissioner to Tanzania, Dr Hamisu Umar Takalmawa has said that bilateral relations between the two countries have highly been strengthened in various areas including trade and investment and culture.

Dr Takalmawa said this in Dar es Salaam recently during the commemoration of 62 years of Nigeria independence held at the embassy's premises.

He said that implementation of Foreign Direct Investments strategy (FDI) of Tanzania has made it possible for a number of Nigerian investments to make their presence in the country.

He said the increased interactions between the youth of two countries particularly in the movie and music industries, sports, culture was also noted.

The envoy cited some of the companies and organisations as Dangote Cement (with more than 1000 employees), Guarantee Trust Bank, Sahara Energy/Group, UBA, FJA Motors, Citi Trust and Breeztek are a few examples.

He expressed gratitude to all the people who have in one way or the other remain Nigeria's partners in progress and development and also the friendly relations between Nigeria and the United Republic of Tanzania.

"Today as a nation, there is much for us to celebrate. We celebrate our entrepreneurial spirit. We celebrate our resilience and ability to turn adversity into hope. We also celebrate our diverse cultures," he said.

He said considering the

complexity of contemporary diplomatic, political, social issues their intersection their intersection with diplomacy and the compelling need to engage other platforms to effectively advance Nigeria's interactions, the NHC felt it necessary to initiate and commission a library.

He said the library/resource centre which contains case studies and cutting-edge topics in Nigeria's political structure and democracy, economy, trade and investment, culture, religion, will complement the existing primers to re-introduce Nigeria to Tanzania, the diplomatic corps and other international institutions in Tanzania.

According to him, the few books and other materials provided would help to bridge the gaps/missing information between these concepts if they ever exist in the Nigerian context.



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# Z'bar youth urged to use their talents rewardingly

By Correspondent James Kandoya

YOUTH in Zanzibar have been urged to use their talents for positive changes in their workplaces as a move to reduce crime incidents in the archipelago.

Zanzibar's Urban West Regional Commissioner Idrisa Kitwana Mustafa made the call during a workshop which was organised by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Alumni Association of Tanzania (JATA) to disseminate new knowledge gained through JICA's training programmes (KCCP) to reduce the number of crime cases among youths in the Island.

Kitwana emphasized on the establishment of youth policy which will facilitate recognition of talents for socio-economic development to make them busy hence reduce crime acts.

The main agenda was "Access to Justice", reflecting a current increase in social evils among the youths in Zanzibar, leading to awful incidents, as it is also evident that the rate of youth imprisonment has increased over the last four years.

He said the theme was useful and relevant since the government has been helping to address the problem of increasing the number of youths in the Institution of Education for the Offenders in Zanzibar and countrywide.

Other officials who attended the workshop were Commissioner of the Institution of Education for the Offenders Hamis Bakari Hamis, Permanent Secretary Ministry of Education- Dr Idrisa Muslim, Director of Zanzibar Water Mineral and Energy - Mudrik Abbas and the Former Minister of Zanzibar Infrastructure- Dr Sira Mamboya.

JATA Chairperson Gregory Mlay, acknowledged that JICA has been at the forefront as the country's major development partners and has been supporting various trainings for Tanzanians.

He also informed that JATA has been carrying out various activities every year to continue strengthening its friendship with Japan as well as helping Tanzanians supported by JICA.

"This event is the opportunity to use the skills and knowledge we have acquired for the community, personal development and the nation as a whole," he noted.

JATA members also discussed several ways to positively educate the youth and support them in skills development through training and mentorship to create suitable employment opportunities for the present and future generations.

The discussion would have hints to reduce the rate of youth imprisonment as well as to bring awareness to the community to stop discrimination to the ex-convicts once they are released from the prison.

The JICA Alumni Association of Tanzania (JATA) is an association which brings together all Tanzanians who participated in training programmes in Japan or in other countries under the sponsorship of JICA.



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Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation Authority (Dawasa) officials pictured yesterday explaining the agency's responsibilities to people who visited their pavilion at the ongoing business and investment exhibition at Maili Moja in Kibaha District, Coast Region. Photo by Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

# Govt all ready to revamp Mbeya education infrastructure, roads

By Guardian Reporter

THE President's Office - Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG) has promised to improve road and education infrastructures in the City of Mbeya.

The pledge was given on Wednesday this week by PO-RALG Permanent Secretary, Prof Riziki Shemdoe when addressing Mbeya City Councillors Meeting soon after finishing his official visit to the City

during which he inspected roads and both primary and secondary schools.

Prof. Shemdoe said apart from Mbeya attaining City status, it still has many challenges which he has witnessed, saying the government vows to make historic refurbishment.

Citing steps the government has so far taken regarding the issue, Prof Shemdoe said as for now Mbeya City Council has started its implementation of education

projects valued at 2bn/-.

In so doing, he said the government plans to float tenders for refurbishing roads, airport and water supply services and that at the end of October and beginning of November this year with actual work expected to start in March next year.

He mentioned among the projects expected to begin include the main bus stand, including a minor bus stand at the former airport area, widening of various

roads including the 5.7km Iziwa road; 5.75km Block-T Makunguru and 3.2km Airport-Samora-TANESCO-Sae-Kisanji.

Conveying her thanks on behalf of Mbeya City Councillors, Mbeya Urban Member of Parliament Dr Tulia Ackson said the City of Mbeya has high confidence on the government under President Samia Suluhu Hassan and asked it to provide special treatment as the city had remained underdeveloped for a long time.



Patrobas Katambi (L), Deputy Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and People with Disabilities), briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday on what he said was a decision by the government to resume making a comprehensive follow-up on the rights of workers throughout the country. With him are National Social Security Fund customer service manager Robert Kadege (R) and Workers Compensation Fund implementation manager Paskali Richard. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

# NGO organises free clinic for mental health issues in Moshi

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

THE non-for-profit- Akili Chanya Initiative Tanzania (ACIT) has organised a special three-day free clinic for mental health issues which will be held from October 7, this year in Moshi municipality, Kilimanjaro Region.

The event is part of the series of activities under the organisation to mark International Mental Health Day observed on October 10, every year.

In an interview with this paper yesterday, ACIT founder

and managing director, Renalda Lekule said specialist doctors and other health experts from Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre (KCMC) zonal referral hospital, Kilimanjaro Regional referral hospital-Mawenzi, Kibosho, Mwangi and Same hospital will be there to provide counselling and medication for the mental health victims for free.

"On Monday of October 10, this year we are going to have a special walk in Moshi Municipality to create awareness on mental health issues as a part of the series of activities to

Mark International Mental Health day," she said.

According to Lekule, her organisation aims at helping the affected members to work productively to improve their standards of living and make positive contributions to their families, communities, and the nation at large.

"The main purpose of the Organization is to establish roots of unrevealed conditions and facilitate access to support, recovery, counselling, and prevention of common mental health disorders

while promoting access to basic education," she further said.

According to her, depression and anxiety are the most common mental health conditions worldwide, making them a leading cause of disability, added that, even beyond diagnosed conditions, subclinical symptoms of depression and anxiety affect the wellbeing and functioning of a large proportion of the population.

The overall objective of World Mental Health Day is to raise awareness of mental health issues around the world and to mobilize efforts in support of mental health.

The Day provides an opportunity for all stakeholders working on mental health issues to talk about their work, and what more needs to be done to make mental health care a reality for people worldwide.



Tanga regional education officer Newaho Mkisi (R) pictured yesterday presenting to Mkinga district health officer Bertha Mwakuyasa school food delivery guidelines prepared by Save the Children through the agency's food distribution programme. Photo: Correspondent Hamida Kamchallah

## Z'bar 1st VP launches research on HIV/AIDS prevalence, indicators

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR First Vice President, Othman Masoud Othman, has said research on Indicators and Prevalence of HIV/Aids is important as it will enable the government and other various stakeholders to understand the actual situation of the disease so as to have in place strategies to go in tandem with the actual situation in fighting the disease.

First Vice President Othman made the remarks in Zanzibar West 'A' District in Urban West Region at the launching of the Research on Indicators and Prevalence of HIV/Aids to be conducted both in Zanzibar and Mainland.

He said getting correct statistics is

an important weapon in planning and organising strategies in fighting the disease as its real situation and growth will be known.

However, Othman said, in regard to Zanzibar it would be better for the research to go simultaneously with the research on HIV/Aids Infection Indicators involving special groups that are believed to have high level of infection as compared to ordinary members of the community.

He added that the research will involve about 20,000 households for both Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar and called upon all Tanzanians to remove fear in regard to the issue and avail themselves to research.

He said that in total, the 2022/23

research will involve 40,000 people and that the government hopes the selected households and the people picked will provide adequate cooperation in making the research a success and added that details obtained will be confidential.

He thanked the US government through its emergency plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) for continuing to assist Tanzania both financially and professionally.

Meanwhile, the Managing Director of Zanzibar Commission for HIV/Aids, Dr Ahmed Khatib said Zanzibar has had various strategies that have assisted in the control of the disease since its eruption in the Isles in 1986.

Zanzibar Government Chief Statistician, Salim Kassim Ali said the research will involve people beginning 15 years of age and the statistics obtained will help in planning more strategies to fight the disease.

## Qatar meat trading and exporting firm to open branch in Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

QATAR Widam Food Company, the main supplier of meat and livestock, has announced the start of procedures for establishing 'Widam Tanzania' company, which is specialised in trading and exporting meat to the Qatari market and the region.

On the occasion, Widam chairperson Mohamed al-Sada expressed his happiness to establish Widam Tanzania, which is specialised in trading and exporting meat to provide products to consumers at competitive prices.

Al-Sada also indicated that the

new company's imports of meat will contribute to covering the growing demand locally and supporting the state's food security, in light of the inflation witnessed by meat prices worldwide.

Also, the establishment of Widam Tanzania aims to enhance meat import operations from global meat-exporting countries to Qatar and the region, such as the Republic of Tanzania, whose products have witnessed a growth and popularity in their sales in the recent period, due to their quality and competitive prices.

Widam has expanded its import network, which has now reached 25 countries around the world,

with the aim of diversifying import sources to provide the best products at the lowest cost to serve consumers.

In addition, Widam Tanzania will work on to supply sheep and veal meat to Qatar, and the presence of a branch of the company in Tanzania will allow it to monitor the quality of products and processes to ensure compliance with specifications.

Widam has already supplied shipments of Tanzanian meat to the local market since the beginning of the last year.

Widam supplies meat to a number of Arab countries such as Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Oman and Jordan.

## WB offers \$ 200m to curb flooding in Dar

By Guardian Reporter

THE World Bank has offered \$200 million support aimed at transforming flood prone areas and turning Dar es Salaam city into a vibrant green space and commercial area that will benefit residents.

The new financing approved by the World Bank board of executive directors will help reduce the flood exposure of over 300,000 people, including many low-income communities, while providing access to better infrastructure and services.

Additionally, users of the city's Bus Rapid Transit system and other commuters will benefit from fewer traffic disruptions from floods during the rainy season through the implementation of the new Msimbazi basin development project, financed by the International Development Association (IDA).

"Harnessing urbanization to promote economic growth and job creation is a priority in our country partnership framework for Tanzania," said Preeti Arora, acting

World Bank country director for Tanzania.

She added "Despite its critical role as an engine of growth for the nation, Dar es Salaam's business environment is negatively impacted by the unplanned nature of its growth, limited urban services, and the vulnerability of settlements and critical infrastructure to climate-related hazards.

With an estimated six million inhabitants, Dar es Salaam accounts for 40-percent of Tanzania's total urban population and 17percent of national GDP.

Growing at a rate of 5.6 per cent annually, it is projected to become a mega city with a population of more than 10 million by 2030. Formal planning has not kept pace with the city's population growth. An estimated 70-percent of development in the city is informal and unaccompanied by service extensions, leaving the booming urban population with infrastructure systems designed for a much smaller city.

"Given Dar es Salaam's flat topography and limited drainage network, nearly every rainy season

brings flooding and the area near the lower Msimbazi River is most affected.

This has become increasingly severe over the past decade due to rapid and unplanned growth, which has led to higher flood intensity and more people moving to flood prone areas," said John Morton, World Bank senior urban specialist.

He added that "The project is designed to be resilient to this rapid urbanisation and anticipated impacts of climate change through a flood prevention approach that reduces the impacts on mobility, property, health, livelihoods, and economic development."

It will be co-financed through a \$30 million credit from the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation and a €30 million grant from the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The project also builds on the World Bank's nearly two decades of engagement in urban development in Dar es Salaam, including the Dar es Salaam metropolitan development project, which will close in December 2022.

## Govt tasks GST to remove people wanting in knowledge of geology

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

THE government has instructed Tanzania Geological Society (TGS) to remove people who lack knowledge in geology from the sector in order to restore the needed respect and discipline.

The government further said it was in the final stages for the registration of the country's Geologists Board.

Speaking here yesterday at the opening of TGS Annual Meeting, Minerals Minister Doto Biteko who represented Vice President Dr Philip Mpango said it is essential for the profession to be respected as it was important for the mineral sector.

He said there is no point for continuing having unqualified people who engage in deceptiveness in the researches they do, instead of

putting patriotism foremost.

He said whatever bad they do, they convey bad image outside the country, and hence as a country we cannot continue having these people.

"For example, we do farming because there are soils whose origin are rocks, we drink water that come out of the ground, from the rocks system, we use various metals in our factories for production, all these come from various minerals from the rocks.

"In addition, some energy sources are related to geology, example geothermal energy, oil and natural gas, coal and uranium," he said.

He added that apart from agriculture, other resources found from rocks including minerals, gems, oil and gas have big contribution as industrial raw materials worldwide,

and Tanzania is well bestowed with these resources.

He said the Ministry of energy is monitoring the procedures for finalising the establishment of the Geologists Board so that mineral, water and other related sectors should be professionally managed for the benefit of the country.

Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Minerals, Msafiri Mbibo said the cadre needs a lot of discipline especially in regard to research; hence the government is ready to collaborate with other sectors to enforce discipline.

TGS President, Abdulkarim Mruma said Tanzania is home to many resources and that in the annual meeting experts will discuss about various issues that aim to build the society as well as how to solve various challenges it faces.



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Queries should also be directed to nm.proposal@barrick.com

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###### Key Dates

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## No cause for much optimism as yet changes on fuel prices

HOPES are being cultivated, rather too energetically, that the cost of living will drop following Tuesday's cap fuel price revision by the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (Ewura).

It's presumed that consumers - and practically the wider public - see the recent drop in fuel prices as signalling a diminution in commodity prices generally.

But there have been other observations tied to the particular development which, if not checked, may disturb psychological resilience on the issue by making the matter one of government decisions or a changed market.

A cross-section of consumers suggested in random surveys that the drop in fuel prices for two consecutive months was a welcome trend likely to relieve the public of 'pressure' stemming from the prevailing rise in the cost of living.

To be fair, there is little surprise when a top Ewura consumer consultative council official says that fuel pricing fluctuations have a direct bearing on inflation and the drop signals relief to consumers.

Trouble would likely arise when the particular official starts looking at fuel price rises in the past tense - that is, as if this situation was over and done with.

Reports on media remarks the CCC official made affirm that the shift was expected in that the hike in global fuel prices was just temporary, tied to the events in Ukraine and the lingering impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Both of these challenges were projected to come to an end after a while, and thus the world by this supposition is through with both sets of problems.

The official further assured his vast virtual audience that future trends suggested that fuel prices would continue to drop while prices of goods may not drop in tandem with a fuel

price decline.

That was the only ugly dot in the picture, as otherwise a slight drop in general commodity prices was expected though not as quickly as many people wish.

While there was celebration in Dar es Salaam, what is known as OPEC+ - implying petrol/gas exporters essentially grouped in the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) - was working in liaison with Russia and they agreed on Wednesday to reduce oil production by two million barrels a day.

How far they will be able to act cohesively and push up prices again was a different matter, just as was how far other producers not in that league would push up production to dampen prices.

Both the United States and the UK are crossing existing 'red lines' on exploitation of fossil fuels, including permitting 'fracking' or prospecting in protected areas. The moves threaten to keep price rises at bay and throw COP27 into confusion.

While on the whole it is true that the global oil market situation is promising, enabling the government to reduce its subsidy on fuel import costs and still mark down cap prices somewhat, all isn't that bright as yet.

Powerful forces are working to raise prices for their own strategic needs, as has always been the case, but it is the demand that finally counts.

There are risks of a sharp slowdown in global economic activity owing to fuel cost inflation and labour cost mark-ups.

If poor countries like Tanzania will at that time have landed open markets for the purchase of fixed goods by foreign investors, they could use the recession to take off.

If not, they will be in a recession as well just like the 1970s witnessed. Africa fell even further behind, while Asia took off; we are still trying to 'learn' what they actually did. And the lessons should sink.

## Must college students both grasp and seek solutions to challenges?

ONE trap about what is often known as 'the philosophy of education' is how far the learner ought to be involved in figuring out what is right in the competing sentiments involved in studying any field particularly in the social sciences but in the 'hard sciences' as well.

As if to add to this debate, an idea has just been floated that universities and other institutions of higher learning offer fewer lectures and make room for more detailed discussions - the plan being to find answers to problems raised.

What is noticeable in the intervention mooted is that it seeks to end the learning and introduce a whole issue of solutions, where it is evident that the proposition has a solution in mind about either the wider matrix of problems or at least a number of such problems.

It is apparent that the proposal arises from within a learned environment as the law profession often qualifies their accredited members, and it carries an idea that these solutions can either be passed on to students or they come up spontaneously in debate. They don't say students be taught solutions.

If one follows the argument further, chances are that it is unavoidable for one to get sucked into quicksand.

A debate by its very nature is open-ended and doesn't allow anyone to be master of the situation but merely gives everyone a chance to speak.

That means even the tutor, lecturer or professor guiding a session can only help to clarify some ideas and times set the record straight about this or that issue, though such clarification would itself also be debatable.

How would examinations be set in such an environment, when the

professor is just another participant in debate?

Solutions are valid only if they enable some other agency or authority to take up the concluded idea, either as policy or as a project to be funded.

When no such implications arise, the issue is to figure out if the students grasp the issues embedded in a particular problem, the socio-economic setting to which its political parameters correspond - forbidding meaningful discussion. What professors can do is to shed light on a historical setting, and whatever options may be likely. Institutions of higher learning ought to make sure that the learners they release into the market are good enough 'goods'.

Those fresh graduates ought to be prepared to mentally confront often biting administrative problems in whatever roles or positions of responsibility they may be.

In the first place they will have to show ability to appreciate problems or challenges as such, which would entail aptitude to grasp where discussion leads, if they are to prove employable. They need to have a nose for policy action, strategy.

Those making policy in the government or are entrusted with carrying out the responsibility ought to have patience about the problems the country faces, and on no account should they raise simplistic scenarios where any college seminar can give a clear answer to problems.

If things were that simple, why should the challenges graduate into problems in the first place? Students should be able to tell potential results or implications of this or that contribution, from whatever quarter, and go on to evaluate its feasibility and its ethical demands.

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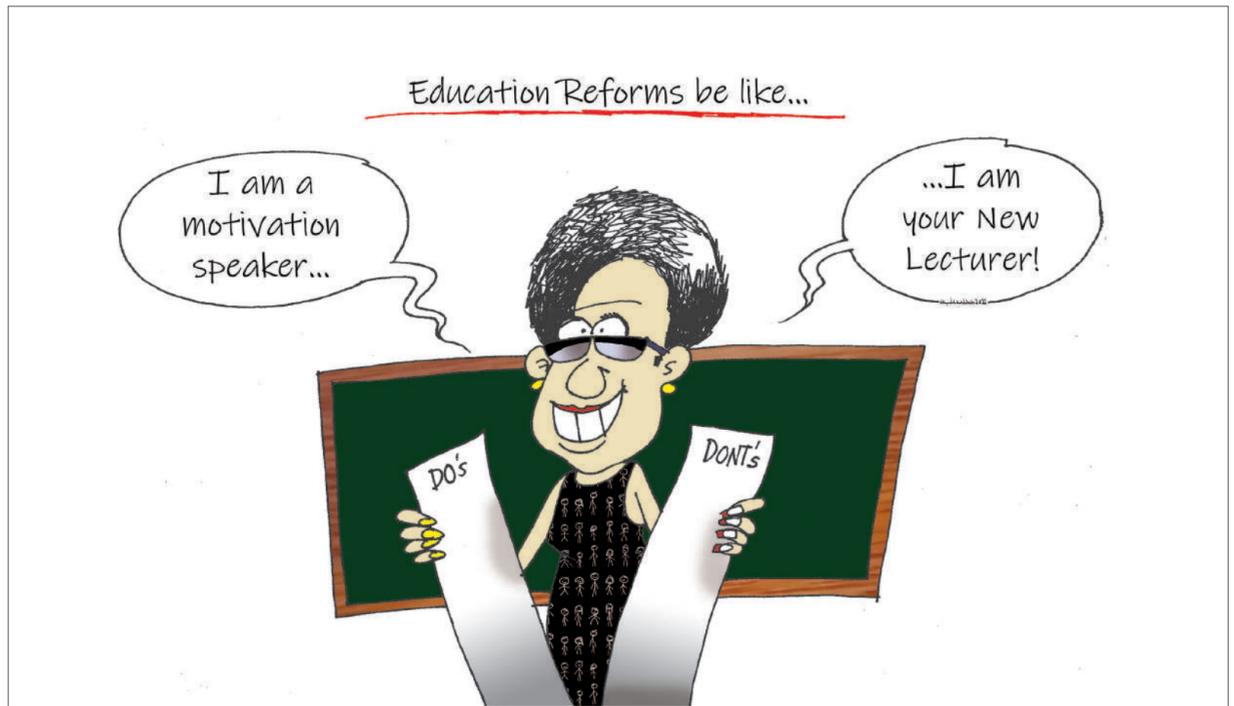
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By Ryan Holiday

**L**IFE is about choices. How we choose to see things. What we choose to say. What we choose to think. We choose what kind of person we are going to be. It all comes down to choices.

And Stoicism, it could be said, is a philosophy about how to make better choices, how to endure pain or hardship without showing one's feelings or complaining. This is what we see in a book like Stoic philosopher Marcus Aurelius' Meditations.

We see Marcus Aurelius, typical of Stoics, working to get better at choosing. Choosing the right things to value, the right things to think, the right things to focus on, and the right response to a difficult situation.

Here, I will give you the best insights from the Stoics on choosing well to live better.

Start now by making the choice to... say yes only to what matters. Being great at anything requires concentration. It requires elimination, Seneca says. "He who is everywhere is nowhere."

If you want to be great at whatever it is you're doing, you have to make some choices about what you say YES to and what you say NO to. Everything you say yes to means saying no to something else. And conversely, everything you say no to means saying yes to something else.

The Stoics say that when you say no, when you cut out the inessential, it allows you to double down on what is truly essential. So the question is: are you saying no to say yes only to what matters?

#### Control your emotions

Cato was once spat on by a rival politician. He was a physically tough man, a soldier, who could have, let's say, taken matters into his own hands. Instead, he is reported to have laughed and said: "I will swear to anyone, Lentulus, that people are wrong to say that you cannot use your mouth."

In another case, he was punched and responded to the man's apology by saying: "I don't even remember being hit."

Cato chose not to be provoked. He chose not to be dragged down to their level. He didn't lose his temper. He didn't let them get to him. He abided by Marcus Aurelius' wisdom: "You don't have to turn this into something. It doesn't have to upset you."

#### Let go of anxiety

This was a breakthrough I had during the Covid-19 pandemic.

## Life is up to you: Eight choices which will make your life better

Suddenly, I had a lot less to worry about. I wasn't doing the things that, in the past, I told myself were the causes of my anxiety.

I didn't have to get to this plane. I wasn't battling traffic to get somewhere on time. I didn't have to prepare for this talk or that one.

So you'd think that my anxiety would have gone way down. But it didn't. And what I realised is that anxiety has nothing to do with any of these things.

Marcus Aurelius actually talks about this in Meditations. "Today I escaped from anxiety," he says, adding: "Or no, I discarded it, because it was within me, in my own perceptions - not outside." He writes this during a plague, no less.

We tell ourselves that we are stressed and anxious and worried because of the pressure our boss puts on us or because of some looming deadline or because of all of the places we have to be and people we have to see.

And then when all that gets paired down, you realise: "Oh, no, it was me. I'm the common variable." The anxiety is coming from the inside. And you can choose to discard it.

#### Stop wasting time

When I was 20 years old, I was thinking about becoming a writer. I had about a year left on my contract at the company I was working at.

I was telling Robert Greene, one of the greatest writers of all time, about all of this, and he told me I had two options. With this next year, he said, you have the choice between alive time and dead time.

Dead time is when you waste time sitting around, waiting, hoping for things to happen to you. Alive time is when you are in control, when you make every second count, when you are learning and improving and growing and experimenting.

Is this going to be Alive Time or Dead Time? I decided to print it out and put it on my wall. And it was one of the most productive years of my life. I read stacks and stacks of books. I filled up a box of notecards. I reached out to people and have relationships to this day that came out of that experience.

Most of all, what I took was life is constantly asking us: Is this going to be alive time or dead time? A contract we have to earn out - is this tying us down or freeing us up?

What you do with the time when you are not totally in control - that

is the critical choice you have to constantly make.

#### Focus on what's in your control

Ninety-nine per cent of the things that you spend time on don't matter. It's not that they're not important. It's that we focus on things that are not up to us.

Greek Stoic philosopher Epictetus, who was born into slavery and lived in Rome until his banishment, once said: "The chief task in life is simply this: to identify and separate matters so that I can say clearly to myself which are externals not under my control, and which have to do with the choices I actually control..."

The chief choice is between things that are in our control and those that are not in our control. What other people do, what other people say, what the weather is doing - just about everything except our actions, our thoughts, our feelings - is not in our control.

Our actions, our thoughts, and our feelings - these are up to us. Other people, the weather, external events, these are not. But here's the thing: our responses to other people, the weather, external events are in our control.

Making this distinction and then choosing to focus on the things that are in your control will make you happier, stronger and more successful - and this, if only because it concentrates your resources in the places where they matter.

#### Do the more difficult thing

Marcus Aurelius wrote in Meditations about holding the reins in his non-dominant hand as both an exercise to practise and a metaphor for doing the difficult thing. Seneca talked about how people who skate through life without being tested and challenged are actually depriving themselves of opportunities to grow and improve.

It is both these ideas that informed one of the things I wanted to do with my book *Courage is Calling*. I wanted to alter people's perception of courage. To get people to stop thinking of our courage only as what happens on the battlefield or when destiny calls you onto the world's stage.

Courage is a kind of craft, something you pursue day in and day out just as one pursues the mastery of any profession or skill. It's something you do, something

you make a habit of.

Jump into the colder pool. Walk rather than drive. Pick up the book instead of your phone. Take responsibility instead of hoping that it goes unnoticed.

It matters big and small; courage is choosing the more difficult option. Make it a habit. Iron sharpens iron, after all.

You'll be better for it - not only for the improvement that comes from the challenge itself but also for the willpower you are developing by choosing that option on purpose.

When you have two choices, choose the more difficult one. Choose the one, as Marcus would agree, that allows you to take the reins in any situation.

#### Grab the smooth handle

If you've ever been stuck in Los Angeles traffic at night, you know it's miserable. But if you've ever seen a helicopter shot of Los Angeles at night, you've seen how this same miserable experience can suddenly be made to seem beautiful and calm or peaceful. We call one a traffic jam, the other a light show.

#### Same thing, different perspective

Life is like this. We can look at it one way and be scared or angry or worried. We can look at it another and find an exciting challenge. We can choose to look at something as an obstacle or as an opportunity. We can see chaos if we look up close, or order if we look from afar.

As Epictetus said, each situation has two handles - one that will bear weight and one that won't. We get to choose how we look at things. We get to look for the best handle to grab. As Marcus would put it, we get to choose the thoughts we dye the world with.

#### Little choices make for a big change

These choices are all very minor; I get that. But that's the point. These little choices we make - the choice to direct our attention, to grab the right handle, to not get upset - this adds up.

Adds up to what? To freedom, the Stoics would say. To be in control of your life...even when so much of what happens in life is outside your control.

• AGENCIES

# There are useful career lessons that your lecturers didn't teach you

**Y**OU may think you know all there is to be known after interacting with teachers in primary and secondary schools and finally listening to thoroughly educated tutors and professors at college or university.

If for instance you didn't undergo a career class in high school and your college didn't provide that, then sit back and have a glimpse of these career lessons that no professor took their time to enlighten you about.

The name of your learning institution does not matter. When looking for a job, the institution where you obtained your degree or diploma doesn't count but your GPA distinction does. This is because our curricula are mostly outdated and have outlived their usefulness.

Obtaining a degree from an institution with a big name doesn't guarantee that you will be a hot cake to potential employers in the competitive job market nor does it mean that other small colleges are not considered seriously.

The most important skills in the market are the soft skills. These include good communication skills, the ability to work as part of a team and the ability to learn. Beyond that, the skills required will depend on the particular job.

Having first class honors without possessing these skills is as bad as having a pass. Pursue skills more than anything else. Learn computer skills, dig deep into interpersonal skills and so much more. Be anxious and ready to learn after school because we don't learn everything in class, keep that in mind.

A first class honors degree without the soft skills is as useless as getting a fail when you meet an interview panel with big brains recruiting for a company that wants productivity from employers. Or, you can get that job but you won't climb the career ladder because they will know that you are weak.

Employers are no longer excited by the number of as in your transcript since the quality of education in Tanzania is known to be wanting and that is why education stakeholders are calling for overhaul of the entire system.

We all know how grades, courses work and finally GPAs are found at some point in college. In some colleges and universities, there is a certain level of cheating, sexually transmitted grades, and forged transcripts and so on.

Roughly 400,000 young graduates in Tanzania join the job market each year but only a fraction of them succeed in securing formal employment just after graduation. The rest walk with the




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brown envelope containing CVs for months and even years.

This has to click in your mind that not only obtaining a degree will land you a job. The job market isn't as challenging as it looks, it's just a matter of possessing skills and capabilities different from what everyone else has to offer. Think of what

you can offer the company, not what they have to offer you. Dare to bring in something different.

Most of the courses offered in private and public universities are not tailored to the job market needs of today's computerized internet-powered digital economy. This mismatch of skills is to

be blamed for graduates failing to secure a job or adapt to their jobs. As said earlier, a mere degree isn't a guarantee for success but having the will and eagerness to learn something new each day is.

University students in Tanzania should wake up from the slumber and realize that the higher the number of learned people in the society, the fewer the employment opportunities. We are no longer living in the 19th century when all fresh graduates were guaranteed a formal job.

Alternatively, graduates should get out of their comfort zones and make use of their different skills and talents to start their own business enterprises.

For students who wish to seek employment someday, the hiring process is not about how much you have an unbeatable transcript or

the institutions where you graduated from.

Many employers not only match candidates' soft and technical skills and experience with a job opening's stated requirements, but also carefully consider those elusive qualities such as personality, temperament, career progression and a host of other legitimate elements.

It is therefore important for students to work on their personal development to avoid future disappointments as a job seeker or entrepreneur.

Equally important are activities that improve awareness and identity, develop talents and potential, build human capital and facilitate employability, enhance quality of life and contribute to the realization of dreams and aspirations. It's survival of not the fittest but those with extra, elusive skills.

## BUENOS AIRES

**T**he Padre Carlos Mugica neighborhood looks like another city within the Argentine capital, which most people usually see from up above as they drive past on the freeway but have never visited. It is a shantytown in the heart of Buenos Aires, of enormous vitality and where women are organizing to confront the various forms of violence that affect them.

"I have a history of gender violence. And what I found here is that many other women have experienced similar situations in their lives," says Graciela, seated at the table of the weekly Women's Meeting, in a small locale in the most modern sector of the neighborhood, called Punto Violeta, which has become a reference point for victims of violence.

Traditionally known in Buenos Aires as Villa 31 and home to more than 40,000 inhabitants, the neighborhood's name honors a Catholic priest and activist who worked with poor families, who was killed during the 1976-1983 military dictatorship.

The slum is located on more than 70 hectares of publicly owned railway land just a few minutes from the center of the

capital and separated by the train tracks from Recoleta, one of the city's most upscale neighborhoods. Families started to occupy the area 90 years ago and the shantytown grew as a result of the successive crises that hit the Argentine economy and with the influx of poor immigrants from Paraguay, Bolivia and Peru.

Different governments have tried to eradicate the slum throughout its history, but in recent years the official view of the neighborhood has changed. Today Villa 31 is halfway through a slow and laborious process of urbanization and integration into Buenos Aires that the city government launched in 2015. Thus, it has become a strange place, which mixes hope for a better future with the social woes of poverty and overcrowding.

There are wide streets with public transport and modern concrete housing blocks where once there was only a total absence of the state. But there are also still many narrow, dark passageways, where precarious brick and sheet metal houses up to four stories high seem on the verge of crumbling on top of each other.

**The struggle for a better life**  
Graciela, who became

## Women in Argentine slum confront violence together



**Women gather at the Punto Violeta, a center where different government agencies and social organisations seek to address the gender-based violence suffered by women in the Padre Mugica neighborhood, or Villa 31, a shantytown in Argentina's capital city. CREDIT: Daniel Gutman/IPS**

a single mother at 18 and now has six children she has had to raise on her own, says she lived in the western province of Santa Fe and decided to move to Buenos Aires in search of a better life, after an accident at work in which she lost a hand. "In order to get a disability pension, I had to be here," she explains. That's how she ended up in Villa 31.

She says that this year

her ex-partner tried to kill her, cutting her neck several times with a knife, so today she has a panic button given to her by the police.

She shares the things that happen to her at the Women's Meeting every Wednesday, a space where collective solutions are sought for complicated lives, marked by economic difficulties, overcrowded housing, interrupted studies, lack of opportunities,

families with conflicts and a permanent struggle to get ahead.

"It is a weekly meeting where we invite all the women of the neighborhood and we work on emotional strength as a preventive strategy against violence. Sometimes women start to feel that what they experience at home is normal," says Carolina Ferro, a psychologist of the Women's Encounter Pro-

gram of the Undersecretariat of Public Safety and Order of the Buenos Aires Ministry of Justice and Security.

Ferro explains that the goal is to bolster the self-esteem of the women victims of violence. "Once they are empowered, they can go out to work to become economically independent or go back to school. We help them to be themselves," she says during the last meeting in September, in which IPS was allowed to participate.

"This is part of a comprehensive care project. We centralize the care at the Punto Violeta because, although the violence here is no different from that in other parts of the city, many women find it difficult to leave the neighborhood because they don't know how," she adds.

When the psychologist asks the women what has been the greatest achievement in their lives, excited responses emerge. One says, "Raising my children on my own"; another says, "Going back to school as an adult, and graduating"; and another says, "Having stopped working as a house cleaner to open my own little salon where I do therapeutic massage."

"This is the first time in my life that I have spoken to a psychologist," says

one of the participants in the meeting, who is anguished because her son, whom she dreamed would become a university graduate and professional, dropped out of school. The group coordinator and her fellow participants insist on the need not to place expectations on another person, whose life cannot be controlled, in order to avoid frustration.

### Unceasing violence

In 2021, in this South American country of 45 million people, 251 women were killed by gender violence, an average of one murder every 35 hours, according to the National Registry of Femicides, kept by the Supreme Court of Justice since 2015. In 88 percent of the cases, the victim knew her aggressor, and in 39 percent she lived with him. In 62 percent of the cases she was killed by her partner or ex-partner.

The Supreme Court has been conducting the survey since 2015 and the figures have not varied much, with approximately 20 percent of femicides in the city of Buenos Aires committed in shantytowns and slums. In any case, during 2020, the most critical year of the COVID-19 pandemic, calls to emergency numbers increased fivefold.

# Energy transition: Is it time for Africa to talk tough?

KAMPALA

**T**hirty-year-old Difasi Amooti Kisembo is one of the demonstrators near the EU delegation offices in Kampala. He and a handful of others have traveled from Uganda's oil and gas-rich Albertine region's district to Uganda's capital Kampala to express their displeasure with an EU Parliament's resolution against the planned construction of the East African Crude Oil Pipeline.

"EU Stop neocolonialism and imperialism on Uganda's oil projects," reads the placard that Kisembo is holding. Next to Kisembo is Lucas Eikiriza with a message: "Our pipeline is safe, EU stand aside".

**iversity of Cape Town.**

While there is opposition to the planned construction of a 1,443km pipeline from Uganda through Tanzania and Tilenga and Kingfisher upstream oil projects in Uganda, Kisembo told IPS that he has, over the last 16 years, patiently waited to see oil flow from this formerly sleepy and remote part of Uganda.

"I have not seen that oil with my eyes, but I'm already seeing the benefits. The roads are very good now, there were grass-thatched huts all over my village, but those have been replaced with iron-roofed (ones) thanks to oil that was discovered in Bunyoro," Kisembo told IPS. "So when I heard that the Europeans want the government to stop the projects, I said that we, the young Banyoro, should stand up against that nonsense just like our forefathers fought the British colonialists."

TotalEnergies and its partner China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) in February decided to invest more than \$10 billion into Lake Albert Development Project.

The landscape in Buliisa and Hoima districts has drastically changed with a number of needed infrastructures like the Central Processing Facility, an international airport, and well pads under construction.

"Everyone is going to gain. Anytime I'm sure that everybody is going



**Tanzanian officials tour the Kingfisher upstream oil project in Uganda. The African Union has adopted a position of energy access which includes deploying all forms of energy resources, including non-renewable and renewables, to address the energy crisis in the continent. Credit: Wambi Michael/IPS**

to enjoy this oil and the developments which are coming in," said Peter Mayanja, a real estate dealer and owner of Farm Bridge Investments, told IPS

President Yoweri Museveni in February said, "This project is a very important one for this region. This money will boost our economy."

The EU parliament in mid-September adopted a resolution denouncing the Tilenga and EACOP projects by TotalEnergies, China National Offshore Oil Corporation, or CNOOC Group, backed by the governments of Uganda and Tanzania.

"Put an end to the extractive activities in protected and sensitive ecosystems, including the shores of Lake Albert," reads part of the resolution. They suggested that to have a chance to limit global warming to 1.5°C, no new oil extraction project should be developed.

The resolution has since attracted criticism from Uganda, Tanzania, and from some of the advocates in Africa who believe that Africa should be allowed to harness their oil and gas discoveries to develop their economies as they transition to renewable energy sources.

Uganda's Vice President, Jessica Alupo, took the matter to the just concluded UN General Assembly in New York. She said it is hypocritical for countries that have been at the center of polluting the environment to preach to countries that have borne the impact of those environmental violations how to act responsibly. "Our view is that development should be environmentally friendly, inclusive, and provide benefits for all; it should

leave no one behind," Alupo said

While Uganda's International Relations Minister, Henry Okello Oryem, told IPS, "So the Europeans don't want Africa to develop its natural resources? And yet it is the only way to solve our problems. Our people continue to cut trees as the cheapest source of fuel. So if we don't avail them with alternatives like gas, who will?" asked Oryem.

On the other hand, Proscovia Nabbanja, the chief executive of the Uganda National Oil Company (UNOC), which has stakes in EACOP, told IPS that the suggestion by the wealthier nations to Africa and other developing countries to leave their oil and gas underground was unfair.

"While I understand the concerns related to climate change, I don't want to ignore the value that the projects bring to alleviate energy poverty, which is a critical issue in Uganda, improving the economy, and also propelling our country to industrialization," said Nabbanja.

Uganda expects 160,000 jobs to be created by the projects located in Uganda's Albertine Graben, bordering DRC. The East Africa Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) is expected to create five thousand jobs during its construction.

NJ Ayuk, executive chair of the African Energy Chamber lobby group told IPS the EU Parliament's resolution was part of the overall move to block the extraction of oil and gas in Africa. He said apart from Uganda's case, there are similar attempts to block fight the proposed onshore liquefied natural gas project at Lindi – which could help commercialize about 50 trillion

cubic feet of offshore gas by Tanzania.

Ayuk told IPS that some of the campaigns are being funded by groups from the west to civil society organizations based in countries that have vast oil and gas resources.

Sizeable deposits of oil and gas have been discovered in Uganda, Namibia, Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, Ghana, Angola, DRC, and South Sudan, among others.

"I want the civil society to fiercely advocate for the environment so that we don't have any kind of environmental risks. But it is important that they don't put out misinformation," said Ayuk. "It is really important because that misinformation comes to the detriment of young people who need jobs. It comes to the detriment of a country that needs investment, that wants to grow. That wants to survive on its resources without going for aid."

He said the drive against investment in fossil fuel in Africa is an ideological position from the western countries against Africa's oil and gas discoveries.

"Africans are asking themselves why should we pay the price and punishment for western countries that have taken our resources, have invested and developed their economies, and now that it is our time, you tell us that we cannot because it is going to hurt the environment. When you were doing it, didn't you think it was going to hurt the environment?" asked Ayuk.

Modestus Martin Lumato, Director General Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA), who recently visited Uganda, told IPS that

70% of Tanzania's power generation is from natural gas and that abandoning it that fast would negatively impact the country.

"Sixty of our industries are powered by natural gas. In 2010 we discovered a huge deposit of natural gas in the deep sea; Tanzania is looking forward to exporting it. We expect oil and gas companies to invest over \$30 billion in a project planned to produce 10 million tons per annum," said Lumato.

Tanzania's natural gas reserves are said to be equivalent to US\$150 billion- or 6-times Tanzania's current GDP.

**COP 27 Africa to Talk Tough**

A number of meetings have been held in Africa in preparation for the 27th UN Climate Change Conference of Parties (COP27) will be held in Egypt from November 7 to 18, 2022.

In mid-July, a technical committee of the African Union adopted "The African Common Position on Energy Access and Just Transition". It stipulates that Africa will continue to deploy all forms of its abundant energy resources, including non-renewable and renewable, to address the energy crisis in the continent.

This position was discussed at the 4th Africa Climate talks at the University Eduardo Mondlane in Maputo, Mozambique, as well as African Climate Week in Togo.

Linus Mafor, a Senior Environmental Affairs Officer leading work on energy, infrastructure, and climate change at the African Climate Policy, said the Africa position was aimed at attaining sustainable energy for Africa.

He told IPS that Africa accounts for 17% of the global population and contributes to less than 4% of emissions, and it is the least energized region in the world.

"Africa is home to 78% of people who don't have electricity; at the same time, it needs to industrialize, it needs to close the development gap to meet the SDG. So there should be a win-win situation. Let Africa use its natural gas as a transition fuel to renewable energy," said Mafor.

According to Mafor, energy poverty is holding Africa from development. "Africa has got a rich source of energy, whether fossils or renewables. The demand is there, but the supply is not there; we can't progress on SDGs or Africa Union Agenda 2063 if there is a huge energy access problem that is not addressed," he said

The African Union, through UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), has indicated that over the past ten years, less than two percent of the public clean energy investment glob-

ally went to Africa.

That finding was buttressed by the International Energy Agency's Cost of Capital Dashboard launched this month. It observed that emerging and developing economies, excluding China, account for less than one-fifth of global investment in clean energy.

One of the key barriers, according to IEA, is a high cost of capital, reflecting some real and perceived risks about investment in these economies

The COP26 in Glasgow noted with regret that developed country parties had not met the \$100 billion goal annually. At COP27 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, the African Group wants developed country parties to agree to honor the \$100 billion in climate finance promise.

The Special Representative of COP27, President-Designate Wael Aboulmagd, has indicated the developed countries have fallen short of delivering the \$100 billion.

"It has never been delivered ... But what people don't talk about is if we had the \$100 billion, would we be much better off? The \$100 is an arbitrary figure that was put out of thin air that has no reality on the ground," observed Aboulmagd.

"We as responsible global citizens said we will come along on the understanding that appropriate funding will be there. So this trust has been broken by failure to deliver year, after year," said Aboulmagd.

According to Aboulmagd, at present, only 2% of renewable energy investment from the private sector goes to Africa.

"With more than 600 million in Africa lacking access to basic electricity, universal access to energy is a priority," he said.

Back in Uganda and Tanzania, Ayuk told IPS that citizens like Zephaniah and Mayanja, and Awadh should be worried about campaigns trying to block projects like Lake Albert Development and EACOP.

"They should be worried because there is a very strong movement saying the money should not come into African oil and gas. I think we need to rally African financing for projects."

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# 3 new polio cases found in Malawi



LILONGWE

THREE more polio cases have been found in Malawi, the Health Ministry said late Monday, bringing the total number of cases recorded this year to four.

The three new cases have been recorded in the southern

districts of Mwanza, Phalombe, and Mulanje that border Mozambique.

"The ministry will intensify its efforts in surveillance of the disease. But for the three new cases, all are imported from Mozambique," Adrian Chikumbe, the Health Ministry spokesman, told Anadolu Agency via tel-

ephone on Tuesday.

Malawi, a country with a population of about 18.5 million in southeastern Africa, declared a wild polio outbreak in February after a case was found in a 3-year-old girl - the first of its kind in Africa for more than five years.

Laboratory analysis at the

time showed the strain detected in Malawi was linked to the one circulating in the southern Sindh province of Pakistan, the only country apart from Afghanistan where polio remains endemic.

Chikumbe said Malawi now has a "huge task" to fight the outbreak so that it is not labeled

as a polio-endemic country.

"Despite that, all the cases are imported; we will ensure that there is no further spread of the virus as it has no cure. We do not want to go back to being labeled as a polio endemic country," he said.

Malawi obtained a polio-free status in 2005.

# Uganda Ebola: Vaccine trials to start 'soon'

GENEVA

SIXTY-THREE confirmed and probable cases have been reported in the Ebola outbreak in Uganda, including 29 deaths, according to the World Health Organization.

WHO Chief, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said the vaccines used to curb recent outbreaks in the neighbouring Democratic Republic of Congo were not effective against the type of Ebola virus circulating in Uganda.

And he said the Uganda outbreak was taking a toll on health workers.

"So far, 63 confirmed and probable cases have been reported, including 29 deaths," Tedros told a press conference in Geneva on Wednesday.

"Ten health workers have been infected and four have died. Four people have recovered and are receiving follow-up care."

He said the WHO was supporting the Ugandan government in its response to the outbreak,

which has been reported in four districts.

The UN's health agency has released \$2 million from its contingency fund for emergencies and is working with partners to support the health ministry by sending additional specialists, supplies and resources, Tedros said.

"When there is a delay in detecting an Ebola outbreak, it's normal for cases to increase steadily at the beginning and then decrease as life-saving interventions and outbreak control measures are implemented," he said.

"The vaccines used successfully to curb recent Ebola outbreaks in the Democratic Republic of Congo are not effective against the type of Ebola virus that's responsible for this outbreak in Uganda."

"However, several vaccines are in various stages of development against this virus, two of which could begin clinical trials in Uganda in the coming weeks, pending regulatory and ethics approvals from the Ugandan government."

# African countries urge rich nations to honour \$100bn climate finance pledge

By Edmund Bower

MINISTERS and high-ranking officials of African nations have urged rich countries to do more to combat the climate crisis, and called the failure to meet a funding promise from 2009 "shameful".

At a conference in Giza, Egypt, on Wednesday in the run-up to next month's UN climate summit, Wael Aboulmagd, Egypt's special representative for Cop27, attacked wealthier nations for not honouring an agreement to provide \$100bn (£87.5bn) a year to developing countries by 2020.

The sum was pledged during Cop15 in Copenhagen to help cut greenhouse gas emissions and cope with the impact of the climate crisis on those most affected, and for which the developed world had an "added responsibility", Aboulmagd said. It was predominantly carbon emissions from Europe and the US that were "responsible for where we are right now", he said.

Aboulmagd said the \$100bn target - itself "a drop in the ocean" of what was needed - had never been met since it was agreed 13 years ago.

The failure of rich countries to meet their climate commitments is likely to dominate Cop27, which will be held in the Egyptian resort of Sharm el-Sheikh.

At an official preparatory meeting in Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of the Congo yesterday, speaker after speaker echoed Aboulmagd's frustration.

The UN Deputy Secretary General, Amina Mohammed, said in-



vestment in climate adaptation in developing countries "must be a priority" for Cop27. Speaking of the decision made at Cop26 to double the climate funding for adaptation to \$40bn by 2025, Mohammed said that \$40bn was "only a fraction of the \$300bn that will be needed annually by developing countries for

adaptation by 2030".

DRC's environment minister, Eve Bazaiba, said a lack of climate finance from rich countries put poor countries in Africa in a difficult position, whereby agreeing not to exploit natural resources needed for development in accordance with climate crisis commitments could

amount to letting "our children and grandchildren die because we must protect the environment".

One of the biggest criticisms of last year's Cop26 was its failure to make significant progress on climate finance. In addition to continued short fallings on the 2009 financial commitments, developed countries

blocked the creation of a "loss and damage fund" to help those affected by climate crisis-related disasters.

Two women in traditional African robes flanked by two men in suits at a convention centre

Reuters reported last month that Egypt would work to make loss and damage a key part of the Cop27

agenda.

The issue carries particular weight at the moment after floods in Pakistan destroyed more than 700,000 homes and affected as many as 33 million people. Pakistan's planning minister has put the costs of the floods at \$10bn, almost 4% of the country's GDP.

# SADC: WFP remain key regional partner in enhancing food nutrition security

By Guardian Reporter

SOUTHERN African Development Community (SADC) Deputy Executive Secretary for Regional Integration, Dr Theminkosi Mhlongo has said the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) remains a key strategic regional partner in enhancing food and nutrition security and disaster risk reduction through implementation of national and regional programmes.

Dr Mhlongo made the statement during a courtesy call to the Secretary by Dr Stanlake Samkange,

WFP Senior Director for Strategic Partnerships, in Gaborone recently.

The two reflected on the progress made in the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between SADC Secretariat and WFP in June 2019 which provides a framework of collaboration between the two organisations.

The Deputy Executive Secretary expressed delight at the notable progress attained in areas of data collection and analysis and contribution to the Regional Vulnerability Assessment and

Analysis (RVAA) Synthesis Report.

Other areas of progress include technical support provided for capacity development of the National Vulnerability Assessment Committees (NVCAs) and information exchange between the RVAA regional online atlas with WFP; amongst others. The RVAA Regional Online Atlas was successfully launched in July 2021.

Dr Stanlake Samkange, who led a team of experts from WFP, explained that his organization is a co-convenor of the Crisis Response Pillar of the Global Alliance for Food

Security (GAFS) launched by the G7 and World Bank in May 2022.

The priority outcomes of this pillar are to save lives and livelihoods, avert famine, and prevent people from falling into extreme poverty, as well as that food systems are strengthened.

He said WFP is engaging on behalf of the GAFS with sub-regional organisations such as SADC to facilitate effective collaboration owing to the deeper understanding of sub-regional organisations of the needs of their Member States.

Dr Samkange pledged his or-

ganisation's commitment to providing assistance on procurement and logistics processes with SADC Member States to ensure efficient deliveries of food and agricultural goods in the region. He added that the WFP will advocate with GAFS partners to address specific needs identified by SADC countries.

During the meeting, the two parties expressed concern over the current high costs of food, fuel and fertilizers that SADC Member States are facing which will exacerbate hunger, especially for vulnerable people in the region.

They underscored the need to accelerate efforts towards securing fertilizers at a reasonable and sustainable price by working with WFP, Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

The meeting between SADC Deputy Executive Secretary for Regional Integration and the WFP Senior Director for Strategic Partnerships, comes a month after a meeting of technical teams from SADC and WFP which was held in September, 2022 to explore possible areas of collaboration to address the challenges facing the region.

# Africa is not a country, it is a continent

BRUSSELS

“If all I knew about Africa were from popular images, I too would think that Africa was a place of beautiful landscapes, beautiful animals and incomprehensible people, fighting senseless wars, dying of poverty and AIDS, unable to speak for themselves”. This quote from the Nigerian writer Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie is in the introduction to Dipo Faloyin's book 'Africa is not a country'. It summarizes Faloyin's book nicely.

Born in Chicago, raised in Lagos and currently based in London, Nigerian Dipo Faloyin is a senior editor at VICE, the online news service founded in New York in December 2013, which distributes documentaries daily through its website and YouTube channel. VICE promotes itself as “the definitive guide to illuminating information” about “under-reported stories”.

### Africa is bigger than Canada, the US and China combined

Africa is big, about 30 million square kilometers, just under twice the size of Russia or bigger than Canada, the United States and China combined! This is not clearly visible

on most world maps due to the common use of the Mercator projection. It makes countries near the poles appear larger and those at the equator smaller. However, Africa is a rich and diverse place. It includes more than 1,500 languages and 16 percent of the world's population.

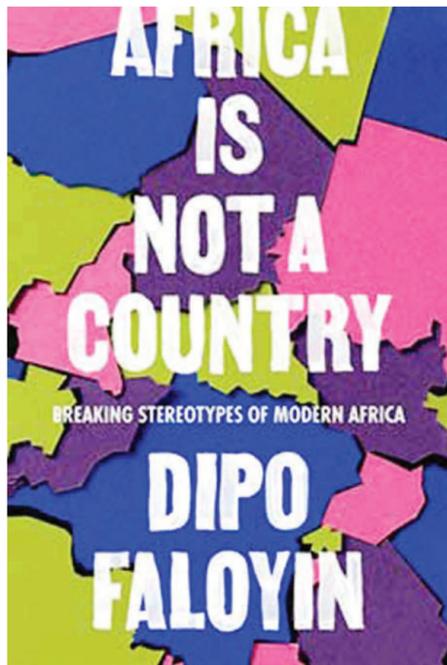
### Repeated stereotypes

“Always use the word 'Africa' or 'black' or 'safari' in your title,” Kenyan writer Binyavanga Wainaina suggested in a 2005 satirical essay. He scoffed at the repeated stereotypes in international coverage of Africa.

Faloyin also argues that there is rarely a balanced or nuanced view of Africa because clichés about poverty, famine and disasters dominate the reporting and Hollywood romance about Africa.

### 'Powerless victims'

These writers criticize international coverage of Africa for its emphasis on the suffering of powerless victims. This is spiced up with the occasional celebrity visit or a beautiful shot of wildlife. In doing so, they point to the absurdity of reporting that attempts to capture a vast continent of more than 50



traying Africa as the hopeless continent; in 2011 this image was replaced by a cover full of clear skies and with the headline 'Africa Rising'.

Time magazine followed suit with a cover of the same title. Suddenly the continent is buzzing with mobile phones and energetic companies. Michela Wrong called this the new mandatory slogan in the New York Times of March 20, 2015, now that “it is fashionable these days to be upbeat about Africa”.

### Incomplete and inaccurate

“This book is a portrait of modern Africa that pushes back against harmful stereotypes to tell a more comprehensive story – based on all the humanity that has been brushed aside to accommodate a single vision of blood, strife and majestic shots of rolling savannahs and large yellow sunsets. It will unspool the inaccurate story of a continent dragging this bludgeoned narrative towards reality,” Faloyin states explicitly on page 7.

### The danger of a neo-liberal agenda

The problem is that all reductionist stereotypes are incomplete and inaccurate. And in particular, the latest characterization of Africa as a place full of entrepreneurs, complete with its own 'silicon savannah', has other problems.

In a part of the world that continues to face staggering levels of inequality, there is a danger that Africa will get too close to a neoliberal agenda and goals. Whatever successes the new companies may achieve, there is not much evidence of a trickle-down effect for those at the bottom of society.

Of course, there are success stories in many places that demonstrate the capabilities of developing African economies. Some countries in Africa, such as Benin, Egypt, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Ivory Coast, Tanzania or Rwanda are currently among the fastest growing economies in the world. But the 'Africa Rising' stories ignore the plight of those who are still far behind in societies that, outside the family or immediate community, don't offer much of a social safety net, which in most Western societies (to some extent) is visible.

We can therefore sym-

pathize with the plight of Africans who board rickety boats and try to build a new life abroad. Yet it is well known that the so-called economic migrants seeking a better future across the Mediterranean are not the ones at the bottom, who could never afford or even consider such a journey.

### Colorful and sometimes funny

“Few things unite the continent more in frustration than the comically inaccurate way Africa and its people are portrayed in popular culture. It's at times deliberately dismissive, often nonsensical and occasionally inadvertently hilarious” (p. 199).

Faloyin has a smooth pen and colors his book with several well-chosen examples. He examines each country's colonial heritage and explores a variety of topics, from describing urban life in Lagos and the lively West African rivalry over who makes the best Jollof rice, to the still lingering case of stolen art treasures in Western museums – “90 percent of Africa's material cultural legacy is being kept outside of the continent” (p. 258) – to the story of democracy in seven dictatorships and the dangers of stereotypes in popular culture.

Africa is home to 54 countries, including island nations along the coast of the continent. These countries are home to diverse groups of people who speak different languages and practice a wide variety of customs.

Take Nigeria, the most populous country in Africa. More than 250 different ethnic groups live among the population of more than 200 million inhabitants. While English is the official language of the former British colony, the many languages of ethnic groups indigenous to the West African nation, such as Yoruba, Hausa, and Igbo, are also spoken. In addition, Nigerians practice Christianity, Islam and indigenous religions.

So much for the myth that all Africans are the same. The most populous nation on the continent certainly proves otherwise.

Or take Egypt. In particular, the country borders

Libya to the west, Sudan to the south, the Mediterranean Sea to the north, the Red Sea to the east and Israel and the Gaza Strip to the northeast. Despite its location, Egypt is often described not as an African nation, but as the Middle East – the region where Europe, Africa and Asia converge.

This omission stems mainly from the fact that Egypt's population of more than 100 million is strongly Arab – with a small minority of Nubians in the south – a drastic difference from the population of Sub-Saharan Africa.

According to scientific research, the ancient Egyptians – known for their pyramids and advanced civilization – were biologically neither European nor Sub-Saharan African, but a genetically distinct group. These people are located on the African continent. Their existence also reveals the diversity of Africa.

### The 'white savior'

Occasionally, the image of the “white savior” also sneaks into Faloyin's story. Sometimes rightly so, as the West is presented as a “white savior” during the colonization and partition of Africa on 15 November 1884 at the Berlin Conference in the absence of any African representation: “Only 30 per cent of all borders in the world are in Africa, yet nearly 60 per cent of all territorial disputes that have made it to the International Court of Justice come from the continent” (p. 46).

The more recent search in 2012 for Joseph Kony of the Lord's Resistance Army is also discussed in detail. Faloyin sarcastically concludes: “The White Savior Industrial Complex is not about justice. It is about having a big emotional experience that validates privilege” (p. 79).

Reprehensible paternalism

### Reprehensible paternalism

The continued affirmation of a paternalistic and ignorant perspective, be it the helpless savages or the noble poor, is fundamentally reprehensible and will not lead to satisfying contributions of any kind in the long run. All the more so since, as Howard French also argued, Africa has been the hub of the machine of modernity for Europe.

THE GUARDIAN SIMPLE WORD FIT // THE GUARDIAN CROSSWORD --00 370 00--

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

**WORD-FIT**

3 letters: SEE, ASS, TRI, SUE, ROT  
 4 letters: RARE, ECTA, ALHA, NENE, SURE,  
 5 letters: SHARE, AMUSE,  
 6 letters: MEDDLE, UTOPIA, ZEALOT, YACKER  
 7 letters: CENTRAL, LAICIZE, DROUGHT  
 8 letters: TIGRINYA, INTRENCH, RESTRICT  
 9 letters: MOUNTAINS

**CROSSWORD**

**Clues: Across**

- Evil spirits
- Togo's Capital
- a risky or daring journey
- the size of a dose of a medicine
- the person who leads
- a wooden frame for holding an artist's work in progress
- primeval
- A very longtime
- not previously known
- a cereal
- central
- the subject of a talk

**Down:**

- grow or cause to grow and become larger
- damage property
- insect infests human skin and hair
- the sale of goods to the public for consumption
- one of the limbs for walking
- on one's own
- not often
- perform
- stiff hairs- like or bristle-like structure
- the state of being famous
- a position of an object

**SOLUTIONS**

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# EACOP CONSTRUCTION TO BOOST RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY MARKET

By Guardian Reporter

The construction of East Africa Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) is expected to stimulate residential property leasing market in Tanzania, good news to assets owners.

According to Africa Report 2022/2023 by Knight Frank the residential leasing market is set to benefit from the construction of the new oil pipeline, which is undergoing construction from Hoima in Uganda to Tanga, Tanzania.

"We expect to see an influx of expatriate workers to help deliver the project, which will inevitably drive-up demand for prime rental properties," Knight Frank says in the report.

However, the report shows residential property investment in Tanzania has continued to record lowest yields compared to other assets including industrial, retail and office.

The report shows industrial and retail assets yield are the highest at 10 percent each, followed by office with 9 percent and residential is 6 percent.

Buyers are now investing in



Ongoing implementation of EACOP. FILE PHOTO

prime residential properties of \$1.5million and above, according to the report.

According to the report, residential lease rates across Tanzania have slipped by close to 50 percent in the last two years as an over-supply of rental properties, combined with weakened demand, largely due to the pandemic, has undermined the

market. Positively, the weaker rents are now prompting tenants to upgrade to homes that may have previously been out of reach as a flight to quality starts to take hold in the low lease-rate environment.

"We have already seen evidence of this in PSSF Towers, where 84 units were rapidly leased a short

time after coming to market," Knight Frank notes. "Weaker rents have also dampened capital values to an extent, which has aided the resilience in sales activity."

Numerous recent launches have been 100 percent sold-out, highlighting the depth of demand for residential product at the right price point.

Victoria Place and Morocco Square, for instance, were recently declared as fully sold.

"Lower sales prices are also driving some homeowners to use the opportunity to upgrade; a trend we expect to persist," the report asserts.

Away from the retail market, the Tanzanian Government is committed to building a strong industrial base by promoting the creation of industrial parks to attract investors.

Export Processing Zones and Special Economic Zones (SEZs) have been established to promote industrial activities and boost exports.

The SEZs have helped to lift the performance of the industrial market, as evidenced by increased levels of development activity, as well as absorption rates.

And developers are responding to the growing demand, bringing forward ever larger schemes.

One such example is the 2 million sqm industrial park development proposed by Elsewedy Electric, a leading integrated energy solutions provider in the Middle East and Africa.

However, the report notes that the retail market is dominated by

small-scale, mostly domestic retailers in Dar es Salaam, chiefly Kariakoo and Manzese.

This has been borne out of traditional shopping habits of consumers, which has always undermined the ability of larger malls to thrive.

This continues to be the case, with large malls close to Kariakoo and Manzese reporting occupancy levels as low as 5 percent.

Other retail centres, located in well-established communities that are not competing with informal retail clusters are faring better, although the Covid-induced weakness in the economy is resulting in consumers tightening the purse strings, forcing some retailers to downsize, or exit the market entirely.

"The 100,000 sqm retail pipeline that we are tracking is likely to keep rents under downward pressure for some time," Knight Frank says.

"Like many other locations on the continent, tenants remain in the driving seat. Hybrid working patterns have bed-in as a result of the pandemic and there are few signs to suggest a sudden return to pre-Covid occupational strategies."

## The surging of solar power generation as source of energy

BY Guardian Correspondent

As the capacity to generate wind and solar power continues to expand around the world, hopes of accelerating the phase-out of coal as the leading source of electricity may depend on the expansion of a less discussed but equally important part of the energy supply chain: electricity grids.

Countries around the world are working to shift to more sustainable sources of power and facing challenges related to the expansion of their electricity grids.

Last month Western Australia's economic regulator ruled that Western Power, the state's major electricity network provider, should be permitted to spend an additional \$646m over the next

five years to upgrade its network to reduce the use of coal, and accommodate the additional solar and wind power slated to come on-line by 2027.

This would bring the company's investment to \$5.8bn, according to Oxford Business Group.

Earlier this year Vietnam's Ministry of Industry and Trade announced that no new solar or wind projects would be connected to its grid in 2022, citing the fact that the build-out of over 20 GW of renewables over the last three years has led to frequent grid overload and wasted renewable power generation.

In order for clean energy resources to be fully utilised, governments will need to create pathways from producers to consumers.



It took the world 70 years to reach a total of 1 TW of installed solar power capacity

Storing excess and intermittent renewable power in batteries is part of the solution, but investment in grids is also vital - especially in smart grids that use digital technologies to monitor and manage the transport of electricity generated by all types of energy sources.

In February of last year Bloomberg New Energy Finance estimated that by 2050 the world will need to spend \$14trn on power grids, including decentralised and inter-regional links, to meet the uptake of renewable energy.

The same year, the International Energy Agency (IEA) stated that investment in power grids needs to reach \$820bn per year by

2030 to facilitate the development of renewable energy projects and limit global warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, a significant increase from the \$260bn invested in 2020.

The need for grid expansion is underscored by the rapidly increasing growth in the capacity to generate solar power, OBG says.

The large number of solar energy projects coming on-line in the years ahead triggered Australia's announcement, with the authorities mindful of the fact that solar overtook wind as the country's top source of renewable energy in 2021. Solar briefly surpassed coal as the country's top source of power in

August.

This trend is being seen in other markets: in 2021 solar power generation eclipsed wind in China for the first time.

Wind is still a larger contributor to the energy mix than solar in the US, but the solar segment saw the addition of 24.2 GW of generation capacity in 2021 - nearly double that of wind power, at 13 GW. This is especially notable as there are 676 GW of solar energy projects awaiting approval before they can be constructed.

Both wind and solar are cheaper sources of power than coal and natural gas, but the scale of the solar projects on-line is reflective of the construction of larger and more sophisticated projects that make use of economies of scale.

It took the world 70 years to reach a total of 1 TW of installed solar power capacity; however, leading solar researchers meeting at the eighth World Conference on Photovoltaic Energy Conversion last week in Milan predicted that the next 1 TW of solar capacity would take as little as three years to install.

The challenge of closing the generation-transmission gap is significant in China and the US, the two largest generators of solar power.

China's State Grid Corporation aims to spend \$350bn through 2025 on upgrades to increase the transmission of renewable power, while the US would have to spend \$200bn per year upgrading its grids to meet its 2030 climate goals.

## Marula invests in copper mining project in Tanzania

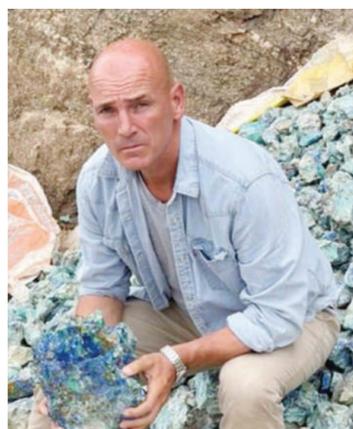
By Guardian Reporter

Africa-focused mining investment company Marula Mining has entered into a binding heads of agreement with Tanzanian mining company Takela Mining Tanzania to secure 49 percent commercial interest in the Kinusi copper mining project, which comprises ten granted copper mining licences.

The signing of the agreement with Takela follows a detailed legal and technical due diligence process and site visits to inspect the licence areas, the existing small-scale mining operations and initial sampling of some of the copper ores mined and visible mineralisa-

tion, Marula says. Marula Chief Executive Officer Jason Brewer (pictured) said mid this week: "The investment with Takela on their licences and their small scale and high-grade copper mining activities adds to our portfolio of investments in green transition metal assets. Copper in Africa is a natural fit for Marula and our strategy given its use in electric vehicles and the associated infrastructure, and renewable energy such as wind turbines, and its location."

"Due diligence has highlighted the impressive near-term production and cashflow credentials of the Licences, important factors in the Company's decision to invest



and the exceptional high copper grades reported by the hand-held XRF give us a lot of confidence moving ahead," he said.

Following admission, the company's issued share capital will comprise 64,507,248 ordinary shares of 0.01p each, with each share carrying the right to one

vote.

Edward Ruheni, Director of Takela Mining Tanzania Limited said: "It is a real pleasure to have Marula onboard and support us in our copper mining and exploration activities here in Tanzania. After careful consideration, we identified Marula as the perfect partner to advance the Licences to a near term production decision. The synergies in terms of sustainability and strategy mean we look forward to a long and successful relationship with one another."

The licences are valid for a period of seven years and are located in Kinusi, in the Mpwapwa district, in the Dodoma region of central Tanzania.

Marula affirms that that investment is firmly in line with its battery metals focus and identification of high-grade, near-term production and cash flow generating projects.

Marula will advance funds to Takela to allow it to complete additional exploration and expansion and development on the licences and to the current small-scale

mining activities.

Marula has reimbursed \$50 000 of costs incurred to date by Takela and will also issue 4.5-million ordinary shares in the company to Takela.

On site investigations by the company's management during the due diligence period is noted to have identified a potential high grade and shallow copper orebody that appears to extend for over one kilometre and remains open in all directions.

Samples of the copper ore mined, and azurite and malachite copper mineralisation exposed in shallow pits and shafts on the licences, and taken by Marula during the due diligence period by management, reported copper grades of 7.28 percent copper, 19.12 percent copper.

Samples of copper ore mined

in shallow pits of the licenses reported up to 31% copper with a hand-held x-ray fluorescent analyzer, Marula explained.

Marula's local geologists will be joining Takela's management on site later this month to advance the initial work programmes and accelerated exploration activities.

Meetings are currently taking place in Nairobi between Takela's senior management and the company's chairperson and CEO to agree a development and expansion timetable.

Southern Metal Processing, Marula's mineral processing and mining consultants, is already developing preliminary designs for a simple and conventional ore processing plant to fast-track the production of a high-grade copper concentrate.

By Guardian Correspondent

Zanzibar is planning the highest green building in the world, a 28-storey apartment tower designed in hybrid timber technology.

Named Burj Zanzibar - "burj" meaning tower in Arabic - the spectacular high-rise is designed to reach 96 metres in height.

Dubbed "vertical green village", it would represent an iconic landmark not only for the island but for the whole of Africa and a global environmental milestone, being the first timber structure worldwide of such proportions.

The design of the mixed-use apartment and commercial building, in a playful beehive style with breathtaking ocean views, was unveiled to the public in Muscat, Oman on 1 October.

Dutch-born architect Leander Moons, responsible for the concept, said: "Burj Zanzibar is not just an outstanding building but a new ecosystem for the future of living".

The residential tower with 266 residences is to be located in Fumba Town, East Africa's pioneering eco-town developed by German-led engineering firm CPS.

Categorised as a strategic investment and fully supported by the Zanzibar government, the growing city near the capital, where foreigners are allowed to buy, stretches along a 1.5-kilometre seashore on the southwest coast.

## WORLD'S TALLEST APARTMENT TOWER LINED UP FOR ZANZIBAR



"Burj Zanzibar will be the highlight and natural continuation of our efforts to provide sustainable housing in Africa, thereby empowering local employment and businesses", elaborated CPS CEO Sebastian Dietzold in Muscat.

With turquoise seas, white sandy beaches and a UNESCO-protected historic Stone Town, Zanzibar recorded 15 percent annual growth in tourism in recent years and 6.8% economic growth.

Earlier this year, the semi-autonomous archipelago, 35 kilometres off the coast of Tanzania, stretched its wings also into another direction, launching

an initiative to attract African tech companies with a total worth of six billion dollars.

Timber is the oldest building material in the world. As timber technology, it currently enjoys a renaissance because of its environmental benefits and longevity.

New timber products such as cross-laminated timber (CLT) and glulam are considered the building material of the future.

One cubic metre of wood binds half a ton of carbon dioxide, whereas conventional concrete construction is respon-

sible for 25 percent of CO2 emissions.

Once realised, Burj Zanzibar would be the highest timber building in the world and Africa's first high-rise ever in this innovative technology.

A few weeks ago the 86.6-metre Ascent Tower in Milwaukee, US, was certified as the world's tallest timber hybrid building by the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat (CTBUH).

Africa's highest conventional skyscraper is a 385-metre office tower named "Iconic Tower" in Egypt, still under construction.

Tanzania's top skyscraper is the 157-metre Ports Authority building in Dar es Salaam. The world's tallest conventional building is Burj Khalifa in Dubai with 828 metres.

Burj Zanzibar is planned as a hybrid timber tower. A steel-reinforced concrete core is designed to meet all required fire and life safety standards.

The project is to be executed by a consortium of leading specialists from Switzerland, Austria, Germany, South Africa, Tanzania and the US.

Green roof gardens and planted balconies further reduce the carbon footprint of the building. "Burj Zanzibar will be a widely visible new landmark for Zanzibar and beyond, not only because of its appearance but because

of its construction method", said architect Leander Moons during the launch event.

Set to promote locally available wood as a building material, Tanzania and its vast land resources for agroforestry would also benefit from the ambitious green mega tower.

A large forest development in central Tanzania near Iringa already covers twice the size of New York; "an enlarged forest industry could create hundreds of thousands of jobs in the East African country", said CPS Director Dietzold.

The playful architectural style - reminiscent of a beehive with honeycombs - combines modern urban trends with local culture.

"Panorama windows, closed-in green loggias and a modular layout will enhance the green nature of the tower and allow for flexible apartment floor plans, tailor-made for any cultural preferences", explained lead architect Moons.

Residents can have their outdoor garden even on the top floor.

Representing a young, vibrant and most of all sustainable lifestyle, the building allocates a mix of studio, one- and two-bedroom apartments and deluxe penthouses.

## Voltalia inks S. Africa solar PPA with Rio Tinto

JOHANNESBURG

Voltalia has entered into a corporate power purchase agreement (CPA) with a subsidiary of Rio Tinto for 148MW of solar output in South Africa.

The electricity will be generated by Voltalia's Bolobedu site, a 148MW solar farm to be built in the Limpopo province of north eastern South Africa.

Voltalia will develop, build and operate the plant and production is expected to begin in 2024.

The agreement was signed following a process launched in 2021 by Richards Bay Minerals (RBM), South Africa's largest producer of mineral sands and a subsidiary of the Anglo-Australian metals and mining group.

The 20-year contract will provide approximately 300 gigawatt hours of renewable energy each year through a wheeling agreement and RBM's generation facilities in KwaZulu-Natal.

The CPA means that RBM will benefit from more reliable access to electricity in the long term while reducing its annual greenhouse gas emissions (scope 1 and 2) by at least 10%.

As part of its mission, Voltalia will ensure that the Bolobedu solar project has a positive impact on the environment and surrounding communities by creating local employment opportunities.

A total workforce of more than 700 people is expected during construction, and then about 50 people once the plant is operational.

In order to support the growing value chain of south Africa's renewable energy sector, Voltalia will also aim to source goods and services locally.

Sébastien Clerc, Chief Executive Officer of Voltalia, said: "We are very pleased to support RBM in the decarbonisation of its industrial activities in South Africa.

"The Bolobedu photovoltaic power plant will be our largest project in Africa, having completed the construction of a series of other solar power plants for our account or for third-party customers on the continent (Zimbabwe, Burundi, Tanzania, Kenya, Mauritania and Egypt).

"This project is the first in our South African portfolio of solar and wind power plants under development, in areas where grid connection is available, and which will be ready to help our customers overcome the current energy crisis with affordable, clean and stable electricity."

## Absa to continue deploying innovative solutions

By Francis Kajubi

ABSA Bank Tanzania has said will continue deploying multiple innovative solutions through new products and services in accordance with customers' needs.

Speaking yesterday in Dar es Salaam at the bank's International Customer Service Week launch, Finance Director Obedi Laiser, said the week is being celebrated under the theme 'Celebrate Service' with the aim of appreciating service providers across the world that have dedicated their time, care and compassion into the work of serving customers.

"Our core value is being obsessed with our customers. We want to assure our esteemed customers that we are

committed to making your banking experience with us the most pleasant," said Laiser.

According to him, the bank uses the week to embrace the voice of its esteemed customers through multiple feedback channels.

He said the working model has helped the bank identify and address key challenges facing customers thus redefining the overall customer experience in service delivery while dedicated at satisfying its customers at all levels from revamped Small and Medium Enterprise (SMEs) proposition to corporate.

"Our core brand positioning of our products brings customers' possibilities to life. We mean to leave no one behind in a journey to realize full-fledged financial in-



Absa Bank Tanzania finance director Obedi Laiser (right) addresses the bank's customers and staff during the launch of the bank's International Customer Services Week yesterday in Dar es Salaam.

clusion," he asserted.

Laiser said that as a leading bank in innovative inventions it has recently introduced a VISA debit card that targets all kinds of businesses.

The cards are linked to

a business' transaction account, aiming to help business owners to track and manage operational costs efficiently, access cost saving benefits and make easy and secure online transactions.

According to him, the card

is more than a payment tool; it's a card that puts the business owner in control of their transactions and expenses.

The bank also has digital led services that are designed to satisfy even future

customers as they keep with time. By scanning a QR Code customers can now withdraw money from any Absa ATM with the mobile money banking application.

Kelvin Nyoni, Procurement Officer at Applied Technology Limited that trades as Red n White, said that the beverage and alcohol importer has been a customer to the bank for over ten years now.

"Our company is happy with the bank's services, especially Absa Access. This is a single sign-on platform that enables corporate customers manage their finances with high speed and intelligence;

With greater visibility and an intuitive view of the business portfolio, Absa Access enables us to take charge of our financial world," said Nyoni.

The service has made the company more responsive and better able to make informed decisions to drive their business growth across the continent.

## UK construction industry at brink over costly energy



LONDON

The number of UK construction companies at significant risk of closure has jumped 54 percent to 16,755 this quarter, up from 10,686, according to fresh data shared with City A.M. this morning.

Construction companies are struggling to cope with spiraling construction costs, inflation and rising interest rates on their debt.

In the last quarter alone 5,900 more construction businesses have been added to the "at significant risk of insolvency" category, the data from audit and tax firm Mazars shows.

Surging prices for essential materials have had a significant impact

on the construction sector.

According to the UK's latest Government's Building Materials and Component Index, material prices increased 24.1 percent in the past year.

The sector had exited the pandemic in a weakened state, with supplies of essential materials such as bricks, timber, and cement already severely disrupted. These costs are now continuing to rise due to the conflict in Ukraine.

"The construction sector has been one of the hardest hit by inflation. Prices rises for construction materials have had a huge impact on the ability of a construction company to control costs on a project," explained Rebecca Dacre, Partner at Mazars.

"They are now faced with the dilemma of how they recover costs soaring away on a fixed price contract," she told City A.M.

"Poor cashflow is an endemic problem in the construction industry so it doesn't take much to undermine the solvency of many construction companies," Dacre continued.

"Many construction businesses took on more debt to get them through lockdown. Due to interest rate rises, they are now seeing the cost of these debts soar, just as the economic outlook is worsening," said Rebecca Dacre.

"Rising interest rates may hit new build residential property builders at the worst possible time, as consumer appetite to take on more expensive mortgages will cool."

Construction companies, like many sectors of the UK economy are also struggling to hire enough labour. A lack of supply in labour to the industry is causing a further blow to companies' cash flow, by hindering their ability to complete projects on time and get paid.

According to Mazars' data, East Anglia, the South West and South East have seen the largest increases in construction business at risk, with 74 percent, 72 percent and 58 percent increases respectively.

Dacre concluded: "For many businesses across the construction sector, Government help with energy bills cannot come soon enough. Some will be trying desperately to hang on until the relief package kicks in."

## CONSTRUCTION

# INDIA ECONOMIC RELATIONS SECRETARY LISTS PRIORITY AREAS FOR TANZANIA

By Beatrice Philemon

The Indian economic relations secretary at the ministry of external affairs Dammu Ravi has revealed areas of priority, which will recently be implemented by India in strengthening economic relations with Tanzania.

Speaking during an interview with The Guardian on Wednesday in Dar es Salaam, Ravi said the proposed priority areas of cooperation's strengthening will be on trade, education, health, manufacturing and technology.

Ravi was in Tanzania for three days to meet with permanent secretary, ministry of foreign affairs and international Co-operation and permanent secretary, ministry of finance and planning to discuss new proposals on areas of cooperation.

He said that his visit will enhance the economic and traditional benefits that both countries have been enjoying over years.

Explaining, Ravi said he came to Tanzania to build the new foundation of cooperation including cooperate in boost-

ing Tanzania manufacturing sector, mainly expanding exports, through Special Economic Zones (SEZ).

"My idea is explore how to increase manufacturing of many items in Tanzania as during our discussion with permanent secretaries tomorrow (Thursday), we are going to request for a space at the Special Economic Zones (SEZ) to bring in Indian companies to set up manufacturing plant to produce different products ranging from chemicals medicine to mining machinery and agro-processing machines," he said.

He said India is also interested to set up Indian Institute of Technology to help Tanzanian students acquire the world class expertise in different areas of technology and help the country to produce sufficient labour force on the areas of science and technology.

"We are also thinking about to introduce medical college that will produce graduates in medical degree courses in Tanzania. We have already established St. Joseph University in Tanzania (SJUT) which is currently offering engineering degree courses," he said.



India high commissioner to Tanzania, Binaya Pradhan (1st R) listen Indian Economic Relations Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Dammu Ravi, (C) on how his visit will enhance economic relations between Tanzania and India. Left is Joint Secretary (Africa) Puneet Kundal PHOTO/COURTESY OF INDIA HIGH COMMISSION

He said every year a total of 700 students from SJUT are going to India for further studies with the support of the government of India.

"We want to help Tanzania produce more engineers with

high quality because our education system is well-known in the world," he said.

"India has a lot of experience in technical cooperation under ITEC program and our close relation between India and Tanza-

nia, there is a lot of opportunity in education and every year 700 students go to India for studies, with the support from Indian government," he said.

Apart from that, Apollo hospital will be constructed in Tanza-

nia to provide advanced and comprehensive diagnostic and cancer treatments locally, as currently many Tanzanians are traveling to India in search for such services.

"Currently, a lot of Tanzanian medical experts travel to India for further training, but the newly constructed hospital will offer medical degrees training, so that more students and doctors will get a chance to study locally," he said.

Ravi said while in Tanzania, he managed to meet with Indian business community to discuss how they can expand trade and investment relations in Tanzania, considering that India is the third largest bilateral trading partner of Tanzania behind china and UAE.

"We are exchanging lot of stuffs between our two countries; we are importing agro products, agriculture products, gold while exporting petroleum products, pharmaceutical products, pulses and other products worth \$4.5bn," he said.

The secretary said he also managed to visit in Zanzibar and meet the Zanzibar President, Hussein Mwinyi to discuss various issues relating to economic relations and visit water project, currently implemented in Zanzibar's stone town, financed by government of India, as well as visit India consulate in Zanzibar.

## UK lenders to face pressure to cut mortgage rates if markets stabilise

LONDON

Lenders will come under pressure to offer cheaper fixed rate mortgages if the market rates they use to price deals stabilise at current levels, according to mortgage brokers.

Following last week's turmoil in UK government bond prices, banks were forced to temporarily withdraw fixed deals for new customers as swap rates, which mitigate interest rate risk as banks swap fixed-rate money from borrowers for a floating rate, rose sharply.

Banks subsequently began reintroducing new products at an average rate almost one percentage point higher, reflecting the increased cost to lenders.

But markets have calmed in recent days following the Bank of England's £65bn intervention in the gilts market last Wednesday and a partial U-turn by chancellor Kwasi Kwarteng (pictured) on his unfunded tax cutting "mini" Budget that prompted the crisis.

Both two- and five-year swap rates



have fallen back from last week's peak of 5.9 and 5.4 per cent respectively, and are now trading just 50 basis points higher than before Kwarteng's fiscal statement at 4.9 and 4.6 per cent.

But average rates for fixed-rate mortgages have continued to rise this week. The average for two-year fixed-rate mortgages is now 5.97 per cent, up from 5.75 per cent on Monday and

4.74 per cent on the day of Kwarteng's announcement, according to data from Moneyfacts.

Andrew Montlake, managing director of mortgage broker Coreco, said: "If swap rates do stay down, then there'll be a lot of pressure on lenders to reduce some of their new rates, which in time you might see them do."

Beyond swap rates, lenders have to tread a line between remaining open

for fixed-rate business and offering such attractive rates that they become swamped by borrowers eager to fix before any further expected rate rises.

"They're essentially pricing themselves out of taking on lots of work while they assess," said Simon Gammon, founder and managing partner of Knight Frank Finance. "I'm pretty confident that with another couple of weeks of stable swap rates, we could start to see some more sensible rates coming back to the market."

David Hollingworth, director at L&C mortgages, said it was a "real positive" that some lenders had already started to come back with fixed rate mortgages, which should lead to "more competition, sharpening up rates a bit."

The number of mortgage products rose from 2262 on Monday to 2358, according to Moneyfacts, although it is still far down from the 3961 available on September 23.

The Financial Conduct Authority contacted banks late last week over concerns about the sharp rise in interest payments.

## 888AFRICA now launches 888bet in Kenya, Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter

London Stock Exchange (LSE) listed betting and gaming company 888 has announced the launch of 888bet in Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique and Zambia with local licences through the joint venture 888AFRICA.

Founded in March 2022, 888AFRICA licences 888's world-class betting and gaming brands with an ambitious strategy to expand across Africa's regulated online betting and gaming markets. It is managed by a team of highly respected industry leaders, led by Christopher Coyne, former CEO of GOAT Interactive and former CMO of The Stars Group.

888bet, its consumer brand, offers a unique betting experience for players, combining 888's innovative and exciting brand with locally relevant product features.

888AFRICA's Team has focused on customer experience and already has 85% coverage of mobile network operator payments in its markets.

888bet offers cash out, jackpots, and free to play and on 888casino there are over 1,500 casino games with the full casino offering in Zambia, with future launches planned in other markets subject to licensing.

The offering is currently available in Swahili, Portuguese, and English, and has launched in each market with several launch offers for new players.

Expanding into markets like Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique and Zambia, which have attractive, long-term growth potential, is a key part of 888's corporate strategy. With the African gambling market forecast to reach \$5.6 billion by 2030, 888bet is well placed to capitalise on growing demand and maximise growth opportunities.

Christopher Coyne, CEO of 888AFRICA, commented: "We are delighted to hit our target and launch into four regulated markets within 6 months of founding the business. This is an important milestone that provides us with fantastic opportunities for further expansion in the future. We have enormous ambitions and believe the strength, history and trust of the 888 brand gives us a real competitive advantage as we look to build market-leading positions across Africa. We look forward to introducing 888bet and its unique offer to new players across the region in the months ahead."

Itai Pazner, CEO of 888 Holdings Plc, commented: "It is great to see Christopher and his team successfully launch 888bet in Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique and Zambia and begin 888AFRICA's growth story on the continent. As a region with significant potential, we are excited to watch 888AFRICA continue to develop its offer and launch new and exciting products for players over the coming years and months, while introducing consumers to the fantastic 888 brand."

## AfDB to support Guinea-Bissau on energy, infrastructure

BISSAU

African Development Bank Group (AfDB) commits to supporting transport infrastructure development in Guinea-Bissau to address development challenges through its new strategy.

AfDB say new strategy will promote economic diversification, structural transformation and lay the foundation for inclusive, resilient, and sustainable growth through support for infrastructure and good governance.

The Group and Guinea-Bissau mutually adopted this approach in the Country Strategy Paper 2022-2026, published last month, according to a press statement issued by AfDB.

The objective of the Country Strategy Paper is to support Guinea-Bissau in building the necessary infrastructure to transform agricultural goods, promoting entrepreneurial initiatives for job creation, improving governance and targeting fragility drivers.

The Bank Group will target three sectors: energy, transport and financial governance, to support the government's debt sustainability efforts.



Guinea Bissau capital

In the energy sector, the strategy will strengthen the distribution network to improve access to electricity for most of the population.

The Bank says will continue implementing the Bissau City Power Supply Improvement Project. It is also expected to conclude the preparation study of the Saltinho hydroelectric plant.

The expected results in the energy sector are: installing 500 solar street lamps, reducing energy loss, finalizing the 225-kV western backbone interconnection line in the Gambia basin, and developing renewable energy.

This will enable Guinea-Bissau to in-

crease the contribution of renewable energy to its total supply mix from 0 to 36%. The access rate to electricity in Bissau (capital) should reach 50% by the end of the new country strategy in 2026 - compared to 20%.

The Bank also commits to supporting the development of Guinea-Bissau's transport infrastructure to improve regional integration and facilitate access to essential services.

Several cross-border and rural roads will be built to ease problems related to logistics and value chain development.

In addition to the construction of 100 kilometers of newly paved roads,

another 500 kilometers of paved roads will be rehabilitated. These will help reduce food imports from 247.6 million tonnes in 2022 to 222.8 million tonnes in 2026.

The Bank will support public policy reforms and financial administration, particularly in the civil service. This is a top priority for the government, as it seeks to create a transparent budgetary environment conducive to attracting critical investments. These reforms are expected to raise the tax revenue to GDP ratio from 8.2% in 2022 to 10% in 2026 and to lower the expenditure from 16.9% of GDP in 2022 to 15% in 2026.

"Cross-cutting themes will be integrated into the Guinea-Bissau Country Strategy Paper," said Joseph Ribeiro, Deputy Director-General for West Africa and African Development Bank Country Manager for Guinea-Bissau.

"For example, the project to support the empowerment and financial inclusion of women and youth in the cashew, fruit and vegetable sectors will enhance the professionalization of 100 women's cooperatives and micro and small enterprises," he added.

## WORLD

# Ex-cop kills 34, including 22 children, at Thai daycare center

BANGKOK

THIRTY-FOUR people were killed in Thailand yesterday in a gun and knife attack at a daycare center by a former policeman who killed his wife and child before turning his weapon on himself, police said.

There were 22 children among the victims of the suspected attacker, who had been discharged from the service last year for drug-related reasons, district police official Chakkraphat Wichitvaidya told media.

He cited witnesses as saying the gun-

man was also seen wielding a knife.

About 30 children were at the center when the gunman arrived, fewer than usual, as heavy rain had kept many people away, district official Jidapa Boonsom, who was working in a nearby office at the time, told Reuters.

"The shooter came in around lunch time and shot four or five officials at the childcare center first," said Jidapa, adding that among them was a teacher who was eight months pregnant.

"At first people thought it was fireworks," she said.

The gunman then forced his way into



This frame grab from video footage by Thai PBS made available via APFTV and taken on yesterday shows people gathering in the northern Thai province of Nong Bua Lam Phu, where a former policeman shot dead at least 34 people in a children's day-care center. (PHOTO / THAI PBS VIA APFTV)

a locked room where children were sleeping, Jidapa said, to kill children there with a knife.

Videos posted on social media showed sheets covering what appeared to be the bodies of children lying in pools of blood at the center in the town of Uthai Sawan, 500 km northeast of Bangkok in the province of Nong Bua Lamphu.

Reuters could not immediately authenticate the footage.

Earlier, police said a manhunt was

under way for the shooter, and a government spokesman said the prime minister had alerted all agencies to catch the culprit.

Mass shootings are rare in Thailand, even though the rate of gun ownership is high compared with some other countries in the region, and illegal weapons are common.

In 2020, a soldier angry over a property deal gone sour killed at least 29 people and wounded 57 in a rampage that spanned four locations.

## Free and Open Indo-Pacific Region concept endangers stability in Asia-Pacific – Medvedev

MOSCOW

THE Western countries' plans for advancing the concept of a Free and Open Indo-Pacific may lead to socio-economic destabilization in the countries of the Asia-Pacific Region (APR), the Deputy Chairman of Russia's Security Council, Dmitry Medvedev, said yesterday in an address to the opening of the international conference entitled Environmental Policy and Sustainable Development on the island of Sakhalin.

"Our conference is being held on the Pacific coast, in a region that has long been an example of stability, security and sustainable development.

But even here now there is a certain level of turbulence and problems of unpredictability," Medvedev said. "This is largely due to the short-sighted policy of a



whole number of non-regional countries. Let me get this straight - Western countries".

"Under the pretext of supporting like-minded partners in Asia with all sorts of demagogic arguments about creating an 'open Indo-Pacific re-

gion', a number of countries have been expanding the system of alien structures in Asian states. It should be stated clearly that we definitely don't like it, because their aims are non-transparent and extremely politicized. What's

the point of spreading structures like NATO into the Asia-Pacific Region or creating such structures there? Obviously this will not contribute to stability," Medvedev said in his video message to the conference.

He warned that such interference would also affect environmental issues. As an example, he cited the growth of harmful emissions in European countries in 2022 in contrast to those in 2020 and 2021.

"Why? Precisely for political reasons. Instead of joint movement towards environmental development a completely different policy is being implemented," Medvedev stressed, adding that such actions, among other things, "endanger the food security of developing countries".

Earlier, the countries of the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad), which includes

India, the United States, Japan and Australia, called for the promotion of a Free and Open Indo-Pacific. The idea, according to the parties, implies that the region will have an international order based on the principles of freedom, the rule of law, democratic values, peace settlement of disputes, sovereignty and territorial integrity.

The international conference Environmental Policy and Sustainable Development is being held in Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk on October 6-7 at the initiative of the United Russia party. It focuses on social and political support for ensuring environmental security in the Asia-Pacific Region. State Duma members, governors of the Far Eastern regions, representatives from the political forces of East and Southeast Asia and the international expert community are taking part.

## ASA, SpaceX launch crewed mission to ISS

LOS ANGELES

The U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and SpaceX launched the agency's Crew-5 mission to the International Space Station (ISS) on Wednesday.

The SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket and Crew Dragon Endurance spacecraft roared off Launch Pad 39A at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida at noon Eastern Time Wednesday.

Shortly after the liftoff, NASA confirmed the main engine cutoff and stage separation. The first stage of the Falcon 9 rocket completed its descent

and successfully landed on SpaceX's drone ship, Just Read the Instructions, off the coast of Florida.

The Dragon Endurance spacecraft has separated from the second stage, and headed to the ISS.

The mission carries NASA astronauts Nicole Mann and Josh Cassada, along with Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency astronaut Koichi Wakata, and Roscosmos cosmonaut Anna Kikina to the ISS.

NASA said the crew has safely reached orbit. The spacecraft will dock with the space station at approximately 4:57 p.m. Eastern Time yester-

day. During their time on the orbiting laboratory, the crew will conduct over 200 science experiments and technology demonstrations in areas such as human health and lunar fuel systems, according to SpaceX.

After the Dragon spacecraft docks to the orbiting lab, another four station crew members, the Crew-4 mission, will end their mission and return to Earth just over a week later, according to NASA.

The Crew-4 mission will undock from the space station and splash down off the coast of Florida.



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## China today is more than the country itself, it is very much a part of the world

SINCE the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) in 2012, socialism with Chinese characteristics has crossed the threshold into a new era.

Under the guidance of Xi Jinping Thought on Diplomacy, China has overcome many obstacles and challenges, accomplished a great number of big, important undertakings, and scored ground-breaking historic achievements on all fronts.

With a further rise in international influence, ability to inspire, and power to shape, China has written a splendid chapter of major-country diplomacy with Chinese characteristics.

Today, the international balance of power is undergoing profound adjustments, unilateralism, protectionism, hegemonism, and power politics are posing greater threats to world peace and development, and the anti-globalization trend is growing. The world has entered a new period of tur-

bulence and transformation.

Facing complex and severe international situations and unprecedented external challenges, the CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core has implemented the national rejuvenation strategy within the wider context of once-in-a-century changes taking place in the world.

It is holding high the banner of building a community with a shared future for mankind, and focusing on the central task of serving national rejuvenation and promoting the human progress, to advance major-country diplomacy with Chinese characteristics.

China in the new era follows a path of peaceful development, promotes the building of a new type of international relations, and injects positive energy into the healthy development of international relations.

With a broad vision for the future of the world, China has proposed to build a community with a shared future for mankind, which

marks the deep interaction and close relation between China and the rest of the world.

China advocates forging a new type of international relations featuring mutual respect, equity, justice and win-win cooperation, and embarks on a new path of state-to-state relations with the preference of dialogue over confrontation and partnership over alliance.

China has actively explored and facilitated the building of a framework of major-country relations that is generally stable and balanced. The country adheres to the policy of building friendship and partnership with neighboring countries and follows the principles of amity, sincerity, mutual benefit and inclusiveness in conducting neighborhood diplomacy, and stays committed to the principles of sincerity, real results, amity and good faith and the approach of pursuing the greater good and shared interests in cooperation with other developing countries.

It has forged partnerships with

over 110 countries and regional organizations in various forms, building a comprehensive, multi-level, and multifaceted network of global partnerships. The constantly expanding "circle of friends" mirrors the unprecedented frequency of China's interaction with the rest of the world.

China in the new era remains committed to a win-win strategy of opening-up, injecting new strength into the common development of the world.

Major-country diplomacy with Chinese characteristics has made important contributions to building a world of common prosperity by promoting open cooperation.

For instance, the major decision to launch the Free Trade Area of the Asia Pacific process was made at the 22nd APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting, drawing a new blueprint for Asia-Pacific connectivity.

A total of 28 specific outcome documents were issued during the G20 Hangzhou Summit, including the first time to give priority to de-

velopment in global macro policy framework, the first time to draft an action plan for the implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the first time to take collective actions to aid the industrialization of Africa and least developed countries, setting up a new "global benchmark" to the international community.

Besides, China has held four consecutive sessions of the China International Import Expo, during which a series of new measures of opening up were announced.

Over the past 10 years, China has been working actively to promote the high-quality development of the Belt and Road Initiative. It has established the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, the New Development Bank, and the Silk Road Fund and pushed for the high-quality implementation of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership.

It is believed globally that China, by promoting common develop-

ment with other countries, is creating a brighter future for global development.

China in the new era holds high the banner of true multilateralism and actively joins the reform of the global governance system.

As the world's largest developing country and a permanent member of the UN Security Council, China firmly safeguards the basic norms governing international relations, promotes democracy in international relations, opposes hegemonism and power politics, and safeguards international equity and justice.

China proposed to build a community of common health for mankind, providing a basis for safeguarding the lives and health of mankind.

With unprecedented ambition and actions to cope with climate change and protect biodiversity, the country charts the course for global ecological civilization and builds a community of life for man and nature.

## WTO: World trade growth to slow sharply in 2023

GENEVA

WORLD trade is expected to lose momentum in the second half of 2022 and remain subdued in 2023, as multiple shocks weigh on the global economy, the World Trade Organization (WTO) said in a statement on Wednesday.

WTO economists said in the statement that global merchandise trade volumes will grow by 3.5 percent in 2022 -- slightly better than the 3.0 percent forecast in April. However, for 2023 they foresee a 1.0 percent increase, down sharply from the previous estimate of 3.4 percent.

The new WTO forecast estimates world gross domestic product (GDP) at market exchange rates will grow by 2.8 percent in 2022 and 2.3 percent in 2023 - the latter is 1.0 percentage points lower than previous projections.

In their April forecast, WTO economists had to rely on simulations to generate reasonable growth assumptions, since at the Ukraine conflict had only just begun and its impact remained unknown.

However, WTO economists said on Wednesday that the April estimates for 2023 now appear overly optimistic. Since then, energy prices have skyrocketed, inflation has become more broad-based, and the conflict is still showing no sign of letting up.

The economists explained that import demand is expected to soften, as growth slows in major economies for various reasons.

High energy prices stemming from the Russia-Ukraine conflict will squeeze household spending and raise manufacturing costs in Europe; the tightening of monetary policy will hit interest-sensitive spending in areas such as housing, motor vehicles and fixed investment in the United States.

Growing import bills for fuels, food and fertilizers could lead to food insecurity and debt distress in developing countries.

"Policymakers are confronted with unenviable choices as they try to find an optimal balance among tackling inflation, maintaining full employment, and advancing important policy goals such as transitioning to clean energy," WTO Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala said.

"Trade is a vital tool for enhancing the global supply of goods and services, as well as for lowering the cost of getting to net-zero carbon emissions," she said.

"While trade restrictions may be a tempting response to the supply vulnerabilities that have been exposed by the shocks of the past two years, a retrenchment of global supply chains would only deepen inflationary pressures, leading to slower economic growth and reduced living standards over time," she noted.

Xinhua

## Ethiopian gov't welcomes AU invitation for peace talks with rebel

ADDIS ABABA

THE Ethiopian government on Wednesday reiterated support for the African Union (AU)'s invitation for peace talks with the rebel Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF).

In a press statement, the Ethiopia Government Communication Service said the entities leading the AU peace talks have made an official invitation for talks to begin and have announced both the date and venue.

"The African Union's official invitation is consistent with the Ethiopian government's prior positions," the statement said. The Ethiopian government had previously expressed its position that peace talks should only be mediated by the AU and should be held without any pre-conditions.

The Ethiopia Government Communication Service said the federal government remains committed to adopting all possible measures to resolve the conflict in a manner that ensures lasting peace, and territorial integrity of the country and will continue upholding this commitment.

Meanwhile, Redwan Hussien, the national security advisor to the Ethiopian Prime Minister with a rank of a minister, also on Wednesday confirmed the Ethiopian government's commitment to the AU's peace initiative.

"The government of Ethiopia has accepted this invitation, which is in line with our principled position regarding the peaceful resolution of the conflict and the need to have talks without preconditions," Hussien said via Twitter post. Conflict resumed in late August, in which the Ethiopian government accused the rebel group of resuming fighting, saying the move by the rebel TPLF demonstrates its stance against any potential peace process.

Xinhua

## 'Russia has great respect for everything Ukrainian, including language, culture'

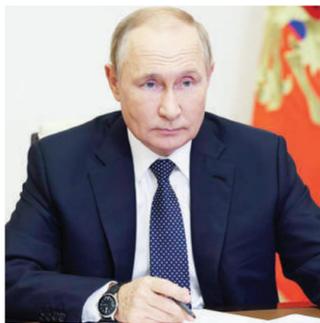
MOSCOW

RUSSIA has always had tremendous respect for the Ukrainian people, culture and language, Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Wednesday at a meeting with the finalists of the Teacher of the Year contest.

He pointed out that the plan for the development of new regions of Russia should be comprehensive and include the development of the educational process.

"There will be a separate plan for assistance to Donbass, Zaporozhye, and Kherson, of course. I already said this in my opening speech. It should be comprehensive, it should be combined not only with the development of infrastructure, which is obvious. The same also applies to sports infrastructure and medical care," he said.

"Despite the current tragedy we have always had great respect for the Ukrainian people, Ukrainian culture, Ukrainian language and literature, and so on. And we have never permitted anything that is allowed in Ukraine in relation to Russian culture and the Russian language," Putin said.



Putin stressed that Russia would go its own way, treating everything Ukrainian with respect.

"We have three million Russian citizens of Ukrainian origin. We do not make any distinctions and are not going to make any distinctions between Russians and Ukrainians, but, while proceeding along our own constructive way, without any doubt, we will brush off everything that prevents us from moving forward.

It is very important to arrange for the educational process in a way that has always been Russia's pride and will remain so in the future," he concluded.

## DR Congo's Bunagana town reeling after capture by M23 rebels



People are seen at a makeshift market in Bunagana, a border town in the northeastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), on Oct. 1, 2022. Xinhua

BUNAGANA

BUNAGANA, a once-busy border town in the northeastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), has been thrust into desolation since it was captured by the March 23 Movement (M23) rebels in June.

A Xinhua journalist who made a visit to this city recently, with the approval to enter the city under the surveillance of the rebellion's military spokesperson Willy Ngoma, found that activities in this once very hectic city remain suspended, with about 85 percent of its population already fleeing when the rebels arrived and later seized their hometown.

As an important commercial crossroads on the border between the DRC and Uganda, Bunagana, about 70 km northeast of Goma, the capital of the North Kivu province, is strategic in cross-border trade. In November 2012, the M23 occupied Goma for 10 days.

This occupation followed eight

months of intense fighting in Rutshuru territory which administers Bunagana. Although the rebels withdrew from Goma after heavy international pressure, they continued to control key strategic sites, such as the border town of Bunagana.

A few meters from the border, near the entrance to the fallen city, a checkpoint was set up by the rebellion with a few agents to stand guard and monitor the passage of the local population crossing the border, despite the official closure by both governments. "We hope there will be a quick solution in a peaceful way to this crisis between the two sides.

Nothing is working here. Nothing is working out commercially. It's sad for us," an anonymous passerby told Xinhua not far from the checkpoint.

Willy Ngoma, the M23 spokesperson, claimed that Bunagana works "well," with its people "very comfortable" with the presence of the M23. The majority of businesses in the city are almost paralyzed and several neighborhoods are nearly empty, except for an almost deserted makeshift market run by a few women to sell farm produce.

The tour around the city was, without any doubt, accompanied by Willy Ngoma, the M23 spokesperson, who was secured by a few very young M23 members armed with AK-47s.

Though deprived of necessities, some inhabitants of Bunagana still insist on staying, while waiting for the city to return to normal. "We have seen fit to stay here at home, even if we do not have access to necessities due to

the closing of the border.

But we are holding out until the situation is resolved peacefully," Marceline Mughole, a vendor at Bunagana's makeshift market, told Xinhua. The M23 is a group of former rebels of the National Congress for the Defense of the People (CNDP). The name came from the March 23, 2009, agreement between the CNDP and the Congolese government.

After its defeat by the army, the M23 signed a peace accord with the government in December 2013, in which it agreed to demobilize its fighters and transform itself into a political party.

M23 leaders, however, have accused the government of failing to respect that agreement. "For us, there is no other solution apart from the full application of these agreements which bind us with the authorities," said Willy Ngoma during an exclusive interview granted to Xinhua.

The M23 is also at the heart of a new episode in the diplomatic clashes between the DRC and Rwanda. DRC authorities accuse Rwanda of supporting M23 rebels. Kigali denies any allegation of support for the M23, a charge also refuted by the rebellion's spokesman during his interview with Xinhua.

## At least 16 migrants dead in shipwreck off Greece's Lesbos

ATHENS

AT LEAST 16 migrant women died when their vessel sank off the Greek island of Lesbos in the central Aegean Sea early yesterday, in the second maritime disaster involving migrants in less than a day, the country's coastguard said.

The sunken boat was carrying about 40 people, the coastguard said, citing people that had been rescued so far. There were 16 bodies recovered, a coast guard official said. Another 9 women were rescued and about 15 people were missing.

The boat sank east of Lesbos, which lies close to Türkiye's coast.

Greek Migration Minister Notis Mitarachi tweeted a call for Türkiye to take "immediate action to prevent all irregular departures due to harsh weather conditions.

"Already today many lives lost in the Aegean, people are drowning in unseaworthy vessels. EU must act," he wrote.

In the earlier incident, Greek authorities rescued 80 migrants whose boat sank after hitting a rocky area in stormy waters near the island of Kythira in southern Greece on Wednesday. According to those rescued, 15 were still missing and the search and rescue operation was still ongoing.

On Thursday, a Greek coastguard vessel and an air force helicopter were rushing to conduct a search and rescue operation near Lesbos, with strong winds blowing in the area.

A search was being conducted along the wider coast of Lesbos for migrants who may have made it to the shores. Three were found trapped in a remote area.

Greece was at the front line of a European migration crisis in 2015 and 2016, when a million refugees fleeing war and poverty in Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan arrived in the country, mainly via Türkiye.

The number of migrant arrivals has fallen sharply since then. But Greek authorities say they have recently seen a sharp increase in attempted entries through the country's islands and land border with Türkiye.

## Sydney records wettest year since 1858, bracing for more floods

SYDNEY

SYDNEY recorded its wettest year in 164 years as authorities braced for major floods in Australia's east yesterday, with more heavy downpours expected to fall over the next three days.

With almost three months of 2022 still to go, Australia's largest city has recorded 2,200 mm of rain in a year for the first time since records began in 1858.

By yesterday afternoon, Sydney had received about 2,213 mm of rainfall for the year, surpassing the previous record of 2,194 mm set in 1950, official data showed.

More than 58 mm fell over five hours since 9 am local time (2200 GMT, Wednesday), the Bureau of Meteorology's (BoM) live data showed.

More downpours are forecast for the rest of 2022, as Australia's east coast remains in the grip of a rare third straight year of the La Nina weather phenomenon.

"Heading into late spring and summer, we're still in this active La Nina period so we can expect more and more rainfall and that does increase the risk of flooding," BoM forecaster Jonathan How told ABC television.

During the past two years, floods have struck Sydney's suburbs three times, forcing tens of thousands of people to flee their homes.

With a wild weather system expected to dump heavy rains through the weekend across a wide swathe of Australia's east, authorities warned Sydney residents to watch out for flash flooding and stay away from flooded roads.

Many dams and rivers are already at full capacity. The New South Wales state government has committed to raising the height of the wall at Sydney's Warragamba Dam, which supplies 80% of the city's water, to help prevent future floods.

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### 'More water coming'

Some of the state's rural inland towns were already flooded, with television footage showing damaged roads and residents moving farm animals to higher ground.

New South Wales emergency crews said there were 47 flood warnings in place across the state, with moderate flooding expected in parts of Sydney on Saturday.

The situation will only get more dangerous over the next few weeks, emergency services spokesperson Scott McLennan said.

"Are we at the worst? We don't know, but we do know that there is more water coming," McLennan told the Australian Broadcasting Corp. **Agencies**



## US exports inflation, slows global recovery

THE Federal Reserve recently raised its benchmark interest rate by another 75 basis points, which marked the fifth time for the U.S. monetary policy decision maker to make interest rate hikes. These back-to-back increases are the biggest since early 1980s.

The radical interest rate hikes have triggered widespread concerns of the international society. As the world is still bothered by COVID-19 resurgences and slow economic pickup, the U.S., passing the pressure and risks of inflation to the rest of the world, will only encumber global recovery.

For some time, the U.S. has seen increasingly severe inflation, which has even reached a new 40-year high. It mirrors the country's structural problem in economy and failing policies.

Over the recent years, the U.S. has followed trade protectionism and arbitrarily increased tariffs, leading to a rise in the price of imported commodities and services. However, the cost is shouldered by American enterprises and consumers.

To cope with the impacts

from COVID-19, the U.S. government launched a large number of fiscal policies and ultra-easy monetary policies, which led to overheated economy and supply-demand imbalance. As a result, the recovery of production lagged behind that of consumption.

As in the 1970s, persistent and repeated negative supply shocks will combine with loose monetary, fiscal, and credit policies to produce stagflation, said Nouriel Roubini, Professor Emeritus of Economics at New York University.

Besides, since the Ukraine crisis, the unilateral sanctions launched by the U.S. against Russia have caused huge impacts on global energy, finance and food sectors, which further disordered supply and industrial chains and exacerbated inflation.

The U.S. needs to adopt problem-oriented strategies to address the inflation issue. However, the Federal Reserve is wishing to ease overheated economy and inflation by boosting interest rates. What the U.S. has done is only casting a shadow over its economic growth.

The back-to-back interest rate hikes have driven up the cost of borrowing, thus containing enterprises' investment expansion and consumption, impacting the labor market and bringing huge downward pressure to the U.S. economy.

Spanish newspaper *Rebelion* said in an article that the Federal Reserve is curbing inflation at the sacrifice of the entire economy, which will lower

economic growth, accelerate recession and trigger debt crisis. Besides, the U.S. practice cannot stop the rising prices caused by the impacted supply chain.

Countries in the world are interdependent in the era of economic globalization. However, the U.S. cares about only its own short-term interests when making monetary and fiscal policies, which may take the world to an even bigger crisis.

CNN called the interest rate hikes "dollar smile," but the smile only chills the world. U.S. dollars often appreciates when the U.S. economy is very strong or very weak, and the appreciation makes capital flow back to the U.S., which causes hyperinflation and capital flight for other countries. Emerging markets and developing countries have been the biggest victim every time the U.S. raised interest rate since the Latin American debt crisis.

Undoubtedly, the new interest rate hike will bring capital back to the U.S., and developing countries will face a number of challenges such as stock market fluctuation, depreciation of domestic currency, interest rise in their debts in U.S. dollars, as well as surging cost of raw material imports.

James Morrison, associate professor at London School of Economics and Political Science, noted that the interest rate hikes will definitely place negative impacts on the world and worsen the financial distress of developing countries, as the U.S. dollars is in the center of the

international financial system.

The interest rate hikes made by the Federal Reserve also burdened Europe, Japan and other developed economies. French newspaper *Les Echos* said on its website that the raised benchmark interest rate will force other central banks to follow, which will depreciate euro and exacerbate inflation. As a result, the European economy, already impacted by the Ukraine crisis, will shoulder greater pressure.

As the world's largest economy, the U.S. should adopt responsible economic and financial policies and control their spillover effect, so as to avoid exporting inflation and recession risks to the rest of the world.

Facing the economic hegemony of the U.S., emerging markets and developing countries should adopt a long-term perspective, improve the system and rules of international economic governance, and make global governance fairer and more equitable.

People's Daily



Yanga's Burkinabe midfielder, Stephane Aziz Ki. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

## Midfielder Aziz Ki needs time to impress at Yanga

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

YOUNG Africans SC made several high-profile signings in the last transfer window, and the one who was the most expensive and most talked about was Burkinabe midfielder, Stephane Aziz Ki.

The 26-year-old arrived at Young Africans SC, alias Yanga, instantly under pressure, showed many positive signs in his first competitive game but has since struggled to impress.

In one way or another, Aziz Ki has struggled to live up to his price tag since arriving at the Jangwani Street side from Ivorian outfit ASEC Mimosas, but Yanga's head coach Nasreddine Nabi has said the midfielder must be given time to prove his worth.

When he started, his impact has not been so drastic and he has been unable to express himself in the same way domestic soccer enthusiasts saw him during the 2021/22 CAF Confederation Cup group stage with ASEC Mimosas.

This season's NBC Premier League games pitting Yanga against Azam FC, Polisi Tanzania, and Coastal Union were all opportunities for Aziz Ki to impress, but instead, he was rather underwhelming.

After one of the biggest league games for Yanga, the 2-2 thrilling draw with Azam FC, Nabi was forced to defend Aziz Ki's selection and called for patience.

The tactician pointed out: "Once again I said we have to give Aziz Ki time to adapt to the team. You have to allow him time to adapt, he can play in any position across the front and midfield also so that's not an issue, it is about finding the right formula."

A week later in Yanga's CAF Champions League first preliminary round tie against South Sudan's side Zalan FC, Aziz was guilty of missing easy chances and prompting Nabi to once again clarify his situation.

The Tunisian coach added: "I have compassion for Aziz who is not yet at his normal levels. There are problems with the adaptation of chemistry. This is not the time to be very demanding of him, he is a very good player but needs time to adapt and understand his partners"

Yanga has had a very busy campaign up to this point, playing a total of eight games in just under two months.

This has not helped Aziz Ki settle and adapt. There have also been interruptions with the two international breaks sandwiched between August and September.

The midfielder is likely to miss Saturday's crucial CAF Champions League second preliminary round's first leg tie against Sudan's Al Hilal because of the challenges he encountered during the international break with Burkina Faso's national team.

Any right-thinking fan would understand why Nabi urged for patience as the former ASEC Mimosas attacking midfielder adapts to the NBC Premier League.

The inevitable difficulties that come with adapting to a new country, club, and language at Yanga mean he is still working towards hitting top form.

While Aziz Ki needs to adapt to his new teammates, they also need to adapt to him and his playing style.

Domestic football lovers, especially the ones supporting Yanga, certainly do not need to start panicking at all after less than 10 games in the campaign.

There is no doubt that Aziz Ki may turn out to be one of the signings of the season, but the early signs suggest that he may take some time to adapt.

That is understandable. There is confidence that Aziz Ki will find his feet at Yanga and will become the player that the outfit's hierarchy hopes he can be, but it just takes time.

While it is still very early into Aziz Ki's career at Yanga, it is clear that he can speak the language of football but there is no denying that some fans would have expected a little more, particularly with the Burkina Faso international viewed as an answer to Simba SC's Clatous Chama, a midfielder they have coveted for so long.

It should not be forgotten that despite Aziz's early struggles he had a good second half when Yanga came up against Simba in the Community Shield encounter, this season's NBC Premier League curtain raiser which took place two months ago.

He linked up play, created, and allowed all of the central attacking play to go through him.

He also played well in a Premier League duel against Mtibwa Sugar, scored a goal, and helped set up another.

## Local lobby awaits Dar es Salaam derby to confirm Simba SC interim head coach

By Correspondent John Kimbute

ALL possible reasons have been built to retain ex-Coastal Union head coach Juma Mgunda in his current interim position at hard hitters Simba SC, breathing hard on the management to lend trust to the coach.

The reasons for wishing that this sense of trust be extended to the tactician, popularly known as 'stocky Guardiola', based on what some of his fans say, is not first for his prowess or CV as managements emphasize, but as a local coach.

They dearly want one of theirs to manage either one or both of the city archivals.

This sentiment is just a bit more focused compared to its alter ego - of minimal foreign players in Premier League sides, which a former minister wanted to limit to three, and now the cap is 12 players.

There was another cap as to how many such players can be fielded at any moment in a match, and the answer was seven players - which has technically been dropped at the moment.

It is a destabilizing sentiment that is taking time to change or to lose its adherents to a bare minimum.

While the current push



Juma Mgunda

to offer at least a one-year contract to 'stocky Guardiola' is based on a string of successes or wins that the club has registered under his guidance, those seeking his formal appointment are not entirely focused on the wins.

They reiterate the local coaches' principle, and unavoidably back it up by providing time for the coach to build a side, which is not applicable anywhere.

A coach who loses either three or four matches in a row to comparable rivals and even underdogs is shown the door, whether it is in the local premier league or elsewhere.

At times the argument borders on riding two horses, for instance, one pundit who was given extended chunks of time on

an FM radio station was critical not of those who say the former Coastal Union head coach is not right for the job.

He was on the contrary assailing those who kept saying that (assistant coach) Selemani Matola is the problem, intimating thereby that current success is definitely due to a local coach - just like Matola.

All this is to miss the argument, to seek a class rationale rather than at testing to the prowess of an individual, vis a vis all likely situations.

A more realistic section of the lobby gives the interim head coach all the plaudits for the ability to guide the club in local matches but thinks that he is not the right choice for the club's international com-

mitments.

One can forgive the local coaches' lobby if they express serious reservations on this matter, as all available examples suggest that no coach excels in local matches and fail in international matches, as that by definition would imply that league matches are far too easy. That is false.

In having improved the club's performance noticeably in the matches he has guided, there is at least a slim chance that the 'stocky' version of the world's most applauded coach - at least to his fans - lands a year's contract.

Still, the leadership or management will have to be satisfied that his abilities are hard to distinguish from the work of his professional rival Nasreddine Nabi across the street, and that would not be easy.

Nor will it be easy to steer clear of other local coaches' failings, listen to lobbyists for players, or indulge in 'local players vs professionals' sin.

There is an expression, 'tell me your friends, I will tell you who you are,' in which case there is a fault line in prospects for a year's contract with the current interim head coach due to failings in the support base that he enjoys.

For once, they, as a rule, cherish the fact

that he is a local coach, which is irrelevant in the search for a contractual coaching transition, and thus in one way or another such offer has to come from the CV, the certificates, or achievements.

The trouble here is that he only has the Coastal Union last year's achievement to back up, but that was not in the direction of getting a contracted head coach for the top-rated ambitious club side.

In that case, the local coaches' lobby faces a difficult climb to elevate the pluses that Juma Mgunda has brought to Msimbazi Street, to move from interim head coach ability to earning a contract.

It is an effort to tell the management that in their search for a top-rated coach (like their adversaries/archrivals next door) their current technical role holder is adequate.

If one dares to offer that advice in an internal leadership meeting, it would not be surprising if he is informally investigated for sabotage, that he might be pursuing that line for hidden purposes, and even for pecuniary reasons.

Chances that this hurdle is cleared and the stocky tactician is contracted are slim.

## Mtine's experience to improve Yanga in CAF Champions League

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

ANDREW Mtine was recently officially introduced as Yanga's new Chief Executive Officer.

The biggest news that has boosted Yanga fans' confidence though is how the Zambian soccer administrator contributed significantly to the Democratic Republic of Congo's TP Mazembe rise to success.

The success has witnessed the Congolese soccer giant ending as a threat to opponents, especially clubs from Northern Africa, in African inter-club competitions.

The Yanga followers believe that the new CEO's profile and experience in managing TP Mazembe until it became successful internationally will help their outfit do well in CAF Champions League which has had Yanga finding it difficult to make its presence felt.

Yanga last booked a place in the premier continental tournament's group stage in 1998.

What gives the followers more confidence is TP Mazembe's history of tormenting many prominent sides in Africa and achieving success in recent years, to which they believe Mtine has contributed significantly as he was one of the club's senior officials.

Records show that in the 12 years that Mtine has served TP Mazembe, the team has won seven titles in African inter-club competitions, of which two were won in the CAF Champions League, two were clinched in CAF Confederation Cup and the other three are CAF Super Cup titles.

Excluding those titles, the outfit has finished in second place on three occasions



Yanga Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Andre Mtine. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

while falling short in the semi-finals three times.

In the seven titles that TP Mazembe won within the period that Mtine was in the management of the team, five titles were lifted by beating the North African teams in finals while only two titles were won by beating teams from elsewhere.

In 2010 TP Mazembe won the CAF Champions League with a win over Tunisia's Esperance in the final and in 2015 the Congolese squad did so

by beating Algeria's USM Alger and the following year the squad won the CAF Confederation Cup title by beating Algeria's MO Bejaia in the final.

In the final of the CAF Confederation Cup in 2017, TP Mazembe beat Supersport United of South Africa while in the Super Cup title, which took place in 2010, they beat Stade Malien of Mali in the final.

sia respectively.

Mtine was officially announced last week to replace South African Senzo Mbatha who left Yanga after his contract expired while the former signed a two-year contract.

The new CEO said: "I have a lot of experience and work, I have managed to go through various places including being in the leadership of the Zambia Football Association and I have also worked at Zesco United of Zambia together with

TP Mazembe of DR Congo so I know what I came to do."

The leader noted: "I have come to fulfill the goals of Yanga, my thirst is to see Yanga reach far and be known internationally, something that I also desire. Yanga is a great team, I have been following them for a while now."

Mtine revealed: "I have learned that it is a big team, and we can make it bigger, not only in the East African region but also become the biggest club in Africa."

Among the responsibilities bestowed on Mtine is to supervise the club's decisions so that they are done as was decided and approved in either board or general meeting of the club.

He also becomes a link between both sides, especially in achieving development in Yanga in its short-term and long-term goals.

The second task is to manage all operations to ensure that the Jangwani Street squad defends all the cups and enjoys success in CAF Champions League.

Regarding the allegations that spread on social media recently that he was caught in a money laundering scandal and was slapped with a life ban from being involved in football, Yanga responded by releasing copies of the Zambia Football Association and the country's courts showing that he was cleared after being found not guilty in the allegations which surfaced previously.

## Ukraine links World Cup host bid to beating horrors of war

NYON, Switzerland

HOSTING World Cup matches in 2030 would be "the dream of people who survived the horrors of war," Ukrainian soccer federation president Andriy Pavelko said Wednesday after his country launched a joint bid with Spain and Portugal amid the invasion and occupation by Russia.

The leaders of the three soccer federations joined together at UEFA headquarters to present a campaign they hope will connect people beyond the world of sports.

"This is the dream of millions of Ukrainian fans," Pavelko said in translated comments at a news conference, "the dream of people who survived the horrors of war or are still in the occupied territories and over whom the Ukrainian flag will surely fly soon."

Pavelko said the project is backed by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. It aims to bring the World Cup back to Europe 12 years after Russia hosted.

The expected Spain-Portugal bid, which has been in the works for more than three years, previously was made UEFA's preferred candidate. About 200 FIFA member nations will vote on the host in 2024.

"Now it's not the Iberian bid, it's the European bid," Spain soccer federation president Luis Rubiales said at the launch. "Together we represent the power of transformation football has in society."

No details were given about how many games at the 48-team World Cup would be staged in Ukraine or in which cities. The 70,000-seat Olympic Stadium in Kyiv hosted the finals of the 2012 European Championship and the 2018 Champions League.

The European bid is facing a South American candidacy with co-hosts Argentina, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay, which wants to mark the centenary of hosting the inaugural 1930 World Cup.

Saudi Arabia, which has built close ties to FIFA and its president, Gianni Infantino, has been preparing to anchor a bid potentially including Egypt and Greece.

It is unclear how Greece would be approved by UEFA to be part of such an unprecedented multi-continent idea that was aired last month and appears to have accelerated the revised European bid.

UEFA president Aleksander eferin had a front-row seat for part of the launch though left before the end and no UEFA official formally took part or took questions.

Rubiales, who like his Portuguese counterpart Fernando Gomes is a UEFA vice president, said soccer officials in Spain had recent talks with the national government and royal family as part of the process toward teaming with Ukraine.

Pavelko said he believed since the first days of the war in February that soccer could help unite the world with Ukraine, which co-hosted Euro 2012 with neighboring Poland. That event had just 16 teams playing in four cities in each country, while the 2030 World Cup will have 48 teams likely needing about 15 venues.

Ukraine's ambition increased when the national league that was suspended in February started a new season in August - in stadiums with no fans and bunkers for players and officials to shelter during air raid alerts - and was a popular success.

President Zelenskyy then "fully supported that the next step should be the organizing maybe of a big tournament," Pavelko said. "We realize that Ukrainian people feel football (is) a good opportunity to come back to normal life."

A symbolic victory for Ukrainian soccer would be if World Cup games are played in the nation's second most famous stadium, the Donbas Arena in occupied Donetsk that was built ahead of Euro 2012.

The Shakhtar Donetsk club has been exiled from its home stadium since 2014 when conflict started in eastern Ukraine between pro-Russia separatist groups and government forces.

"We will have enough time to renovate the Donbas Arena," Pavelko said, though it is unclear how damaged the 52,000-seat venue has become.

Asked if Ukraine could accept the Russia team playing on its turf in 2030, Pavelko said "it can't be my personal decision."

All Russian teams are currently banned from international competitions for security reasons by UEFA and FIFA, which removed the men's team from 2022 World Cup qualifying playoffs in March. Poland had first refused to play its scheduled game against Russia.

If Russia is reinstated and then qualified for the 2030 edition, its path through the tournament could be steered in the draw toward playing in Spain and Portugal.

Ukrainian teams have continued to play in international competitions with most "home" games organized in Poland.

"I am absolutely sure," Pavelko said, "that all the boys and girls who are now in the occupied territories of Ukraine will have the chance of playing in these (World Cup) stadiums under the Ukrainian flag."

## Man City, Real Madrid march on in Champions League; PSG held

GENEVA

MANCHESTER City and Real Madrid marched on with a third straight win in the Champions League on Wednesday, and former Madrid coach Julen Lopetegui was fired by struggling Sevilla minutes after a 4-1 loss at home to Borussia Dortmund.

Paris Saint-Germain was held for the first time despite Lionel Messi's fine opening goal in a 1-1 draw at Benfica.

Erling Haaland was needed on the field for only the first half yet still scored twice in what has become a routine rout for Man City this season, 5-0 at home to Copenhagen.

It is now five goals in three Champions League games and 19 in 12 club games overall for the relentless Norwegian forward.

Madrid is making less spectacular progress in defense of its title yet had 35 attempts on goal in holding off Shakhtar Donetsk for a 2-1 win.

First-half goals from Madrid's young Brazilian forwards, Rodrygo and Vinicius Júnior, opened a



Salzburg's Noah Okafor scores his side's first goal from a penalty shot during the Champions League soccer match between FC Salzburg and Dinamo Zagreb at the Salzburg stadium in Salzburg, Austria, Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022. (AP Photo)

five-point lead in Group F over Shakhtar before their return game in Poland next week.

Lopetegui's exit from Sevilla, where he won the Europa League title in 2020, seemed likely after only one win in seven La Liga games left the team 17th in the table.

It was confirmed after the loss to a rampant Dortmund, which followed a four-goal loss to Man City in the Spanish club's previous home game in Group G. Fans chanted Lopetegui's name as he left the field.

PSG went to Benfica tied on six points and left tied on seven after a lively, well-matched

game in Lisbon.

Messi's 127th career goal in the Champions League was a curling shot after linking passes with fellow star forwards Kylian Mbappé and Neymar.

Also in Group H, Juventus closed the gap on the leaders with its first points in a 3-1 win over Maccabi Haifa. France midfielder Adrien Rabiot scored in each half.

Chelsea got its first win in the competition for new coach Graham Potter, cruising past AC Milan 3-0, though Salzburg now leads Group E.

Noah Okafor kept up his goal-a-game rate in the Champions League

to lift Salzburg to a 1-0

win over Dinamo Zagreb.

Christopher Nkunku, the France forward who is a widely speculated transfer target of Chelsea, opened the scoring in Leipzig's 3-1 win over Celtic in the group led by Madrid.

**HAALAND'S DOUBLE**

A sweeping right-shot from near the penalty spot. A goal poacher's pounce on a loose ball after a goalkeeper's save. But no hat trick this time for Man City's prolific forward.

Haaland was taken off at halftime as coach Pep Guardiola let other young players shine

and Julián Álvarez, who joined in the offseason from River Plate, got City's fifth goal in the 76th.

The English champion is now unbeaten in 21 home games across four years in the elite European competition. Lyon was the last visiting team to win.

**LOPETEGUI OUT**

Lopetegui rebuilt his career at Sevilla after a disastrous 2018, when he was fired as Spain coach at the World Cup - before the first game in Russia - for agreeing to join Real Madrid after the tournament. He was then fired at Madrid before October was over.

Three full seasons at Sevilla brought yet another Europa League title for the club and qualification three consecutive times for the Champions League.

Sevilla has been expected to re-appoint Jorge Sampaoli, who first left to guide Argentina to the 2018 World Cup. Sampaoli has been available since leaving Marseille in the offseason after leading the club back into the Champions League.

**DI MARIA DELIGHTS**

Three assists from Ángel Di María ensured Juventus finally earned its first points after losses at PSG and at home to Benfica - both former clubs of the Argentina winger.

Rabiot scored in each half against Maccabi Haifa, either side of Serbia striker Dušan Vlahovi's 50th-minute goal.

"I try to do my job, it's what makes me happy, creating assists to score goals," Di María said.

**RED BULLISH**

Longtime allies with the Red Bull organization, Leipzig and Salzburg earned wins in the early games Wednesday.

Salzburg is now the unbeaten leader of Group E after Okafor's 71st-minute penalty was enough to beat Dinamo Zagreb. The 22-year-old Swiss forward shapes as the next talent who could follow the well-worn path from the Austrian champion to its German sister club.

Leipzig got its first points in Group F with two late goals from Portugal forward André Silva to ease past Celtic 3-1, leaving the Scottish champion in last place.

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## Haaland nets 2 in City rout, Guardiola denies release clause

MANCHESTER, England

AFTER Erling Haaland's latest two-goal display in the Champions League, Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola had to quell speculation that the Norway striker could already be planning a move out of the club.

Guardiola dismissed reports coming out of Spain that the striker - who took his season tally to 19 goals in 12 games with a first-half double in Wednesday's 5-0 win over Copenhagen - has a release clause in his Man City contract that would allow him to join Real Madrid in 2024.

"It's not true," Guardiola said. "He doesn't have a release clause for Real Madrid or any other team. It's not true is all I can say. ... I have the feeling he is incredibly happy here."

Real was among a host of Europe's leading clubs tracking Haaland last season -- but it was City who won the race for his signature in a \$63 million deal from Borussia Dortmund.

Still, a future move to the Bernabeu is considered a possibility, with a release clause widely speculated about since his move to the Etihad.

"In the end, what's going to happen in the future, who knows it?" added Guardiola. "What's important is he is happy, he is settled perfectly, he is incredibly beloved by everyone and that's the most important thing."

Guardiola resisted the temptation to rest the Norway international in a game City was expected to win easily, and Haaland duly responded with two goals inside 32 minutes.

He was only denied a second successive hat trick by the acrobatics of Copenhagen goalkeeper Kamil Grabara - and his manager's decision to



Manchester City's Erling Haaland scores his side's second goal during the Champions League soccer match between Manchester City and FC Copenhagen at the Etihad stadium in Manchester, England, Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022. (AP)

withdraw him at the interval.

It was an act of mercy - and also restraint.

Because the Catalan coach appears to be enjoying Haaland's tour de force as much as anyone right now.

His face as the 22-year-old tapped home his second goal was a picture.

Turning to the crowd and rubbing his hands together with glee there seemed to be an acknowledgement that this is almost unfair.

Haaland is too big, too strong, too fast, too clinical.

"It's getting a little silly now," tweeted former England striker Gary Lineker. "Making goal scoring appear absurdly easy."

This was a latest mismatch as Copenhagen's hapless defenders failed to track Haaland's movement. They are in good company, with Bournemouth the only team to keep him at bay this season.

"It's unbelievable honestly. I've never witnessed anything like it in my life," City midfielder Jack Grealish said about Haaland. "For the first and second goals I was just laughing. He is al-

ways there.

"The keeper said something to me as I was walking back. He said, 'He's not human!' I said, 'You're telling me?' Hopefully he can carry on this form and take us to glory."

That is the question hanging over Haaland. Can he be the man to finally lead City to its first Champions League triumph?

Guardiola is yet to conquer Europe without Lionel Messi - despite taking charge of supremely talented squads at Bayern Munich and City since he won the

competition for the second time with Barcelona in 2011.

The closest he has come was losing to Chelsea in the final of 2021.

But in Haaland, he has secured arguably the most fearsome attacking threat in world football. And while he may not possess Messi's unique technical qualities, he is proving an irresistible match-winner to compare to the Argentina legend.

After hitting three against Manchester United in a 6-3 win on Sunday, he looked set to record his fourth hat trick

of the season against Copenhagen.

Instead, Guardiola withdrew him, as City continued its demolition of the Danish champion without him.

Riyad Mahrez scored from the penalty spot 10 minutes into the second half after Marko Stamenic brought down Aymeric Laporte.

City could and should have added several more goals, with Jack Grealish repeatedly coming close either side of the interval - but Julian Alvarez made it 5-0 when turning home Mahrez's ball in the 76th minute.

Haaland scored af-

ter just seven minutes - powering a first-time shot past Grabara after impressive work from Joao Cancelo.

He doubled the lead in the 32-minute - tapping into an empty net after Sergio Gomez' shot was parried by Grabara.

It looked like Haaland had completed his hat trick when City made it 3-0 six minutes before halftime - but Gomez's effort was diverted over the line by Copenhagen defender David Khocholava with the striker set to pounce.

Copenhagen coach Jacob Neestrup acknowledged that his team was powerless to stop a player of Haaland's prowess.

"We prepared, but he's a top class striker," he said. "I saw the goals and the second goal there was a shot and when you see the way he moves when the ball was on the way and he gets the rebound like it was natural."

"He's just a top-class player."

The win continued City's 100 percent record in Group G, three points clear of Borussia Dortmund, which beat Sevilla 4-1. They can secure qualification to the round of 16 with victory away to Copenhagen next week.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



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## Simba SC will qualify for 2022/23 CAF Champions League group stage, says Aden Rage



Former Simba SC Chairman Ismail Aden Rage.

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

FORMER Simba SC Chairman Ismail Aden Rage has confidence in the Tanzanian side's chances to perform well in the 2022/23 CAF Champions League second preliminary round's first leg duel against Angola's C.D Primeiro de Agosto that will be played at the latter's home turf on Sunday.

Simba SC will play the first leg against the Angolan football big gun away at Estádio França Ndalu in Luanda and later host the return leg duel slated for October 16 at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

Rage disclosed that Simba SC has a great chance to advance to the continental

showpiece's group stage due to having many experienced players and they are aware of the importance of the tournament.

"Simba SC has a very big chance to do well in the CAF Champions League because when it plays in this competition it is aware of its importance, that's why Simba SC is very successful in CAF Champions League in recent years," Rage disclosed.

Regarding Simba SC head coach Juma Mgunda, Rage who had as well operated as secretary-general of the then Football Association of Tanzania (FAT) and the current Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) said the native coach should be trusted and

given a permanent job to lead the Msimbazi Street side.

He disclosed that since Mgunda was entrusted with the responsibility of serving as Simba SC head coach, there have been big changes, so he appealed to the outfit's management to make sure they trust the tactician and give him the responsibility to get them through the transitional period.

"If I was given the chance to advise, I would advise Simba SC management to believe in Juma Mgunda and continue with him as the head coach, he may give us something different and surprise Africa," he said.

Mgunda was entrusted with

the role of an interim head coach of the outfit after Serbian coach Zoran Maki had terminated his contract with the side mutually.

Simba SC Information and Communications Manager Ahmed Ally said that they are fully prepared for the 2022/23 CAF Champions League second preliminary round's first leg against the Angolan champions Primeiro de Agosto.

Ahmed noted considering the importance of the game, his club's

leadership has already completed all procedures for the club's stay in Angola by sending an advanced party to Luanda to put issues in order before the team arrives.

The official noted: "It is true that there are already people who went to Angola since last week to put everything in order, so we have no doubt about anything that will happen there."

"Until now we have known some of the methods deployed by our opponents and we are confident that until the team arrives in Angola, it will not face any challenge of being sabotaged because our people have prepared the environment and have already arrived and dealt with all important issues," Ally stated.

Ally noted: "We are very grateful to know some issues that will help the technical bench more in the game, to some extent the environment is right and we will play without pressure because we have solved many hurdles that we could have encountered."

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## Dar set to host Africa Zone Three Swimming Championships

By Guardian Correspondent

TANZANIA has been allowed to host Africa Zone Three Swimming Championships set to attract swimmers from 25 countries.

The competition has been penned for November 15-20 at the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club swimming pool with Tanzania being the host for the second time in the tournament's history.

The Chairperson of the Organizing Committee of the Tanzania Swimming Association (TSA) Hadija Shebe mentioned Zone Three countries set to feature in the event as Burundi, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda and Tanzania for countries in the third region of Africa.

The countries making Africa's fourth region that look forward to featuring in the tournament are Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, and South Africa.

There are also countries namely Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, Zambia, Eswatini, and Zimbabwe from the region gearing up for the showpiece.

She said that they expect to have more than 300 swimmers and various officials, calling on the game's stakeholders to help sponsor the prominent swimming competition in Africa.

"We have been given a great honour to organize this competition by the African Swimming Confederation (CANA) and therefore we are asking stakeholders to help us make this competition a success," Hadija revealed.

National Sports Council (NSC) Secretary-General, Neema Msitha, said that the arrival of the teams is an honour for the country and asked stakeholders to support the competition.

"I congratulate TSA for being accorded the great honour of organizing this competition. It is the extra mile for the country because apart from promoting the country across its borders, it provides an opportunity for our swimmers to test their international standards as well as promote the country's tourism," Neema noted.

She said that the government will closely work with TSA to ensure that the competition is hosted successfully, even though they need support from various sponsors.

Meanwhile, Tanzania's national swimming team assistant manager Asha Gomile said that the squad's swimmers are currently preparing for the competition and they hope to do well.

Asha, popularly known as 'Mama Natalia', said that they expect to do well in the competition as was the case with the swimmers' participation in the 2017 event hosted by Tanzania, which witnessed the performers clinching the overall winners' silverware.

"Our swimmers are ready and it should be remembered that last year, we finished in second place in the competition held in Uganda. We are ready for the fight and we expect to do well," Asha added.

## Al Hilal top official pours praise on Yanga coach's tactics

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SUDAN'S Al Hilal SC top official Hassan Saleh has admitted to having been impressed by Tanzania's Yanga head coach Nasredine Nabi's prowess after the latter made major changes in the club.

Saleh, who came to Dar es Salaam early on with other club officials to prepare for their outfit's arrival, said Al Hilal is familiar with head coach Nabi after working in Sudan with rival club Al Merreikh.

Nabi was hired by Yanga in April 2021, a few days after his dismissal at Al Merreikh, following poor results the Sudan outfit had in the 2021/22 CAF Champions League.

Yanga will confront Al Hilal in the 2022/23 CAF Champions League second preliminary round first leg game to be played at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Saturday. Al Hilal was set to be in the city yesterday for the tie.

The Tanzanian outfit will later head to Sudan for the return leg tie to be played at the end of next week in Khartoum.

Saleh noted: "We know Nabi, he worked in Sudan with Al Merreikh. Since he came to Tanzania to work with Yanga, we have seen a huge change in his performance, he has made this club a strong team and a threat in the East and Central African region."

"I watch a lot of Yanga games, and I have seen many technical issues improved by coach Nabi, unlike when he was at home in Sudan serving Al Merreikh, he has improved very much as a coach," Saleh conceded.

The official noted: "I was here (in Dar es Salaam) when Yanga was taking on Simba SC, I saw how he did wonders after going down by one goal, I certainly admit that he is a good coach with many techniques."

"We are certainly prepared to face him, we believe that things will be difficult in our game on Saturday but we are ready for any result, be it a loss, win, or draw," Saleh revealed.

Al Hilal recently set up a six-day camp in Lubumbashi, DR Congo, and played two friendly games against Don Bosco and AS Vita Club, as part of preparations for the game against Yanga.

The Sudan football big gun has played in three consecutive group stages of the CAF Champions League in the last three seasons whilst Yanga is looking to make the first group stage appearance after 24 years.

The Tanzanian soccer big gun had, in its previous spell in the premier continental showdown's group stage in 1998, finished without a win and was positioned at the bottom of Group B with two points and four defeats, conceding 19 goals whilst scoring only five.



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