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Coast regional commissioner Aboubakar Kunenge (2nd-R) escorts Dr Selemani Jafo, Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment), who was leaving the Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Leadership School grounds at Kibaha after attending the Pwani Investment and Trade Forum at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Business mood uplift: Investors laud Samia

By Guardian Reporter

FOREIGN and local investors have showered praise on President Samia Suluhu Hassan for economic diplomacy and improving the ease of doing business in the country.

Keynote speaker Janson Huang, the chairman of Sino Tan Industrial Park that is setting up a wide ranging industrial complex to manufacture medicines, along with mobile phones and car assembling, made these remarks at Kibaha, during the Coast Region investment week forum at the weekend.

He said the president's policies had enabled the country to open up for Tanzanian businesses and foreign investors.

The government has succeeded in eliminating bureaucracy, oppressive tax collection methods and reviewed various laws to facilitate smooth ...

He said that Coast Region was now quite attractive for investors as the industrial park venture was showing.

Investors are the zone "have been getting excellent cooperation from central government and regional authorities, he stated.

Sufiani Ally, the director of communications at the Bakhresa group of companies talked about being stuck for eight years, finding it difficult to set up a sugar factory at Bagamoyo, which has since been ironed out.

"Due to the collaboration we received from the central government and Coast Region authorities, we have started producing sugar after four years," he said.

The country's other sugar factories were built many years ago, while

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Dar bids Cynthia Stacey farewell

To be buried at Old Moshi



SHE IS NO MORE: The ever cheerful Cynthia 'Big Cynth' Stacey, complete with her trademark inspirational smile, relishes one of the countless happy moments in her life. File photo

By Guardian Reporter

WELL-WISHERS and family members of Ernest Tarimo, a city based veteran accountant, are today expected to gather at the Muhimbili National Hospital chapel for a funeral service for Cynthia Stacey (77), his late wife.

The deceased was living between Tanzania and Britain where she maintained an apartment, even after being married in Tanzania and raising two children with her husband, with daughter Neema surviving her.

Cynthia Stacey, who died at the referral hospital on Thursday (October 6) after a long illness, was for 35 years or thereabouts a well-known city columnist, writing in the 'Business Times' from its start in the late 1980s and shifting to 'The Guardian' when it was launched in January 1995.

She had excellent connections with scores of diplomatic missions as she was a confidant,

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USAID, TAHA in banana export seedlings delivery

By Guardian Reporter, Rombo

AGRI-BUSINESS stakeholders have started the distribution of 60,000 seedlings of culture tissue banana suitable for international markets to small-scale farmers. Anthony Chamanga, the chief development manager for the Tanzania Horticultural Association (TAHA) said the association

has embarked on transforming the banana crop from subsistence to a key item in export market value chains. He said that with assistance from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) which hosts the Commercial Horticulture for Transformed Economy (CHOTE) drive, TAHA is working on a wide range of

skills and strong linkages with local, regional and international markets. This would unleash the potential of local farmers for the banana crop as part of the wider horticulture value chain, he said. Prof Adolf Mkenda, the Education, Science and Technology minister graced

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the new Bakhresa Group factory is the first in the past five decades.

A company representative from King Lion Motorcycle Ltd said the company is engaged in assembling motorcycles and manufacturing spare parts. It intends to start a plant for round bars, roofing sheets and other building materials.

The company has now obtained a 75-acre area plot for what is billed to be East Africa's biggest plant for the iron and steel products, he stated.

Zachy Mbena, a representative of the Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) said the sixth phase government has enabled a big increase in the flow of foreign investors.

Coast Region is a big brand in investment searches, he said, urging traders to mark their goods as coming from "Coast Region," with RC Abubakar Kunenge stressing cooperation at the ministerial and regional administration level to speed up service provision for investors. Shaka Hamdu Shaka, the ruling party ideology and publicity secretary, said improvement in the business and investment environment was raising chances of employment and upping government revenues.

"The government has succeeded in eliminating bureaucracy, oppressive tax collection methods and reviewed various laws to facilitate smooth operations for businessmen," he pointed out. Investors can now complete procedures for registration of projects through a one stop centre.

Other achievements include ratifying the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) early this year, with local firms being able to access the 1.3bn people market in AU countries with a total gross domestic product of \$3.4trn.

The president has shown determination to open economic gates with specialized parks for industrial, technology, processing and agricultural activities, he said.

"In a short period, the government has been able to attract investments worth \$16bn, equivalent to 37trn/-. There is an increase of new industries, businesses and revenue collection," he pointed out.

The newly constructed integrated industrial park in Kigamboni District in Dar es Salaam is slated to accommodate 100 factories, he said in illustration

The project, worth \$3bn is being implemented by Egyptian corporate giant Elseweedy Electric, with listed factories at the park billed to employ up to 500 people each, he said. Construction of Kwala industrial park in Kibaha District in Coast Region to accommodate 200 industries will also see thousands of youths getting jobs, with Kwala project total investments projected at \$2.5bn, or more than 6.0trn/-.

The factories will manufacture and export most produce, taking advantage of the country's geographical location and growing regional markets, he said, informing the participants that CCM wishes that the regional authorities set aside surveyed land plots to be used for investments. The areas will have all the necessary services such as water, paved roads and electricity supply, he stated.

Mtwara Regional Commissioner Ahmed Abbas said the Kibaha exhibition has been a learning event. It has helped regional officials to map out how to do to propel investments especially along the coastline, he added.



Mzumbe University researcher Dr Godbertha Kinyondo makes remarks at a stakeholders' dissemination workshop held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. A team of researchers met with a group of more than 70 micro-entrepreneurs from various wards to give them feedback following a five-year study on informal sector and social protection. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Dar bids Cynthia Stacey farewell

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even a bridge to air sentiments about community and environmental issues in the city, with the demolition of old buildings for high rises and skyscrapers being one among topics she

particularly labored upon.

As one who was sought after at cocktails of the diplomatic community, she similarly struck a fruitful association not just with 'The Guardian' as a newspaper group but also with its founder, the late Dr Reginald

Mengi.

She was healthy most of the past decade but frailties started creeping upon her both locally and at the time of the Covid-19 outbreak in Britain, where most people suffered mildly and some of them seriously, aside

from the hundreds of thousands who lost their lives in Britain.

Family sources said it will not be easy to obtain representation from her UK family line as no siblings capable of travelling can be contacted on the matter, but friends and other associ-

ates.

"The Guardian' and IPP Ltd as a whole will cherish the memory of their outstanding columnist who on her own made a difference in the newspaper with her weekly columns. May her soul rest in eternal peace, amen.



Brig Gen Sherif Farag (R), Defence Attaché at the Egyptian Embassy in Tanzania, presents a Victory Shield to the Tanzania People's Defence Forces Chief of Staff, Lt Gen Salum Haji Othman, on the occasion of the 49th anniversary of the October Victory of the Egyptian Armed Forces Day held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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the opening ceremony for a training clinic which attracted over 500 farmers at Mamusera ward in Rombo district of Kilimanjaro Region.

He expressed appreciation on TAHA efforts to play a leading role in commercial uplift of the banana crop through agronomy services and market access. The training was part of capacity building for banana growers on the eastern slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro.

The strategy is to ensure small-scale farmers produce bananas of the highest quality to meet international market standards, the manager noted. Farmers from eight wards of the district will enable changes of technique from subsistence farming of bananas to commercial agriculture, as Rombo is the country's leading producer with 230,000 metric tonnes yearly for the crop, he stated.

The minister, who is also the MP for the area, urged financial institutions, seedlings suppliers, water agencies and other stakeholders to join forces to commercialize the banana crop. Apart from offering spreading appropriate farming techniques for banana growers, TAHA is working with extension officers to train farmers so as to train farming clusters in the district.

TAHA works with the district council, agro-input dealers, the water supply authority and private firms like 'Maua Mazuri' and East African Fruits Co. to help the farmers bridge the yield gap. It provides skills in managing the crop to improve productivity.

Minjingu Mines and Fertilizer, the Agricultural Seeds Agency (ASA), NMB Bank, and food processing firms similarly attended the training session. Data shows that Tanzania produces 3.5m tons of bananas annually but dealers say the crop is often infected with pests and diseases, inviting nutrient deficiencies. The drought stress affects the crop's average productivity and quality, with East Africa Fruits official Firmina Joseph saying that despite the banana crop being plentiful, in reality the fruits do not meet world market quality standards.

NMB raises single-person loans limit to over 250bn/-

By Guardian Reporter

SINGLE-PERSON maximum loan amounts from NMB Bank Plc. have now reached 250bn/- which not many of its sectoral peers can manage, bank officials affirm. Benedicto Baragomwa, the bank's chief internal auditor, said at the weekend that this was an operational initiative to further the top lender's position that has in recent years attained higher levels.

NMB Bank Plc. had boosted its lending out in the local money market with the single borrower enhanced level seen as unprecedented, the official told an NMB business executive networking forum in Dar es Salaam. Bank customers and

officials of local government authorities who attended the one-day meeting commended the lender for this statutory uplift, saying it reflects the bank's innovativeness, community goals spending and pro-business investments. More than 100 participants attended the meeting, where the auditing department head profiled the NMB role in the loans market and its profitability levels for different lending options.

Among them are instant digital loans of up to 500,000/-, he said, while a similar event was organized in Mbeya, where credit department manager Demetus Kamgona profiled the NMB Bank's operations at present.

He said the balance sheet

has soared to upwards of 9.0trn/- in total assets where customer deposits total 6.6trn/-. That enables the bank's capital base to upwards of 1trn/-, thus enabling a rise in single borrower limit levels. Regional Commissioner Juma Homera graced the bank event, where Alex Mgeni, the head of business banking, said on the sidelines that enhancing the bank's lending uplift relates to rising profits that NMB has been making in recent years.

Net incomes were being ploughed back into the business to boost operations, consolidating the capital base. This investment has had a tremendous impact on the bank's lending potential, he stated.

The bank's capital base

had in actual fact reached 1.2trn/-, permitting the rise in the single borrower limit of 300bn/- in the context of central bank regulations, permitting lending 25 percent of a bank's total loan capital to a single borrower.

In his remarks, the RC appealed for more agricultural sector lending, saying it was in rapid growth on account of prominent new and old crops in the southern highlands zone. Avocado, rice and pyrethrum require greater access to loan capital for better growth, he said. Ilala DC Ng'w'labuzu Ludigija said at the Dar forum that the forums were useful for feedback and service improvement, while permitting reflections by business community on

current national policies. The forums started in 2014 as a networking and note sharing platform for customers with annual turnover of 5bn/- and above in the most productive regions countrywide, officials noted.

At present, the platform has over 1,000 partners in seven regions, listed as Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Morogoro, Kilimanjaro, Mwanza, Arusha and Mbeya. The last forum for 2022 was held there at the weekend. Ilala municipality mayor Omary Kumbilamoto said the bank was now a strategic business development partner. Its social investments are helping the sixth phase government to improve the delivery of social services, he added.

Accommodate low-income families for universal healthcare bill - ACT

By Francis Kajubi

THE Alliance for Change and Transparency (ACT Wazalendo) has called for further improvement of the Universal Health Insurance (UHI) Bill 2022 tabled in the National Assembly recently so that it accommodates low-income families with more than six people.

ACT plea comes when parliamentary committees are sitting in Dodoma from today to review a number of bills tabled during the September session among other activities. The social services and community development committee will on 19th October accept recommendations from the public regarding the UHI Bill 2022.

ACT Wazalendo investment, public companies and social security spokesperson Mwanisha Mndeme told the press yesterday in Dar es Salaam that the limitation to six beneficiaries for a family bundle worth 340,000/- is an isolation of families with more than six members.

"Most of Tanzanian families especially in the rural areas are formed by more than six members. You may find a family having six to ten children; The 340,000/- bundle has a limit of four children. We find this irrelevant to Tanzanian families thus calling for a further review in this context," said Mndeme.

Mndeme argued that the fifth regime under the late President John Magufuli had encouraged people to have as many children as they can thus the limitation of four children to be insured is unacceptable.

She urged the government to lead a voluntary membership for people from different social economic groups to join social security funds.

She asserted that the matching scheme should involve a minimum monthly contribution of 20,000/- from the beneficiary where the government will contribute one-third of the amount. "The approach is most likely to attract people from the informal sector to social security funds membership which easy their access to health insurance;

The National Social Security Fund-NSSF should deposit 1/5 of the monthly contribution to the health scheme for covering members' treatment expenses," said Mndeme.

She suggested that the Social Security Regulatory Authority (SSRA) take full charge of the health scheme instead of the Tanzania Insurance Regulatory Authority (TIRA as proposed in the Bill.

In generating funds for the proposed approach, Mndeme said that the government should start allocating 2.5 percent of the preceding fiscal year annual national income. Ruqayya Nassir, ACT Deputy Health Spokesperson said that the government through the UHI Bill has targeted at transforming health services into business by bringing up insurance subscription costs that are unaffordable for most of the people.

"Most of non-communicable diseases related to cancer, heart, kidney and reproduction are not covered by the 340,000/- family bundle which is said to be the cheapest;

ACT considers this approach as turning people's health into a source of revenue where they are required to pay more for treatment of such diseases," said Nassir.



Global Land Solutions Ltd marketing manager Murtaza Adamjee (C) pictured introducing former President Jakaya Kikwete to the firm's managing director, Zainuddin Adamjee (R), at the 3rd investment and business exhibition held in Kibaha District at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Z'bar launches 5-years plan for total malaria elimination

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR has launched a new five-year plan for the eradication of malaria to cost USD 27 million.

Launching the project at the weekend at the Golden Tulip Hotel here, the Minister for Health, Nassor Ahmed Mazrui said efforts by the US President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) has contributed to the reduction of malaria infection rate in the Isles from more than 30 per cent prevalence in 2005 to under one per cent now.

He said the five-year project will com-

pletely eradicate the disease in Zanzibar from one to zero per cent.

Mazrui added that in the last 16 years, Zanzibar Health ministry has benefited by assistance from PMI in its efforts to eradicate the scourge.

He said PMI, through the US Aid for International Development (USAID) assisted in the proven steps to eradicate malaria including diagnosis and treatment and control of malaria.

"In the past five years, PMI, through the "Okoa Maisha Dhibiti Malaria" (OMDM) contributed more than USD 19.3 million

dollars to both the Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar," the Health minister said.

He said it is in his belief that the new PMI-TMCM project is a continuation of efforts in the eradication of the disease in Zanzibar.

USAID's assistant director in its Health department, Anna Hoffman said through the close cooperation between the people of Zanzibar and their government, the US government offered full cooperation with the Zanzibar malarial elimination programme (ZAMEP) and Civil Society Organisation (CSOs) to move forward in

boosting health services.

She said USAID prides itself to be part of the wonderful achievements, adding that through OMDM investigation levels on malaria cases rose from under 50 per cent in 2022 to more than 95 per cent in 2022, meaning that more people are being tested and treated against malaria infections.

ZAMEP project manager, Mohammed Ali said from the project supervised by Population Services International (PSI), Zanzibar can attain zero per cent malaria infections in the country.

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Govt appeals to institutions to support people with disabilities in the country

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government has appealed to institutions, stakeholders and individuals to help support people with disabilities in the country, saying they also deserve opportunities for development.

Permanent Secretary Prof Jamal Katundu in the Ministry of State, Prime Minister's Office, Youth, Employment and People with Disabilities stated that while the government is doing more to support the disabled, a lot more needs to be done to uplift them.

He made the remarks as he received equipment worth over 13.5m/- donated by SA Microfinance Ltd, a local organization operating in different parts of the country.

As part of its annual activity, the microfinance organization handed over to the PS walking sticks, wheelchairs, and lotion for those with albinism.

The organization that provides small financial assistance

to entrepreneurs launched the programme to support people with disabilities last year, promising to make it a sustainable annual event.

Speaking after receiving the donation, Prof Katundu noted that enabling the disabled to move ahead in life is a good act that every Tanzanian with ability should practice.

"It is the government's desire to fully support people with disabilities in the country, but it is not possible to do it at once, thus greatly welcoming support from other stakeholders" said the PS.

He thanked ASA Microfinance for the continued support that it started last year, ensuring that part of the profit they make goes to help the needy in the society, especially disabled.

"It is good that you have kept the promise you made last year as we receive the donation today and I humbly request others to follow suit in this struggle to make those with disabilities smile too" added Prof Katundu.

Abu Sayed, ASA Microfinance Tanzania Ltd acting director on his part noted that support to the disabled is part of his organization's programmes and they will continue with the practice.

He explained that the organization registered in June, 2014 has so far opened branches in Tanga, Morogoro, Dodoma, Kilimanjaro, Arusha, Mwanza, Mbeya, Coast Dar es Salaam regions and Zanzibar.

Sayed also noted that throughout all the regions, the microfinance organization provides financial services to entrepreneurs who do not have access to bank services.

He said part of the profit accrued from small loans to the SMEs is what it takes back to the society, specifically targeting those with special needs such as people with disabilities.

Speaking after receiving a wheelchair, one of the beneficiaries, Mary Masambuli said through the support, she will be able to carry out her activities with some ease.



Prof Jamal Katundu (C), Permanent Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment & Persons with Disabilities), receives a wheelchair from ASA Microfinance acting director Abu Sayed (L) in Dodoma city at the weekend. With them is the chairperson of the Association of People with Disabilities in Dodoma Region, Omari Lubava. Photo: Polycarp Machira

Researchers call on entrepreneurs: Pursue social protection services

By Felister Peter

MICRO entrepreneurs have been urged to access various social protection services such as pension funds, health insurance and loan services to benefit from the specialised schemes.

The call was made over the weekend at the stakeholders' dissemination workshop in Dar es Salaam where a team of researchers from Mzombe

University led by Dr Godbertha Kinyondo met with a group of more than 70 micro entrepreneurs from Magomeni, Mburahati, Ndogombi, Tandale and Manzese wards.

The recommendation comes as a result of a research conducted by Mzombe University in collaboration with the University of Nairobi and University of Roskilde in Denmark from 2017-2020/2021 in Tanzania and Kenya. It

was funded by the Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA).

The research "Informal Sector and Social Protection" focused on informal sector workers in construction, transportation and micro entrepreneurs in Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Nairobi and Kisumu cities as a case study.

"Informal sector members should not shy away from accessing such services. Many believe that

it is difficult and that such services do not cater for their needs...this is a wrong perception," Dr Kinyondo said.

She said many pension funds have innovative ways to accommodate micro entrepreneurs through specialized schemes.

A total of 250 commuter bus workers and 158 motorcycle drivers were involved in the study in Tanzania. 212 construction workers were involved

in Dar es Salaam and Dodoma. A survey of 200 informal transport workers was undertaken in Kenya.

The research revealed that the majority of them 82 percent are not registered to social insurance. Also, despite being aware of the existence of such services, they do not believe they can benefit. But they also complain of bureaucracy and lack of proper services for those who have access to the services.

Comparatively, 34 percent of workers in Kenya were enrolled in social insurance schemes/pension funds whilst in Tanzania only 18 percent were enrolled.

"We are here to tell them that they can access and benefit from those services," said Dr Kinyondo.

As part of the ongoing awareness and research deliverables, Mzombe University team has also created reflector coats with a

list of pension funds, health insurance organizations and financial institutions with their respective contacts displayed at the back of the coats.

Mzombe intends to distribute the coats to over 1,000 members of the informal sector mainly in Dar es Salaam and Dodoma regions. Over 300 coats have already been distributed.

The researchers have in the past met with motor-

cycle 'bodaboda' riders and commuter buses or popularly called 'daladala' drivers and conductors. They are planning to meet construction workers in similar dissemination workshops.

According to Dr Kinyondo, Mzombe University strives to implement what they have researched for the benefit of the country.

"It is not about publishing research papers only. We would like to make a real impact for the greater benefit of all," she said.

Dr Aloyce Gervas from the same university said the research sought to know if members of the sectors under study are pensionable, if they have health insurance, whether they get regular training to improve their services and products and if there is an institutional system to support such groups.

The research also involved stakeholders such as police force, pension funds, and Vocational Education Training Authority (VETA) among others.

Asha Omari Hassan, a petty business woman from Mburahati market thanked Mzombe University for shedding light to entrepreneurs about services they can get in different pension funds in Tanzania. "I was in the dark...but I am now enlightened," said Asha.

Amani Mwinyimvua, Deputy Secretary General for the Tanzania Road Transport Workers Union (TAROTU) urged members of the union to take advantage of networking with other stakeholders for the purpose of learning and benefiting from opportunities.

He said: "It is through such engagements that researchers and policy makers get to know our challenges, study and solve them."

Some of the notable outcomes of the four year research are publication of the book "Social Protection and Informal Workers in Sub-Saharan Africa: Lived Realities and Associational Experiences from Tanzania and Kenya" and producing two PhD holders, one in each county.



TERMS OF REFERENCE

CONSULTANCY TO CONDUCT CLIMATE CHANGE VULNERABILITY CAPACITY ASSESSMENT, PROPOSE RELEVANT CLIMATE RESILIENCE OPTIONS, ADAPTATION PLANS AND EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS IN THE SELECTED COMMUNITIES IN MUHEZA

1. Background of consultancy assignment / project
The Water Towers is a new landscape in WWF Tanzania conservation priority areas with an estimated total area of 158,000 Km² and covers Eastern Arc Mountain and Eastern Africa coastal forests. The landscape is among three of WWF Tanzania's priority terrestrial landscapes forming the second Conservation Strategic Plan (2021-2025) as despite of its local, national and global importance, WTL ecosystem health is facing a number of direct threats.

2. Overall objective and need for consultancy
The Resilience for People and Biodiversity Project (2022 - 2025) on Forest Landscape Restoration is implemented in Muheza district located in East Usambara within the Water Towers Landscape; the overall goal is that the landscape is resilient to climate change and sustainably managed with enhanced biodiversity health and ecosystem services for equitably benefiting people and nature.

Therefore, this consultancy assignment is a deliberate effort to:

- Conduct community vulnerability capacity assessment to determine community understanding on climate change threats, their vulnerabilities and exposures and existing climate response capacities.
- Identify and recommend relevant climate adaptation plans and climate smart options/community actions including climate smart agriculture practices
- Develop community preparedness and response plan
- Propose an integrated early warning system which will help communities to prepare for hazardous climate-related events
- Develop tools and knowledge on early warning systems based on the systematic collection of data and disaster risk assessments to generate accurate and timely warnings.
- Develop a mechanism to clearly communicate & disseminate risk warnings information to all the members of the affected communities
- Organise and facilitate one day workshop to share consultancy findings. However, the costs for this workshop will be met directly by WWF.

3. Scope of the assignment.
The geographical area of focus will be the East Usambara-Coastal Forest, particularly in Muheza district.

4. Methodology
This consultancy should employ acceptable data collection and analysis tools. The selected tools for data collection should respond to the main and specific objectives of the study.

5. Expected output.

- Data on climate change impact, vulnerability and capacity needs for the selected communities in Muheza
- Recommendations on relevant climate change adaptation plans in the project area
- Recommendations on relevant and sustainable climate smart agriculture practices
- Data on relevant and available early warning systems in the project area
- Early warning system and tools
- Community preparedness and response plans


6. Expected Work plan, Working days and Time frame
The assignment must be completed within 45 days after signing the contract.

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The consultant's CV should also be included. In addition to the one-page cover letter, the financial proposal should also include clear details of direct and reimbursable time and other costs; this includes unit costs for professional fees and reimbursable taxes.

Interested parties should submit the above documents to tz.procurement@wwftz.org; no later than **10:00 am Sunday, 23rd October 2022**.

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TCB Champions Client Inclusion to Mark 2022 Customer Service Week

By A Special Correspondent

Since its transformation journey began over a decade ago, Tanzania Commercial Bank (TCB) has strived and managed to position itself strategically as market leader in the provision of affordable financial services and top promoter of financial inclusion in the country.

It was in the same spirit of advancing universal financial services that the country's oldest lender chose to mark the 2022 Customer Service Week (CSW 2022) by advocating client inclusion, which sectoral experts say go beyond just providing excellent customer service and how the market perceive a brand.

Celebrating Service

To honour and fete its esteemed customers for their loyalty, thank business partners for continued support and recognise the appreciation of all other stakeholders, TCB engaged in several activities during the week.

The invested time and the resources used during the five days of CSW 2022 to celebrate service and the people who always make the TCB's client base the most important source of its operational achievements and business success primarily sought to show why inclusivity is essential for prosperity of the bank.

The lender did that in several ways including engagement in noble social causes like the handing over of a well to women entrepreneurs in Zanzibar. TCB promised to make the social investment to mem-

bers of Furahia Women Cooperative Group early this year during its forum to advocate the role of women in the blue economy as part of its efforts to advance the women finance agenda.

Speaking before gracing the handover, Paje constituency lawmaker Sudi Hasani, said the philanthropic investments TCB continues to make in society as directed by its corporate social responsibility (CSR) policy do not only portray its true nationalistic colours but also prove the fiscal generosity of the bank as well as value adding contribution to growth and overall development of the country.

"TCB is not only owned by the government but it is also a national bank that belongs to all Tanzanians hence the need to fully support it to grow and thrive," one of the leaders and senior member of the group said.

On Friday at Mlimani City in Dar es Salaam, the top leadership of the bank, led by Chief Executive Officer Sabasaba Moshingi, joined staff of the TCB outlet at the shopping mall to interact and engage with customers and other stakeholders at a well-attended colourful breakfast gathering.

CEO Moshingi Serves Customers at Mlimani City

Among other things the senior management team did at the TCB Mlimani City Branch was to serve the customers and hear from them. Mr Moshingi expertly did it well when he stood behind the enquiries counter to serve customer Anna



Some of the top leaders of Tanzania Commercial Bank and staff members in a group photo at the TCB Mlimani City Branch after the senior management team had interacted and served customers at the shopping mall outlet of the bank on Friday.

Matemba, who said she has been a loyal customer of the bank whose operations date back to 1926 for over 10 years.

After the exercise, which impressed the many customers who showed up to fete the week with the TCB teams from head office, a notes sharing session was held to mostly discuss how the bank can better its services and continue offering them diligently as it always does.

"This year like we have always done in the past we are here today not only to celebrate the Customer Service Week but also recognise the contribution of good services and the continued support of our customers in the success and wellbeing of Tanzania Commercial Bank (TCB)," Mr Moshingi said.

The seasoned bank, who sectoral peers highly respect for steering the transformation of TCB and modernising it into a highly competitive outfit, thanked their customers for their

trust and cooperation.

According to him, that is a good decision they will never regret since their savings and other deposits are not only safe but also because the bank remains strong and well capitalised to serve them and the entire national economy at large.

Champion of Digital Financial Inclusion

Mr Moshingi said that as champion of digitally supported financial inclusion in the country, TCB will continue to invest in innovative solutions in order to improve its customer experience through affordable quality services.

"Putting customer satisfaction and inclusion at the top of everything that we do has paid off well since we are highly respected in the market because the services and products, which we offer our clients are of unmatched high quality so that's the reason why their number continues to grow," the joyous TCB leader noted.

"Before the transformation journey began, we did not have many customers but today they number almost a million making us one of the market leaders in terms of size of the customer base," Mr Moshingi explained.

That was before his recruitment to steer the bank to new heights, a feat that he has successfully managed to deliver. Mr Moshingi assured TCB customers a prosperous future despite existence of several operational challenges, which he said still do not affect the positive outlook of the bank.

He said TCB will continue to invest in innovative digital finance solutions for better customer service and delivering positive results to its shareholders who are public entities led by the central government. He called on Tanzanians who are yet to bank with TCB to do so in order to enjoy the value for money of the services it offers, including affordable loan packages.

Mr Moshingi told the Mlimani City audience that getting the opportunity to interact face to face with customers meant a lot to them especially in terms of reliable feedback and getting to know how they perceive and rate the way TCB serves them.

"May I also take this opportunity to applaud our employees especially the frontline cadre for their efforts in sustaining customer inclusion and providing excellent customer service. Special thanks go to the staff of the TCB Mlimani City

Branch not for only hosting us today but also for being one of the most profitable outlets of our organisation," he asserted.

"For TCB, the best time of the year remains to be the customer service week. While every day, is customer service day at TCB, having this one week dedicated fully to celebrating both our internal and external customers is quite close to our heart," MISS CHICHI BANDA, TCB'S CHIEF MANAGER FOR CORPORATE AFFAIRS

Loyal Customers

Pledging her loyalty to TCB, Sinza customer Matemba said among the many good things about the lender was its unrivalled market reach, which covers almost every part of the country. She said her over 10 years relationship with the bank has taught her many good banking and financial lessons but of utmost importance has been growing with the bank.

The same view of being supported to grow was shared by customer



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Sadik Nassoro who said the successful entrepreneur he is today would not have been possible without the keen fiscal nurturing of TCB since the days when it was trading as Tanzania Postal Bank before rebranding to TPB Bank Plc.

Feedback

On her part, the branch manager of the Mlimani City outlet, Ms Happy Mbeyale, said what makes them unique in the market was the fact that they serve all cadres of entrepreneurs a thing not many of their colleagues in the industry do.

The bank's Director of Marketing and Business Development, Mr Deo Kanyukwa, said the feedback obtained during commemorations of customer service weeks, enable the bank to make many improvements on how it serves the market.

Moreover, he explained, the feedback and recommendations the customers make are vital ingredients for designing solutions that cater for service and product needs of their clients.

"For TCB, the best time of the year remains to be the customer service week, which this time around began on Monday, October 3, 2022, and ends today (October 7, 2022)," the TCB's Chief Manager, Corporate Affairs, Ms Chichi Banda, told this newspaper on the relevance of the week to them.

Customer Service Day Everyday

"While every day, is customer service day at TCB, having this one week dedicated fully to celebrating both our internal and external customers is quite close to our heart," she added noting that the international event is principally about celebrating the importance of customer service and of

the people who serve and support customers on a daily basis.

CSW is celebrated annually during the first full week in October when customer-oriented organizations and institutions around the world recognize the importance of customer service excellence to their organizations.

Ms Banda said the theme for 2022 was "Celebrating Service" with special attention given to sustaining customer inclusion as corporates highlight the importance of customer service in creating an inclusive environment for all.

"Apart from ensuring that all our customers feel valued and included, we all know that customer service is an important part of success, and we are committed to providing the best possible experience for all those currently banking with us and those who join us in future," she pointed out.

Going Forward

According to her, the journey to being great never ends.

"For 2023 and beyond, we look forward to more productive years; productivity in terms of providing and creating new innovative solutions that address the needs of all our customers. We also plan on improving and coming up to date with all forms of communication especially on the digital space, to ensure that our customers can reach us wherever they are.

"We plan to continue fulfilling our mission, which involves providing competitive financial solutions, meeting the changing needs of our customers, being a responsible corporate citizen, providing attractive opportunities to our employees and improving shareholders value," Ms Banda explained.

Supporting Digital Finance: The Role of TCB Popote Visa Card

On March 23, 2022, a new chapter was opened in the digital transformation journey of Tanzania Commercial Bank (TCB) when the oldest lender the country debuted the internationally accepted Popote Visa card in the local payments industry. The digital finance development did not only elevate the commercial clout of the bank in global trade finance circles but also accorded its customers the opportunity to start transacting anywhere any time in the world.

The joint venture with American payments technology giant Visa International was also a financial inclusion boon for the country in its quest to become a digital economy and less cash society. The investment does not only bring and assure bank-

ing convenience but also offers better security and increased efficiency in the provision of financial services.

Innovation enthusiasts say the newest debit card in the Tanzanian market has all it takes to make universal financial services to be within reach in the country. The launch of TCB Popote Visa Card came a few weeks after the authorities revealed its plans and the investments it was making to create a digitally empowered national economy. The government has secured a US\$150 million World Bank soft loan to advance the Digital Tanzania Project, whose ultimate goal is to stir the national digital transformation efforts.



The Chief Executive Officer of Tanzania Commercial Bank, Mr Sabasaba Moshingi (left), and the bank's Sinza customer Anna Matemba cut a cake to mark part of the celebration to commemorate the TCB Customer Service Week at the lender's Mlimani City Branch on Friday in Dar es Salaam.



Marking the 2022 Customer Service Week at TCB also involved CSR activities such as the handing over of a well to women entrepreneurs in Zanzibar. TCB made the social investment to the Furahia Women Cooperative Group as part of its initiative to promote the involvement of women in the blue economy in the bid to advance the women finance agenda.



In Rukwa Region, Regional Commissioner Queen Sengida, elders and other leaders hosted the TCB team at the regional offices where they shared notes on how the to continue working together closely.



The TCB Singida Branch hosted customers at the outlet in central Tanzania in appreciation of the support they continue to accord the bank. The event included a cake cutting session, which was led by branch manager Redemptor Rweyemamu and customers Suleiman Komba Manyenye (left), Mary Joel Ashery (2nd right) and Charles Julius Mafuru.



TCB also feted the CS Week with courtesy calls to clients like what the TCB Tanzanite Branch staff did to the Chief Executive of Moyo Medical Limited, Ms Pamela Mduma (centre), who the bank gifted several items as if it did to several other customers. The TCB customer received the gifts mid this week from employees Denis Mateni (left) and Neema Lyima.



Mine donates two biohazard safety cabinet machines to Kahama clinic

By Guardian Reporter

THE Barrick Bulyanhulu Mine has donated two biohazard safety cabinet machines worth 30m/- to Kahama municipal hospital and Bugarama health centre, complementing the government's efforts to improve provision of health services.

In a handover ceremony held at the Kahama municipal hospital over the weekend, the mine's Acting General Manager, Josephat John, handed over the machines to Kahama District Commissioner, Festo Kiswaga.

The biohazard safety cabinet machines will be used for laboratory services.

John said: "We are proud to provide the special equipment to strengthen the medical infrastructure in the communities surrounding the mine. This is a continuation of the company's efforts to support the government's efforts to improve services in the health sector."

In his speech, Kahama District Commissioner, Festo Kiswaga thanked Barrick for cooperating with the government in its efforts to improve the health of Tanzanians.

"Barrick has not been behind; you have always been in the forefront to support various government initiatives. We appreciate your support to the government as the donated modern equip-

ment will help to improve laboratory services in our hospitals," said Kiswaga.

The DC called on the residents of Kahama to take care of their health and asked the management of the Kahama municipal hospital and the Bugarama health centre to take care of the machines provided by the government and donors.

Bugarama Ward Councillor, Prisca Msoma, who represented the Chairman of Msalala Council, congratulated Barrick for the efforts it has been making to support the government in dealing with various challenges in the society including to improve provision of health services.



Barrick Bulyanhulu Mine acting general manager Josephat John (3rd-L) speaks in Kahama municipality at the weekend during the handing over of two biohazard safety cabinets worth 30m/- -- one each to Kahama Municipal Hospital and Bugarama Health Centre. Right is Kahama district commissioner Festo Kiswaga. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Health ministry urged on resources for mental health

By Guardian Reporter

THE Ministry of Health has been urged to have more resources for mental health to enable them to identify early warning signs of severe depression and stress that may be part of the course of some of the killings in the country has been experiencing in recent years.

Rose Mwalongo, Tanzania Media for Community Development (TAMCODE) executive director made the call yesterday ahead of the World Day Against the Death Penalty, which this year's theme being: 'Death penalty, road paved with torture'. The theme comes at a time where the world has seen some testimonies over some of those on death row indicating that their confessions were done with influence of torture.

Among the TAMCODE's recommendation, Rose tasked judges to use their discretion to hand over life imprisonment sentences instead of the death penalty in capital offences as it is in re-

ords that courts do and can actually make mistakes, a chance that could see innocent people pay for the crime that they did not commit.

"We believe, doing so, would help those wrongfully convicted to have a second chance for appeal and clemency," she said, adding: "TAMCODE pleads with Judges not to sentence those charged with murder to death, but rather to life imprisonment to spare the innocent."

She also urged the Parliament to review and amend some of the laws to include the Prisons Act of 1967 and specifically provisions which makes it almost impossible for members of the press to gain access to prisons. The provision should pave for an open door policy as is the case with Kenya and Uganda.

"The Parliament should amend Section 197 of the Penal Code to read life imprisonment instead of the current death penalty to give judges the discretion to decide other wisely instead of the current trend where some feel

that their hands are tied," she said in the statement.

She said: "True or not, the interrogation process can be tricky and it is hard to prove for sure on whether a convict testifies willingly or under influence of a harsh punishment. It suffices to say that there are a lot of unspoken things behind every confession that you see."

TAMCODE is aware of Section 197 of the Tanzanian Penal Code which specifies clearly that 'any person convicted of murder shall be sentenced to death; but all the same appreciates that there have been some judges who have issued dissenting opinions in regard to the death penalty and thus sentencing those who would have other wisely been hanged, to life imprisonment. We also appreciate all efforts by sitting Presidents who have not signed any death warrants and not to mention of noble deeds to commute sentences for those on death row, a situation that has made Tanzania to retain its de facto stance ever since 1994. This for sure, deserves and accolade.



RTI International (www.rti.org) is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to conducting innovative, multidisciplinary research that improves the human condition. With a worldwide staff of more than 4,000 people, RTI offers innovative research and development and multidisciplinary services.

USAID Tuhifadhi Maliasili Activity

RTI is currently implementing the USAID Tuhifadhi Maliasili Activity that addresses dynamics that threaten habitat connectivity and the long-term persistence of in Tanzania. This activity incorporates a series of interventions that support and strengthen government and civil society capacity for biodiversity conservation.

RTI is looking for candidates to fill the following positions under USAID/Tuhifadhi Maliasili Activity. The positions will be based in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

1. Senior Grants Specialist

Purpose of the position:

The Senior Grants Specialist will lead day-to-day administration of sub-grantees that may be engaged through grant or other contractual mechanisms under RTI policies and procedures, encompassing the solicitation phase through closure. He/She will be responsible for monitoring compliance with (a) award-specific requirements and (b) applicable regulations, as incorporated in the awards.

Essential Responsibilities:

- Create and issue Requests for Applications (RFAs) with the input and oversight of the Activity team, including the Chief of Party, Deputy Chiefs of Party, and RTI Contracts Office.
- Review and negotiate all grant applications and participate in evaluation committees, in coordination with others on the project team.
- Coordinate and conduct compliance review(s) and pre-award surveys.
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- Coordinate execution of award documents (pre-award authorizations, awards, modifications, etc.).
- Close out completed grants and ensure audit trail for all necessary grant documentation.
- Track all deliverables, ensuring grantees stay up to date on their work, troubleshoot problems as they arise, and keep management apprised of the status of all grants.

Minimum required Education, Experience, Skills & Abilities

- Bachelor's Degree in Business administration, social sciences, or related field and 8 years of experience, Master's degree and 6 years of experience, or equivalent combination of education and experience.
- At least 6 years of relevant work experience in finance and grants management, preferably with managing budgets in excess of USD \$1 million.
- Strong accounting experience as well as experience with USAID, or other donor agency regulations highly preferred.
- Experience in international non-profits.

2. Procurement and Administrative Assistant

Purpose of the position:

The Procurement and Administrative Assistant will provide overall management of project Logistical needs including but not limited to the processes of Procurement (local and international), Transport of Procured Goods, and oversight of Asset Management and Inventory control. The Procurement and Administrative Assistant will ensure compliance with RTI logistical and procurement SOPs.

Essential Responsibilities:

Procurement

- Serve as a Procurement Officer for the project, assuring all sub-contracts, consultant and other service contracts, and purchase orders awarded by the project are in compliance with RTI Procurement Policy for international offices and USAID rules and regulations.
- Identify vendors for office lease, utilities, furniture, equipment, programmatic supplies and other necessary office services in accordance with RTI procurement procedures and in consultation with RTI's regional and head offices.
- Receive, review and process incoming requests ensuring sufficient clarity on specifications given for goods and services. Confirm any other relevant information from requestors and seek recommendation from regional or head office IT support team members for related IT goods.
- Coordinate and ensure that all project related purchases are reviewed and approved in accordance with the purchase authorization matrix.
- Maintain records of all transactions, ensuring that an efficient filing system for records of all quotations, procurement process, copies of records of expenditure, receiving reports, receipts, local order forms, etc. are kept accountable and easily accessible by managers.
- Coordinate and monitor the delivery of ordered goods/services and ensure through established procedures that all received goods/services are in accordance with the terms and specifications of the Purchase Orders/Service Agreements. Furthermore ensure quality and opportune delivery of purchased goods/services.

Administrative

- Oversee payment preparation and documentation and liaise closely with the finance team concerning payment of purchased and delivered goods and services.
- Assist with processing and maintenance of encumbrances (Fee for Service Contracts, Lease Agreements, Rental Agreements, etc).
- Coordinate logistics planning and administration for travel, accommodation, and per diem for in-country conferences, meetings, and study tours.
- Support in-country project meetings, workshops and surveys. This may include booking rooms, coordinating schedules, issuing and tracking meeting invitations, preparing meeting agendas and supporting materials, and preparing meeting notes, as well as dispersing funds in the field.

Minimum required Education, Experience, Skills & Abilities

- Master's degree or bachelor's degree in Business Administration or Procurement with 1 year working experience in project procurement and administration.
- Knowledge of USAID procurement policies and regulations a plus
- Excellent knowledge of Microsoft Office and procurement software.
- Strong verbal and written English communication skills
- Ability to build effective relationships with all clients, peers, and stakeholders
- Ability to work hands-on, independently, and within team

How to apply

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The deadline for submitting application is 20th October 2022.

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CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTERESTS FOR BEEKEEPING MASTER TRAINERS AND COACHES

The Beekeeping Value Chain Support (BEVAC) project is inviting Expression of Interests from suitably qualified consulting firms/person to enhance the capacity of beekeepers and other value chain actors involved in processing and aggregation of bee products through theoretical, practical, and mentorship arrangements.

The EU, under the 11th EDF National Indicative Programme for Tanzania, is financing the Action to support the enhancement of the is financing beekeeping industry's contribution to inclusive economic growth in Tanzania. The action, hereafter referred to as the Beekeeping Value Chain Support (BEVAC) project, will improve the beekeeping value chain through enhanced quality production, value addition of bee products and strengthen trade and market access to local, regional, and international markets.

The implementation of the BEVAC project is through Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism (MNRT), which is the line ministry responsible for the beekeeping subsector, together with the Ministry of Industries and Trade (MIT), which is responsible for promotion of market and trade including of the Honey and Bees Wax.

Enabel has been engaged by the EU Delegation in agreement with the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania to implement the project

Service contracts

There are three (3) lots to this public service contract:

LOT 1	Capacity building of Beekeepers, Beekeeping Groups, and Training of trainers (ToT) (District Beekeeping Officers and Beekeeping Business and Training Coaches).
LOT 2	Capacity building of aggregators and Processors of bee products.
LOT 3	Capacity building of Youth on Beekeeping practices, business management skills, live skills, and financial and digital literacy.

Interested companies can access more information, bid documents of these LOTS and mechanism of submission at: <https://btctanzania.wordpress.com>

Applicants are encouraged to apply for a LOT that is matching the competences, specialities and experience.

Deadline: The applications must be received at procurement.tza@enabel.be before **Friday, 20th October 2022 at 16h00**

Brewer, consumers bring in new product with big bang

By Guardian Reporter

SERENGETI Breweries Limited (SBL) and spirit consumers have launched new beverage brand—Captain Morgan Gold in Dar es Salaam, to expand consumers' spirit choice and market share.

Bertha Vedastus SBL's head of innovations pointed out that young consumers and narrow spirit choices are crucial factors to the emergence of Captain Morgan Gold.

"Research shows that youth are limited with self-expression choices and seek different options of liquids which are palatable and accessible. Captain Morgan Gold became the best alternative to provide the market with an anchor of lifestyle expression, having a delicious secret recipe liquid with an accessible price," she said.

The duo wholeheartedly collaborates to inject the rather delicious golden and ultra-smooth premium spirit drink enjoyed across the world and region at large.

Bertha said: "This brand doesn't only offer merit to a large swathe of responsible drinkers across the nation but adds value to the beverage industry as entrepreneurs now have another option that is deliciously enjoyed and affordable."

The spirit comes to the market with a unique story and a competitive price tag on its neck.

Captain Morgan Gold will be sold at 5,000/- and 20,000/- for 200ml and 750ml, respectively.

Tanzanian consumers and beverage sellers stand a chance to refresh themselves with a secret recipe of adventurous spices & flavours that are expertly blended to create a taste and colour as rich as a pocketful of gold doubloons.

SBL tackles the spirit market creatively by arming its consumers with a brand that stands out among other competitors. To make the launch engaging, SBL provided consumers with an information pack (notes) regarding the contents of Captain Morgan Gold. SBL also sampled consumers and offered them various volumes of the spirit for refreshment.

The spirit features contents of rich vanilla, brown sugar, dried fruit, and warming spices with hints of oak, which come together to create a perfectly balanced spirit with a smooth finish.

"The launch is pivoted towards providing consumers with great international liquids which are delicious and accessible," Bertha added.

SBL is taking the spirit market by storm as Captain Morgan Gold becomes another tool in the spirit-maker product category—following the footsteps of Smirnoff, which assaulted the spirit market across the region.



This is a scene at the weekend's launch in Dar es Salaam of a Serengeti Breweries Ltd brand of spirits – a Captain Morgan now produced in Tanzania. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt tasks postal service providers to reconsider use of plastic packaging

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has tasked postal service providers in the country to take all necessary precautions to protect the environment, including planting trees at all post offices and reevaluating its usage of plastic packaging.

Information, Communication and Information Technology (ICT) minister, Nape Nnauye, made the calls in Dar es Salaam over the weekend when gracing the World Post Day, 2022. Tanzania is member of the Universal Postal Union (UPU).

He said that the government has identified the environmental impacts brought on by various postal activities, such as the use of packaging that is not environmentally friendly, such as plastic bags, as well as the emission of carbon from vehicles that transport postal packages.

"To support this year's UPU celebration's theme of tackling climate change, I implore the postal industry to take the following actions: establishing vegetation around each office of the Tanzania Posts Corporation and other significant players under this Ministry. Trees reduce carbon emissions from delivery vehicles and improve air quality, soil stability, biodiversity protection, and soil stabilisation. "Use of plastics bags and envelopes by the postal sector must be carefully considered, and it is best to avoid plastic entirely," emphasised the minister.

Nnauye urged the Tanzania Posts Corporation and other Postal and Courier Service providers to enhance efforts of bringing about more innovative opportunities and services for improved delivery of services, conforming to Global standards.

In a statement on World Post Day, Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) director general Dr. Jabiri Bakari, said that the organisation uses the EPOCA Law Regulations to coordinate mitigation actions that can

lessen negative environmental effects.

The director general advised those involved in the postal business to think of better options that would benefit the environment.

"Environmental issues can be a big growth driver in this time if they are managed well. Addressing the issue of climate change allows postal enterprises to rethink the logistical chain procedures, enhance efficiency, plan long-term energy saving measures, be ICT innovative, and produce new products and services that are less harmful to the environment," he said.

Masahiko Metoki, World Postal Union executive secretary, urged governments of UPU member states to ensure that their postal systems serve as the front line and a model in addressing environmental challenges that have a negative impact on societies worldwide. "I appeal on the Postal sector's stakeholders to continue the innovative spirit that aided people around the world during the Covid-19 pandemic. He said, "Let's use that expertise to create inventive solutions that will lower the amount of carbon in the environment, and then use this innovation as a model for other sectors around the world to help combat climate change."

The postal sector employs more than 5 million people in over 600,000 locations throughout 192 nations that are members of the Universal Postal Union-UPU. According to the UPU, this business delivers hundreds of billions of products, goods, and diverse cargoes that are transported to countries around the world each year.

UPU, which has its headquarters in Berne, Sweden, is the second-oldest organisation in the world among United Nations agencies, after the Telecommunications Agency, or ITU. It was founded in 1874 and was given the task of uniting the players in the postal sector under the Berne Convention.



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KCB BANK Tariff Guide

SERVICE	TZS	USD/EURO	KES	GBP
STATEMENTS				
Monthly Statement	free	free	free	free
Duplicated Statements per page (excluding community account)	1500 per page	1.30pp	78pp	0.70pp
Interim Statement per page (excluding community account)	1500 per page	1.30pp	78pp	0.70pp
ATM VISA DEBIT CARD				
ATM Card Issuance (for the first time)	free	free	n/a	n/a
ATM withdrawal from KCB ATMs (per transaction)	800	equivalent	equivalent	equivalent
ATM withdrawal from Non-KCB ATMs (Tanzania)	2500	1.3	n/a	n/a
ATM withdrawal from Non-KCB ATMs (International)	6500 per each 400,000 limit	3.3	equivalent	equivalent
ATM mini statements	550	equivalent	equivalent	equivalent
Daily Limit	1000000	equivalent	50000	n/a
Minimum withdrawals	5000	equivalent	n/a	n/a
ATM Card Replacement (lost/destroyed cards)	15000	13	n/a	n/a
Blocking/unlocking ATM cards	free	free	free	free
Card Renewal	15000	13	n/a	n/a
STANDING ORDER				
within KCB	2500	equivalent	equivalent	equivalent
Outward to other banks	5000	3	n/a	n/a
Setup/Amend Standing Order	6500	7	500	4
Unpaid Standing Order (penalty)	10000	10	500	10
CHEQUES				
Unpaid Cheque (insufficient funds) - Outward	15000	13	n/a	n/a
Unpaid Cheque (insufficient) - inward	65000	52	n/a	n/a
Unpaid Cheque - technical	15000	15	n/a	n/a
USD unpaid cheque	52	n/a	n/a	n/a
Counter Leaves	13000	equivalent	equivalent	equivalent
Bankers Cheque	26000	26	n/a	n/a
Stop payment-per set up	25000	25	1300	13
New cheque book retail	600 per leaf	equivalent	equivalent	equivalent
TT's INTERNATIONAL				
Outward	50USD (TZS equivalent)	50USD (Euro equivalent)	equivalent	equivalent
Inward TT (excluding community accounts)	13USD (TZS equivalent)	13USD (Euro equivalent)	equivalent	equivalent
Recall of funds/Cancellation of TT	10USD (TZS equivalent)	10USD (Euro equivalent)	equivalent	equivalent
Amendment of TT (Customer induced)	10USD (TZS equivalent)	10USD (Euro equivalent)	equivalent	equivalent
TRANSFERS LOCAL				
KCB to KCB	1500	equivalent	equivalent	equivalent
EFT (KCB Tanzania to any local bank)	3500	3	n/a	n/a
TISS/local TT (excluding community account)	10000	13	n/a	n/a
East African Payments (EAPS)	10000	n/a	870	n/a
MINIMUM A/C OPENING BALANCE				
Current Account-Company (SME&CORPORATE)	100000	100	5000	13
Current-Personal	50000	100	5000	65
Mapato Account	10000	10	500	10
KCB Junior Account	10000	10	500	10
KCB Student Account	10000	10	500	10
KCB Simba Savers	50000	50	n/a	n/a
A/C CLOSURE				
Closing account	35000 before 6months, free after 6 months	39	2200	26
OTHER SERVICES				
Search of old documents	15000	13	900	10.5
Forex Cash Deposits (smaller denominations below US \$ 50)	n/a	8% for denominations that are less than USD 50	n/a	8% for denominations that are less than USD 50
Dormant Account Activation	free	free	free	free
ACCOUNT MAINTENANCE FEES				
Counter Withdrawals (excluding Simba, Cub & Community accounts)	<10million 1500 >10million 0.1% max 20000	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%
Ledger Fees - Current Accounts (excluding community and salary)	personal current account 10,000, business 20,000, corporate account 30,000	personal current 10USD/Business 16USD/Corporate 20USD	700	personal current 10GBP/Business 16GBP/Corporate 20GBP
Ledger Fees - Savings Accounts (excluding Simba, Cub, salary & Student Accounts)	1200	7	176	7
THIRD PARTY ENCASHMENT				
withdrawal fee to be paid by the beneficiary	6500	13	450	7
SALARY PROCESSING				
Salary processing	2600	equivalent	130	equivalent
CERTIFICATE OF BALANCE				
Balance of Account (Flat fee per certificate)	39000	equivalent	equivalent	equivalent
Auditors Confirmation (flat per certificate)	30000	equivalent	equivalent	equivalent
Reference Letters	30000	equivalent	equivalent	equivalent

TRADE FINANCE	
IMPORT LETTER OF CREDIT	
LC ISSUANCE/extension/increase amount	1.3% Per Quarter
Normal Amendment	130 USD
Release Commission/Lc document processing	20 USD
RETIREMENT	0.30% minimum 100 maximum 200
CANCELLATION	260 USD
EXPORT LETTER OF CREDIT	
ADVISING	200 USD
NEGOTIATION	0.60% min 200 max 300
DISCOUNTING	0.80%
AVAILIZATION	0.80%
DOCUMENTS FOR COLLECTION	
Documents HANDLING FEE	150 USD
COURIER	150 USD
GUARANTEE	
Issuance fee	1.30%
AMENDMENT/Reduce of amount	130 USD
DISCREPANCY	55 USD
EXAMINATION	
OTHERS	
SWIFT	50 USD
Tracer	50 USD
COURIER	150 USD
MOBILE BANKING CHARGES	
Balance enquiry	300
Mini statement	300
Invite Friend	free
Cheque book	300
Stop cheque	300
Stop card	300
Change Pin	free
Full statement	500
BILL PAYMENTS	
TANESCO(LUKU)	1.1% of the transacted amount
DAWASCO	1300
Eazzy Pesa	Free
DSTV	Free
STARTIMES	Free
ZUKU	Free
SMILE	Free
UHUJU	Free
AZAM	Free
SASATEL	Free
SEND MONEY TO E-WALLET	
Mpesa	
Airtelmoney	
Tigo Pesa	0-50,000=1000, 50,001-100,000=1,500, 100,001-300,000=2,500, 300,001-500,000=3,500, 500,001-1,000,000=5000
Eazzy Pesa	
Hallipesa	
T Pesa	
FUNDS TRANSFER	
Own accounts	500
KCB accounts	700
INTERCOMPANY TRANSACTION CHARGES	
Inter-company cash withdrawals charges, applicable in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi and Sudan branches	0 up to 60 USD charge 4 USD 60.01 up to 250 USD charge 7.50 USD 250.01 up to 1,250 USD charge 13 USD 1,250.01 up to 6,250 USD charge 26 USD Above 6,250 USD charge 1.20% of daily cumulative withdrawals
Inter-company cash deposit charges, applicable in Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi	Up to 250 USD charge 3 USD
	Between 251-1250 USD charge 7 USD Between 1251-6250 USD charge 13 USD Above 6250 USD charge 0.60% of daily cumulative deposits
Intercompany standing orders across all companies	Intercompany standing order 13 USD
LOANS	
Processing/arrangement/appraisal fees	
Personal loans:	2.40%
Business loans:	2.40%
Overdrafts:	2.40%
Mortgage finance	2.40%
Asset finance	2.40%
Penalty on unpaid loan instalment:	10% above approved rate
Early repayment:	NA
Valuation fees:	As per service provider rates
Legal fees:	As per service provider rates
Loan insurance fees:	1%
Interest rates:	+ or - Base Lending Rate
Personal loans:	19%
Business loans:	+ or - Base Lending Rate
*Base Lending Rate	19% for TZS and 9% for USD
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If markets work, 'frontier' mining investments likely

GETTING the message when senior government officials explain their work to the public is one thing, but getting the signals of how their work relates to market movements is another issue. The latter relates to two aspects, one in terms of how government agencies react to market signals around the world, and as a rule, public sector agencies are far too slow to do a good job in that aspect. They want the world to come to them on their own terms, whereas the global market often has its way of doing things that needs to be appreciated.

The result is that plenty is missed out because initiatives taken at that level don't correspond with what actors in the market want or expect. We make huge efforts to attract investors and we basically obtain those who reasonably expect return on investment within a decade, or at most two. It is harder to obtain long term investors unless our methods of economy are more in line with what they expect, so that the local environment starts looking like if they were at home.

What was particularly missing as top officials of the Mining Commission set out to explain the schedule of work for the current financial year, starting with a review of 40,000 licences to strike down those issued to dormant companies. There are also prospects for issuing a major mining licence for exploration along the Tanga Region coastline, for which there is already the natural gas example in the southern regions, so environment stickers won't harangue so much. It is the rare minerals part where plenty of potential exists, but dormant.

Skipping over the numbers of li-

cences issued in the past year and revenues collected or expected, the far more interesting aspect in relation to global economy was exploitation of rare minerals, or strategic metals for renewable energy systems, etc. A top official said the commission seeks to supervise implementation of strategic projects for clean energy, like extraction of critical minerals for manufacturing of vehicle batteries. They are crucial components in other advanced technology machineries like airplanes, rockets and weaponry.

When the country has apparently considerable supply of nickel, lithium, cobalt, graphite, and rare earth elements (cerium, yttrium, lanthanum and neodymium) as well as niobium, sights can be set a bit higher than extractive industry for mutual benefit. Some of the manufacturing and systems building can be relocated in developing countries due to wage pressures in Europe and North America, and even the Far East. But there has to be propitious conditions.

Another area is improving the country's minerals marketing profile around the world. Our peaceful and predictable environment, with the right market structures, could actually be a minerals marketing hub for the region. But with a third of revenues used up in repaying the public sector foreign debt, taxes are far too high by global standards, thus people fight to trek minerals out to nearby markets for a decent profit.

If the debt is liquidated by offloading the firms, the taxes reduced and people being welcome to purchase fixed property, the sector could play a big role in abolishing poverty and attaining real industrialisation.

Parliamentary committees have to help foster public sector discipline

THERE are signs that parliamentary committees are going to be more involved in sorting out 'the wheat from the chaff' in the report of the Controller and Auditor General (CAG) for the year ending June 2021. This is among the key agenda as sector committees for instance those that oversees public accounts, namely the Local Authorities Accounts Committee (LAAC) and the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) start meetings early next week meet in the capital.

As the reports were extensively debated in the hemicycle and outside, the renewed thrust is likely to be institutional, to back up reform measures, etc.

That there is an institutional intention was visible from what the Speaker's Office said of the committee meetings, not just that they are in accordance with prevailing standing orders but what they seek to do. They intend to work on areas with loopholes to find ways of preventing the misuse of public funds, while work similar to this quest will be taken up by the standing committee on public investments (PIC) and the committee on HIV/Aids. President Samia Suluhu Hassan has been giving scattered directives or signals on what ought to be modified in how institutions work, or how far they are accountable, but it is easy to expect that without pressures, officials prefer to maintain the status quo, what is often known as 'business as usual,' by replacing top executives, period.

As committee meetings are often secluded events whose schedules aren't always brought to the public eye, or form a point

of public announcements when each committee would be meeting, there seems to be a break with habits in this instance. Nine committees will hold meetings in the space of three weeks, up to the final days towards the next meeting of the legislature early next month. Their deliberations can't all be foretold merely from the tone of the Speaker's Office, but MPs will have a fine balance to observe between reform directives from above and wishes for stationary attitudes, immediately below.

Nor is it clear if the public will be informed of what is being discussed behind closed doors, but as the committees are all scheduled to hold strategic meetings on legislation touching on their areas of competence, plenty of law reform, reviewing of laws, bylaws, regulations or other, would be at work. They have to achieve consensus so as to avoid political squabbling on any changes that are decided, as managing dissent is worse than introducing changes. There is plenty of recent memory over dissent disorienting the work of the government, or MPs.

One area where the public is not habitually exposed to what goes on is the foreign affairs, defence and security committee work. This time the agenda is reports from the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) along with and four parliamentary associations where we are members. At a recent swearing-in of nine EALA members elected by the legislature, the Speaker reminded them to put forth the national interest and not personal interests.

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'Poor education accounts for highest loss of human capital in Liberia'

By Gerald C. Koinyeh

LIBERIA continues to face significant development challenges on the heels of low overall productivity and economic efficiency; huge infrastructure gaps in terms of roads, electricity, water, and telecommunications; and inadequate level of human capital.

To address these challenges and boost economic growth, the World Bank advised substantial investments in people are required.

"Significant investments in people are required for Liberia to transition to an economic path that reliably provides inclusive and sustainable growth as well as broad-based improvements in poverty and social outcomes. In other words, well-educated people are critical for sustainable development."

The World Bank made the warning during the launch of the third edition of Liberia Economic Update for 2021, a series of annual reports that assesses recent economic developments in Liberia and assists the government and its development partners in identifying emerging issues and addressing persistent challenges.

In its latest report, the Bank said, while the Liberian economy experienced strong growth in 2021, its Human Capital Index (HCI) is as low as 0.32, performing better than only three countries in the world—out of 174 countries assessed.

The Bank used two measures of human capital: the Human Capital Wealth (HCW) component and the Human Capital Index (HCI).

HCW quantifies the current value (the value today) of the future earnings of the current workforce, while the HCI measures how well countries are preparing, today, the next generation of workers. It quantifies the value of the future earnings a child born today can expect to attain by age 18, given the risks to poor health and poor education that prevail in the country where she lives.

Delving extensively on the HCI, the Bank reported that Liberia's human capital outcomes are performing better than only three countries in the world—namely, the Central African Republic (0.29), Chad (0.30), and South Sudan (0.31)—out of 174 countries assessed.

An HCI of 0.32 implies that a child born today in Liberia may reach only 32 percent of her productivity potential due to shortfalls in education and health.

According to the bank, the HCI considers five variables that could be grouped into three components—survival, school, and health—that are likely to affect the earnings of

the future generation of workers.

By 2020, the human capital gap in Liberia was mainly driven by poor education—contributing 50 percent, poor health—12 percent, and survival—7 percent; adding the loss of human capital due to poor education has been growing.

Education

The Bank said with the survival rates and health conditions that prevailed in 2000, 41 percent of future productivity loss was attributable to the poor education system in Liberia. By 2020, 50 percent of Liberia's loss of human capital was due to poor education, an increase of 9 percentage points."

School enrollment rates have broadly declined during the period under review, yielding a lower number of years of schooling that a child born today can expect to have received by the time she reaches age 18, while poor schooling causes the highest loss of human capital in Liberia.

This factor, the Bank notes, results in 61 percent of the loss in human capital that Liberia could aspire to with children's full survival to age five and full health.

And the main driver of the poor outcome in education is the low expected learning-adjusted years of schooling, it said.

According to the report, a child born in Liberia today can expect to obtain only 2.2 years of effective quality schooling by age 18, given the prevailing pattern of enrollment rates and current scores in harmonized tests from major international student achievement testing programs.

Health

On health, the Bank reported that the loss of human capital due to poor health reflects the combined effects of the prevalence of stunting and health risks in the country. A child born in Liberia today has a 70 percent chance of reaching her fifth birthday without being stunted, a level comparable to Liberia's neighbors Guinea and Sierra Leone, but lower than in countries like Ghana and Senegal.

Although the stunting rate has been declining during the last decade, 10 percent of children under five in Liberia are severely stunted; and it has the sixth- and eighth-highest stunting rates among the 16 countries that typically comprise the West Africa region.

Survival rate

Also, in the report, the Bank outlined that Liberia loses seven percent of the human capital it could aspire to, with complete education and full health, to the under-five mortality rate. The productivity interpretation of the survival rate is very straightforward, as the mortality rate

is a direct loss of human capital; adding that while the expected future productivity of a child born today is reduced by a factor equal to the survival rate, relative to the benchmark where all children survive.

The Bank said in Liberia, the probability that a child born today survives past age five is estimated at 0.93. In other words, of 100 children born, 93 will survive to the age of five, while seven will not. The bank, meanwhile, there are large disparities of survival to age five across regions or counties in Liberia.

According to the Demographic and Health Survey (DHS) 2020, the survival rate is relatively high in counties such as Bong, Nimba, Lofa, and Rivercess, where the under-five mortality rates are the lowest, whereas it is low in counties such as Grand Cape Mount, Sinoe, and Grand Bassa, where the under-five mortality rates are the highest. The survival rates are slightly higher for girls than for boys, a common pattern across countries.

Compared to neighboring Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the Bank notes that the loss of human capital due to under five mortality is higher in Liberia than in Senegal, Ghana, The Gambia, and Togo, but lower than in Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Mali, Benin, Niger, and other countries.

Contributing Factors

The Bank noted that while factors contributing to Liberia's low human capital outcomes are multiple and complex, some of the leading ones include weak governance, ineffective service delivery, demographic pressures, and low and inefficient social spending. The disconnects among government agencies responsible for human capital development result in unresponsive, suboptimal service delivery, it added.

On the heels of weak governance, ineffective service delivery tends to hinder higher HC accumulation by generating low-quality and unequal provision of social services, the Bank stated, adding that Liberia's current demographic profile presents an opportunity for the country to tap into its demographic dividend and grow its HC and economy, but it also entails a considerable risk if this opportunity is not catalyzed with the right policies.

Without a significant decline in fertility, it said Liberia might face an ever-growing population base and ever-larger youth cohorts—with children further exposed to health risks, malnutrition, stunting, and lower public and private educational investments. Furthermore, social spending remains low and inefficiently managed.

Signs of Progress

Despite these negative trends, the Bank pointed out that Liberia has

shown some progress in access to education and improvement of health outcomes over the last few decades, but gaps in complete education and full health are huge. Liberia has experienced a steady decline in infant mortality, with a significant increase in child survival rate, up from 0.81 in 2000 to 0.93 in 2019.

According to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF 2020), the basic vaccination coverage among children ages 12 to 23 months has improved since 2013, rising 10 percentage points—from 55 percent to 65 percent in 2020. Similarly, the number of students enrolled in the education system (from early childhood to upper secondary education) increased fivefold, from 300,000 in 1981 to 1.5 million by 2015.

However, much of this progress was achieved through services provided by nongovernmental organizations. Improving the HCI would require significant interventions in the education sector.

The Recommendations

The Bank has pointed out that gains in both the length of schooling and the effectiveness of learning would help improve the schooling component of the HCI; noting that a special focus on overage education would be needed to boost the expected number of years of schooling in the country.

The Bank called on Liberia to invest urgently in education statistics, adding that the production and dissemination of reliable education statistics will be essential for effective education sector management and for monitoring progress toward national and global education targets.

In addition, it called on the government to dwell on its strides in investing in its people, recommending that Liberia should now move much more deliberately toward direct investments in high-impact programs, on both the demand and supply sides; increase investments; and target resources to priority regions to significantly improve the standards of living of all Liberians. Investing in human capital will be crucial for Liberia to grow faster, reduce poverty, and deliver substantial social benefits in the long term, the Bank stated.

To achieve this, the Bank said it will require improving governance and building synergies among government agencies involved in human capital development; improving the level and efficiency of social spending, especially education spending; designing, adopting, and implementing a special program to eradicate overage education in Liberia; investment in education statistics-education management information systems (EMIS)—to inform sector policies and interventions.

By Thomas Lyimo

As the nation prepares to commemorate Nyerere Day this Friday, it is time to reflect on this towering thinker and statesman. Julius Kambarage Nyerere left a fantastic history of forming and uniting a nation here at home and unmatched liberation and Pan-Africanist credentials on this continent.

The introduction of socialism policy was regarded as a step forward to the socio-political and economic changes in the post-independent period in the country. Nyerere, as the founder of socialism and self-reliance, stood firm to ensure that Ujamaa restored personal dignity and socio-economic welfare of the people which were lost during the colonial period. By the time he stood down in 1985, there were still major socioeconomic challenges in the country.

The feudal system that the Europeans found in Tanganyika and the capitalism which they established were both exploitative. This informs why Nyerere settled for socialism. The schooling of this man was influenced by Fabian thinkers whose teachings were available at Edinburgh University, making him form an egalitarian society whose perfect demonstration was the Arusha declaration of 1967.

Although some critics hold that the introduction of socialism was not right as they connect it to underdevelopment, it is indisputable that Nyerere was to lay a foundation of the nation so that changes could be made letter in terms of socio-economic development.

We now live in a very competitive world which demands a high level of thinking and this is justifiable by the government's pursuits to improve competence for our experts even by sponsoring their studies abroad.

Because the idea of building a nation was strange to most Tanganyikans by the time he took over leadership in 1961 as only a few had attained colonial education, Nyerere considered socialism as a way of enabling Tanganyikans form their government and conduct their activities for their betterment.

He declared the Tanganyika African National Union (TANU) the only political party in the country so as to enhance national unity and development. The aim of this was centralization of power and some trusted individuals who had formal education to guide others on how to go about development.

Most socialists believe that there are some matters of national interest which must be dictated for the benefits of all because if too much democracy is allowed, it may derail the national direction hence causing sufferings for the generations to come.

This line of thought manifested in Nyerere's socialist government which believed that the few individuals who were trusted by others and placed into positions were to work on behalf of the entire society by making

Nyerere's decision to introduce socialism was right given prevailing circumstances



sure that the national interests are not endangered.

With the introduction of Structural Adjustment Programmes (SAPs) by the Western countries through the International Monetary Fund and World Bank in 1980s which practically countered socialism, Nyerere did not hesitate to step down and Ali Hassan Mwinyi took over in 1985 but with privatization of loss-making parastatals, economic policies became more inclined to capitalism.

Considering the circumstances of that time, nationalization policy was of great value in checking the way the national resources were utilized and how the fruits were distributed. It aimed at creating employment opportunities for many Tanzanians and avoiding accumulation of wealth in fewer hands which was dangerous for the well-being of the majority by that time as the society was less aware of the competitive nature of the world as it is now obvious and hence initiating capitalism in

that early stage of independence would have threatened the socioeconomic lives of the people.

Also, fee-free education for all policy and other benefits to students such as free transport to and from boarding schools helped much to distribute opportunities to Tanzanians before embracing capitalism which prevails to the present.

Nyerere applied ideologies of the gi-

ant socialist nations of the world when he was planting the seed of socialism in the country. It is convincing that we should learn from him when we want to plant the seed of capitalism – the socio-economic system that is inevitable for now.

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Politically weak and inconsequential Jacob Zuma freeman again – for now

By Des Erasmus

HAD former president Jacob Zuma served his full 15-month sentence for contempt of court, he would have been released from Estcourt Correctional Facility a free man Friday, 7 October.

Had he been released on this day, he may have exited the prison with throngs of bused-in supporters waiting in the KwaZulu-Natal sun, eager for a wave from the octogenarian, clamouring to see him dance, to cackle, to plead for his machine-gun.

There may have been a modicum of respect from some sections of the public that the former president had finally done some legitimate time, had he stepped out of prison today.

Instead, what we are experiencing in the lead-up to his private prosecution of a veteran State advocate and a senior journalist on Monday, is a heavyweight turned featherweight; a man so politically weakened that even the sycophants in his home province have turned up their noses at the prospect of him being available for a seat in the top six of the governing party.

'Joke of the year'

Zuma's attempt to make himself available for national chairman was met with much scorn and snickering, most notably from the current chairman of the governing party, Gwede Mantashe, who termed the announcement "the biggest joke of the year, actually".

At 80 years of age Zuma is an old man teetering on the edge of fragility, consumed by conspiracy theories, vengeance and portraying himself as a victim. He poses no political threat, and his attempts at intimidation – as in the private prosecution of Billy Downer and Karyn Maughan – are not surprising. They are instead contrived, hackneyed – an attempt at a show of power from a man who has very little of the stuff left.

As of today, Zuma will no longer have to account to the Department



Former South Africa president Jacob Zuma

of Correctional Services. He may again attend public events. No doubt the thought of being truly free will add a rhythm to his step, despite his serious but-as-yet-unnamed medical condition/terminal illness that will form the base of Monday's hearing.

The past 15 months have not been kind to Zuma or his ambitions of solidifying

himself as the wisest of ANC elders. And try as he might, he is unable to shake his inevitable showdown with Downer at the Arms Deal graft trial or the prospect that even if he approaches the Constitutional Court, he could still be ordered back to jail because of his "invalid" release on medical parole.

Bleak future

The future is bleak for the former president as he attempts to navigate a new political path. Some of the newly elected ANC leadership and councillors in KwaZulu-Natal may have made their way to Nkandla for a photo opportunity with Zuma, and to receive his "blessing", but this was another contrived pilgrim-

age, a token to garner nods of approval from Zuma's remaining base.

So inconsequential are his desires now, that Zuma was unable to convince the ANC in his home province to endorse his ex-wife Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma for the post of ANC president, come the party's elective conference in December.

In September, Zuma allegedly "instructed" fellow fallen cadre Ace Magashule to garner support for Dlamini Zuma's presidential ambitions. But so equally weakened is Magashule without unfettered access to taxpayers' money, that that also fell flat.

In yet another indication of Zuma now being politically feeble, reports indicate that Dlamini Zuma has started to work with Lindiwe Sisulu on a joint campaign to oust Cyril Ramaphosa come December. Sisulu is not viewed as a serious contender for the ANC throne, and while Dlamini Zuma at least has political gravitas, she lacks charisma, will always have ties to her ex and, by association, the string of corruption allegations that follow him like a puppy.

Constrained by the policies of their party – the same policies that have steered South Africa to the brink of being a failed state – Dlamini Zuma and Sisulu will have to ride on the "time for a woman president" wave, while pointing to the Phala Phala allegations made against Ramaphosa, for which he is yet to adequately answer.

Waning influence

Zuma's core strength has always been in KwaZulu-Natal, and the longer he stays out of political life, the more his sphere of influence is reduced. There is nothing unusual about a former statesman losing sway. But when, like the former president, one is facing multiple graft charges, the only way to garner public sympathy is to scream political persecution, which Zuma has done on every available occasion.

The former president is on an active campaign to reshape the Jacob Zuma narrative. This week, his foundation called on production houses to submit proposals for a documentary about his life.

Notably, the foundation's brief does not mention Zuma's nearly two-decade battle with the justice system to keep the Arms Deal matter from coming to trial, his links to the infamous Gupta family, and a host of other serious allegations.

It is not a secret that next week's private prosecution has little chance of success, and that the legal representatives for Maughan and Downer are likely to chew up and spit out Zuma's arguments. This will, in turn, give Zuma another opportunity to publicly malign the judiciary, the media and the National Prosecuting Authority, while portraying himself as a victim of a wider conspiracy. Over and over again. DM

By Damian Zane

Ethiopia civil war: My patients are doomed to die in Tigray blockade

A lack of basic medicine is killing patients in Ethiopia's Tigray region, which is the epicentre of a 23-month civil war and is under blockade. Both sides have agreed to peace talks in South Africa, and a doctor pleads for the humanitarian crisis to be one of the first issues addressed.

Short presentational grey line
Dr Fasika Amdeslasie speaks in a matter-of-fact voice, but what he has to say is devastating.

"We have a lack of anaesthesia drugs, lack of intravenous fluids, lack of antibiotics and so you see complications arising [with] the patients and you see them dying helplessly - your arms folded," the surgeon says on a WhatsApp call using a rare satellite internet connection from the Tigrayan capital, Mekelle.

The patients are helpless but the doctors are too.

Nevertheless, there is barely a hint of emotion as Dr Fasika, who works at Mekelle's main Ayder Hospital, relates the impact of the conflict in Tigray on the region's health service.

For most of the past two years Tigray has been isolated from the rest of the world.

Fighting started in November 2020 when federal Ethiopian forces tried to wrest control of the region from the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF). An effective blockade began when the TPLF mounted a counter-offensive and recaptured much of Tigray in June 2021.

Deliveries ground to a halt, banking services stopped and telephone connections were largely cut making it almost impossible to phone anyone up. The UN says that currently 5.4 million people - around three-quarters of Tigray's population - need some kind of food aid as the fighting has disrupted supplies.

The sick are not exempt, even though they are not directly involved in the conflict.

Some drugs and other vital equipment have come through the World Health Organization and the International Committee of the Red



Patients at hospitals in Tigray have faced a lack of medicine and equipment when they have come to be treated

Cross - but their arrival has been sporadic and supplies stopped completely when fighting resumed in August, ending a five-month humanitarian ceasefire.

"We don't have medicine for our patients, we don't have surgical materials to do surgery, we don't have vaccines to vaccinate children, we don't have insulin to give to diabetic patients," Dr Fasika tells the BBC's Newsday programme, listing the impact the last 16 months have had.

"So all kinds of patients are suffering. We are telling them to return home without treatment."

Drugs to treat cancer patients have not been available at all and they cannot get radiotherapy as the equipment for that is in the federal capital, Addis Ababa. Travelling there is impossible.

"Basically cancer patients are doomed to die," says the 41 year old, who was once the dean of the medical school.

"Patients do not have time" Medics have also had to watch those suffering from kidney failure deteriorate as supplies for dialysis have only come through intermittently.

"The last arrival was June and there has been a complete blockage since August and now this week we are running out of materials for the 25 patients we have," according to Dr Fasika.

He says that 90 kidney patients have died "in front of the doctors" and he wonders what will happen to the 25 who remain.

Regarding diagnosis, the hospital laboratory lacks the chemical

reagents vital for the tests, meaning that often doctors cannot tell what is wrong with patients.

Added to this, the unreliable electricity supply and the absence of fuel for the generators means that the hospital can go days without power.

Throughout the grim catalogue of what he and his fellow medics are dealing with, Dr Fasika's even voice does not reveal the weight of what he is describing.

"I have run out of emotion because it is a living reality, I am just describing what I face daily.

"We are protecting ourselves emotionally. We will not know how much burden we are carrying until we are relieved. Otherwise it's a natural defence mechanism not to think about it - you don't dwell there

and you do what you have to do."

But the doctors and nurses themselves are also having to deal with the fact that, as federal employees, they have not been paid since May last year. Dr Fasika gets sent money from friends and family abroad, but this comes at a price as money changers charge a high commission for having to smuggle the cash into Tigray.

"This hospital is my life," Dr Fasika says, explaining what motivates him despite the difficult conditions.

"Professionalism calls you. If you can go and talk to patients and counsel them and do what you can, then that's the most important thing. Not only me but all the professionals here."

When it comes to possible peace talks between the federal government and the TPLF, Dr Fasika shies away from getting involved in the politics.

But he is worried that as the talks are a political process they will be drawn out as the different sides debate the details.

"The talks may take time, but our lives, the children's lives and the patients' lives may not have that time. So I wish they do things on the humanitarian situation first.

"Humanitarian law has to be respected. Why does it fail in Tigray when it is not failing in Ukraine? Is it because we are not important people?"

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Former death row inmate pleads with President not to sign death warrants

By Correspondent Rose Mwalongo

TETE Kafunja, a man who spent 18 years on death row, has made a plea to President Samia Suluhu Hassan not to sign any death warrants during her tenure saying doing so will mean executing a lot of innocent people most of whom are in prisons.

Alternatively, Kafunja has called upon the government to review its laws and sentence those convicted of murder to life imprisonment to spare the innocent souls and enable them to appeal.

Kafunja made the call in Dar es Salaam recently during an exclusive interview with a team from the Tanzania Media for Community Development (TAMCODE) ahead of the World Day against the Death Penalty, commemorated each year on October 10.

Narrating his ordeal Kafunja said, "I was a businessperson who ran a joint at Manzese called Mary Bar. I was called to bail a person I knew only to be implicated in the murder of a person I never knew his name let alone his face. This happened in 1990 in Dar es Salaam where I was informed that the person I was to bail had told the police that I was an accomplice to the murder of Geoffrey Shambarai and had fled with the murder weapon," recalls Kafunja.

Asked on how he felt when the judge pronounced the death sentence, Kafunja admits to have lost all his strength adding "It was a nightmare. I could not even walk. My clothes were all soaked with water, from the sudden sweat I felt. It was a horrible feeling especially knowing that my life was going to end for something I was not part of."

As fate had it, in December 1990, those who were involved in the murder were arrested and testified to have committed the act but denied knowing Tete.

However, the road to freedom seemed to be rough as he kept waiting for an appeal until 2007 when he decided to go on hunger strike.

Tete spoke of the agony of spending on death row where each time a door opened, it felt as if the hangman had come for him.

"I applied for an appeal but it was taking too long and it was then when I decided to go on a hunger strike while on death row as I felt it was unfair that I should pay for a crime that I did not commit. At that point, I lost hope and decided it was better to die from hunger than to suffer an execution," recalls Kafunja.

He says, the situation became so critical that prison wardens were forced to call other inmates to pick him up as he was too weak to walk where they put him on drip at the hospital within the Isanga prison in Dodoma.



Interview with former death row inmate Tete Kafunja (L)

Few days later, Kafunja received legal documents that his appeal was slated at the Court of Appeal in Dar es Salaam in September 2008, sadly, he went there only to find his advocate was no longer.

"I nearly lost hope but was informed that I was to be represented by another advocate who insisted that I pray before going to court. During the hearing, judges wondered why I was there in the first place as those who committed the murder had testified," recalls Kafunja.

He says all facts were presented in court where on October 10, 2008, he was set free where he went home only to find his wife and two children gone, and he has never been able to reunite with them.

In his current life, Kafunja admits that he survives by the grace of God as not only did he lose touch with his family, but his parents died while

in prison too.

"The last time I saw my wife and two children was in 1993. When I was released I went to Il-eje where I was informed that my parents had passed away. I was the lone child and most people thought I had been executed and as such sold my family land," says Kafunja.

The call comes hardly months after former retired justice in the court of appeal in Tanzania Engera Kileo called upon the government to abolish the mandatory death penalty on account that the punishment is irreversible and courts can and

actually make mistakes sometimes and there are chances of committing human errors that could see innocent people executed.

Popularly known for her dissenting opinions on death penalty, the retired justice called upon the need to alternate to life sentencing to people who commit capital offences to avoid committing errors of innocent people paying for crimes that they did not commit.

Tanzania still retains the death penalty in its country book and the last time someone was hanged was in 1994.

Zanzibar government mulls 'boosting' child-friendly court

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR government is in the process of carrying out major improvements in its courts, inclusive of dealing with children cases who have been mentioned in the list of communities facing sexual violence at a high rate.

Zanzibar children's court chairperson, Zuwana Abdulkadir said this here last Thursday when speaking at a function organized by human rights activists to mark this year's International Day of the Girl (IDG), themed: "Our time is now—our rights, our future."

The day is an annual and internationally recognized observance on October 11 that empowers girls and amplifies their voices.

The event was held at Raha Leo Zanzibar, bringing on board representatives of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), secondary school students, leaders working in law institutions, and community delegation. The idea is to make them ready to give evidence to deal with cases of sexual harassment.

Zuwana said the children's court was established by law number 6 of 2011, whose main goal is to end conflicts arising among children at various levels to provide so-

lutions.

According to her, since the establishment of the court, it has done a great job to listen to cases of sexual abuse of female children who are sodomized.

She informed us that they have done an investigation and found out that the problem is more in 17-year-old children who are doing it for fear of getting pregnant.

The chairperson wanted girls to recognize themselves and know their worth, where incidents of preoccupation and making love early on lead them into problems, including failure to continue with their studies.

Zuwana said that they have planned to ensure that all cases of sexual harassment are dealt with on time while asking the community to be ready to testify.

She said that one of the biggest challenges in conducting sexual harassment cases is the lack of evidence that is important in convicting the accused, informing that in criminal cases there is no guilt without evidence where a case that lacks evidence is usually a case that loses the ability to be heard in court.

"We want our society to be ready to give evidence before the court for events that they are aware of and know the truth of, including



Zanzibar children's court chairperson, Zuwana Abdulkadir

cases of sexual harassment. Sometimes cases have to be dismissed due to lack of evidence," she said.

Salma Sadatti, director of people with disabilities department in the National Council for Persons with Disabilities (NCPWD) said: "The goal of the celebration of the day of the girl child is to make the world aware of the value

of the girl child who needs to be protected in all cases against acts of sexual abuse."

"The IDG celebration, which started to be celebrated in Tanzania two years ago, is part of recognizing the contribution of the female child in the development and growth of the economy as well as education."

She informed that this is the time to ensure that the girl child is protected from all the challenges facing her in order to take great steps of development including education, praising the government's efforts to see that the development of the girl child is achieved, including in building good legal foundations as well as education.

"My message to girls, including school students, is to recognize themselves and be ready to face the challenges in life while they are required to build a position and reject sexual harassment," she said.

Some of the stakeholders, who attended the conference, including law enforcement agencies, urged the community to speed up the investiga-

tion and provide evidence of acts of sexual harassment in the law enforcement agencies, including the Police Force.

On behalf of the Zanzibar Police Commissioner, Egyne Emmanuel said that they have planned to ensure that they conduct investigations in a short period of time and to bring the cases before the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) to be taken to court.

He said that the Police Force is in a period of reform which is to ensure that it completes and investigates all cases of abuse in time to remove complaints from the community.

"The Police Force is undergoing major reforms, the aim of which is to speed up the effectiveness of our duties in following up cases and completing investigations quickly," he said.

He also said that time has come for the existence of marriage education, which has revealed that the breaking of marriage is part of the biggest challenge of the emergence of acts of sexual harassment.

"We have found out that there is a major challenge of marriage breakdown which causes the instability of parenting following the separation of two parents," he said.

Africa oil week is here! Stimulating deals and transactions over the entire African upstream with unrivalled opportunities

By Guardian Reporter

DELEGATES of the Africa oil and gas week have put on their philanthropic hats to raise money for Tumaini La Maisha—a Tanzanian registered Non-Governmental Organization with a vision to reach every child who suffers from cancer.

At a colourful cocktail event hosted by Wentworth Resources plc. and Barb McBean at the Life Grand Café in the V&A Waterfront early this month, Barb McBean—President, Wentworth Africa Foundation said they have been creating access to education and healthcare initiatives to improve the living conditions of those most in need in the southern and coastal regions of Tanzania.

A statement issued by Wentworth Africa Foundation Director Sauda Simba, said over 100 international oil and gas delegates attended the event.



Wentworth Africa Foundation director Sauda Simba makes an appeal for donations for 'Tumaini la Maisha' NGO for children suffering from cancer

"We are delighted with the turnout and the generosity of the delegates in donating to our cause. For a first-time event, we are very encouraged with the response received for this call to action," said McBean.

Initiatives such as 'Keep a Girl in School', 'Bursary Support Programme' and 'Libraries for Secondary Schools' are just some of the charitable projects the foundation has funded and facilitated.

The foundation's main sponsor is Wentworth Resources Plc., which produces 50 percent of Tanzania's natural gas to power over 30 percent of the country's electricity generation.

Chief Executive Officer, Wentworth Resources Plc. Katherine Roe said: "We are proud of the work being done by Wentworth Africa Foundation in Tanzania and this novel idea of connecting with African and South African businesses."

Pavement on their reunion: 'We're like an uncaged tiger'

By Mark Savage

DEPENDING on who you ask, Pavement are either the greatest indie band of the nineties, or a minor blip on the rock landscape.

Formed in California in 1989, they were the ultimate underground band, whose noisy, shambolic songs were laced with enough melodic charm to lodge permanently in your brain.

Their first two albums, *Slanted and Enchanted* (1992) and *Crooked Rain, Crooked Rain* (1994) were hailed as masterpieces of lo-fi, slacker rock - a description that's technically true, but which fails to capture their magic.

From the fuzzy squall of *Summer Babe* to the celestial balladry of *Spit On A Stranger* and the goofiness of *Cut Your Hair*, Pavement knew their way around a pop song, no matter how awkward the delivery.

They built an audience who gorged on frontman Stephen Malkmus's wayward song structures and cryptic lyrics ("Lies and betrayals / Fruit-covered nails," he sang, mystifyingly, on *Trigger Cut*).

But after *Crooked Rain* pushed Pavement towards the limelight, an unpredictable follow-up - 1995's *Wovee Zowie* - put them back in the shadows.

It was an act of commercial self-sabotage that only deepened their cult appeal. Pavement never committed the "sin" of having a hit song and they quit while they were ahead: Disbanding in 1999, with just five almost-perfect albums to their name.

Their last show, in London's Brixton Academy, hinted at internal tensions. Attaching handcuffs to his microphone, Malkmus told the audience: "These symbolise what it's



Pavement in Germany, 1997 (L-R): Stephen Malkmus, Steve West, Bob Nastanovich, Scott Kannberg and Mark Ibold

like being in a band all these years." When the gig ended, the band left on one side of the stage, and Malkmus walked off in the opposite direction.

But percussionist Bob Nastanovich says the myth surrounding Pavement's demise is more dramatic than the reality.

"It's never been anywhere near as bad as people thought it was," he says. "There really wasn't that much drama at all. It was more about exhaustion and desire to do other things."

For Nastanovich, that meant a ca-

reer in horse racing - but today he's speaking on Zoom from San Francisco, where Pavement are in the middle of a reunion tour (their second, after a previous fling in 2010).

We're quickly joined on the call by Malkmus, mid-order at a local coffee joint. Americano in hand, he chats enthusiastically about their upcoming London shows and the band's giant video screen, which he's nicknamed R2-FU.

"The tour's been great so far," he beams. "I'm sort of like a tiger let out of the cage. An older, greyer tiger."

His sunny disposition might seem out of character to longtime fans. In Pavement's prime, Malkmus was often accused of being surly and aloof. According to drummer Steve West, there were times he refused to speak to his bandmates, pulling a jacket over his head and referring to himself as "the little bitch".

But he rejected those characterisations, telling one reporter it was all "part of the act".

"I'm nice at the bottom of my heart, but I like the 'tough love, bitchy performer' thing."

These days, he seems mellow. He talks in ellipses and apologises several times for rambling - but there's an obvious affection for Pavement and its fans.

That fanbase has only expanded in recent years.

As the dust of the 90s settled, Pavement's stock rose, with acts like Blur, Animal Collective, Deerhunter and Beabadoobee citing them as a major influence. Rolling Stone recently ranked *Slanted and Enchanted* at number 199 in its top 500 albums of all time. *Crooked Rain, Crooked Rain* landed at 343 and *Wovee Zowie* (which has undergone a critical reappraisal) was at 265.

"It's a great compliment," says Nastanovich. "But I mean, they had to put something from early 90s on there, other than *Nevermind*."

Over the years, the band's archives have been raided for a series of album reissues that further enhanced their reputation, but Malkmus claims not to have heard them. Instead, he prepared for the Pavement reunion on YouTube.

"I listened to every song, just about, that we ever did, starting from the very beginning to make sure I had enough material to surprise people and make it magical and every show different."

He has kept his word.

The tour is designed as a series of mini-residencies, and every night delivers "a different set and a different vibe", raved Rolling Stone critic Rob Sheffield. "Twenty-five songs in two hours, rampaging all over their catalogue, rocking the house each night with a couple dozen of the greatest tunes ever written for electrically amplified string instruments."

The only problem? That big video screen ruins their spontaneity.

"We're used to passing out setlists 20 minutes before we go on stage," says Nastanovich, "but to get everything set up for the show to work, it needs to be in five hours beforehand."

Even so, the band have frequently

thrown their plans out the window.

"Last night we had a couple of band meetings on stage and changed a couple of songs," he confesses. "I'm sure it's thoroughly entertaining for the audience to watch, you know? A cluster of people deciding what to play next."

But the tour also sees a level of professionalism Pavement lacked first time round.

"We had a proper rehearsal this time," says Malkmus, only half-joking. "In the 90s, tours were hammered down our throats at all times and we'd just jump on them."

"This time, we worked on our chops, which is a funny thing to say with Pavement. The drummer in particular spent a year practicing. We never had a chance to do that before."

"But it's still loose, it's still Pavement," he reassures. "The emotions coming at you are gonna take you back to when you first heard us."

One track, however, is a new addition to the set.

Harness Your Hopes, a b-side recorded during sessions for 1997's *Brighten The Corners*, has suddenly risen from obscurity to become Pavement's most-streamed song.

Malkmus only became aware when he heard the song in a bakery near his home in Portland, Oregon. At first, he thought it was the Rolling Stones' *Tumblin'* Dice. Then the vocals kicked in and "my kids said they knew the song".

It turned out the 25-year-old track had inspired a TikTok dance craze.

"I assumed it was a kind of smaller viral hit," he says, "but it turns out we're like a strong Omicron."

He laughs when I mention the second verse: "Show me a word that rhymes with pavement/And I won't kill your parents and roast them on a spit" (the joke being that the second line describes the word "depravement").

"That's the kind of thing you write when you're feeling cocky and you think it's a b-side," says Malkmus.

"It's sort of bizarre, how history rewrites itself."

The song has brought Pavement a new audience, although Malkmus grumbles that they never make it to the moshpit.

"I hate to say it, but there's, like, a halo of wealth at the front, where the tickets cost more. And it's fine, but it's almost always older people with disposable income."

Ultimately, though, Pavement are happy on the nostalgia circuit.

"I like going to reunion shows," says Malkmus, "because, almost always, the dudes and women are psyched to be up there."

"I mean, I hear stories about megabands like The Police who exist in separate rooms and are mailing it in for the cash. This is not that."

"The feeling in the band is pretty much the exact same as it was the first time we ever got into a minivan in the 90s."

The one thing he won't consider, however, is adding to Pavement's body of work.

"That'd be really weird," he says. "These songs are solid. They're old but they're still alive. I don't know why you would do it."

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Retired President Dr Kikwete commends EPZA for aggressive of enticing investors

By Guardian Correspondent, Kibaha

Former President Dr Jakaya Kikwete (pictured) has commended Export Processing Zones Authorities (EPZA) for the concerted efforts in attracting investors through the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and Export Processing Zones (EPZs) who produce high quality goods for domestic and exports markets.

Dr Kikwete said at the ongoing 3rd investment and business exhibition in Kibaha, Coastal Region at the weekend that, "I congratulate EPZA for continuing to woo investors who make high quality goods that competes in the exports markets."

He noted that the agency's efforts have huge multiplier effects in the country by creating jobs and generating much needed foreign exchange.

Dr Kikwete said that by producing high quality products in the country it helps to a large extent in increasing the national income.

Also, Dr Kikwete asked the people from Coast region to take an advantage of the construction of various industries at Kibaha in order to change their lives as well as to generate the national income in general.

"The construction of industries in this region will bring a great benefit to the residents as it will direct and indirect jobs to them," he said.

He also asked the Coastal Regional Commissioner Abubakar Kunenge to properly supervise the survey of plots at Kwala Industrial Park area to meet the intended project objectives.

On her side, the EPZA Senior of Investment Promotion Officer Nakadongo Fares thanked Former

President Kikwete for recognizing the contribution of their institution in attracting investors who produce goods through the SEZs and EPZs for domestic and global markets.

"On behalf of EPZA, I would like to express our gratitude to former President Kikwete for encouraging us to continue promoting industrialization agenda in the country," she said.

She also said that, EPZA invites all Tanzanians to invest in the country through EPZA which will help them to issue licenses and enabling them to produce and sell their products abroad for 80 percent and 20 percent to sell domestically.

Fares also said that through EPZA, the investor will get common service such as access to land that has everything in it, including water, electricity and sewage system.

Also, Ms Fares added that EPZA offers special incentives such as tax exemption for ten years as the factory takes a long time to start making a profit.

In another hand Ms Fares said that the government has been guaranteeing these industries with the aim of creating jobs for citizens as well as promoting the country's economy through investment and business.

She also said that currently EPZA have 100 hectares that they are preparing for investors at Kwala Industrial Park project in Kibaha.

"I asks all Tanzanians to come and invest through EPZA so that they can achieve the government's goal of producing competitive products for the international market; invest with EPZ for the benefit of our nation," said Ms Fares.



DSE all shares index closes green following EABL share price gains

By Guardian Reporter

The Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange All Shares Index (DSEI) closed 3.74 points up to 1,846.89 points on Friday last week, up from 1,843.15 points recorded on Thursday close.

The increase of the DSEI was due to the appreciation of East African Breweries Limited (EABL) share price by 1.52 percent to 2,860/- on Friday close from 2,640/- recorded on Thursday close, pushing the cross listed brewery market capitalization to 2,119.28bn/- from 2,087.64bn/- respectively.

The company's share trend has also resulted into increase of DSE total market capitalization to 15,392.17bn/- on Friday from 15,361.02bn/- recorded a day before.

The DSE market report shows DSE Plc share price decreased by 1.10 percent to 1,800/- from 1,820/- respectively, pushing down its market capitalization to 42.88bn/- from 43.36bn/-.

This resulted into slight decline



East African Breweries Limited (EABL) share price by 1.52 percent to 2,860/- on Friday close from 2,640/- recorded on Thursday close FILE PHOTO

of domestic market capitalization 10,196.04bn/- from 10,196.51bn/- respectively.

The decrease of DSE share price also pushed down the Tanzania Share Index (TSI) which measures the performance of local companies by 0.18 points to 3,857.07 points on Friday close from 3,857.25 points recorded a day before.

The market report shows that a total turnover of 247.3mn/- was

recorded during the end of the week, through transaction of 623,585 shares traded in 62 deals.

All shares traded during the reviewed day were sold by local investors by 100 percent and bought local investor by 99.96 percent of the total value and 0.03 percent by foreign investors.

Top mover during the day was CRDB Bank Plc which recorded a turnover of 227.567mn/- from transaction of 606,011 shares trad-

ed in 43 deals at a price ranging from 375/- and 380/-.

Second top mover was Tanzania Portland Cement Company (TPCC) which recorded a turnover of 13.17mn/- after transacting 3,466 shares in three deals at a price of 3,800/- per share.

According to the market report, other active counter were DCB Bank, DSE Plc, NICO, NMB Bank Plc, Tanga Cement Company Limited (TCCL) TCCIA Investment Company Limited (TICL) and TOL Gases Limited.

The market report shows during the first week of the fourth quarter of this year, the DSE market has so far recorded a turnover of 1.8bn/- of which local investors were dominant.

The report shows local investors accounted of 99.92 percent of the value of buying shares, while foreign investors injected 1.38mn/- which was 0.08 percent of the value of bought shares.

On selling side, the report shows local investors accounted for 99.13 percent of the value against 0.87 percent or 15.80mn/- recorded by foreign investors.

Gold price falls for six consecutive months

LONDON

The gold price fell for the sixth consecutive month, dropping 2.6 percent to finish September at \$1,671.80/oz on the back of the twin headwinds of a surging dollar and higher bond yields, according to October 6 commentary by the World Gold Council (WGC).

The council said it was a challenging month for most assets, with global equities down 9.5 percent, global bonds down 5.1 percent and commodities down 8.4 percent.

While a relative outperformer and therefore a good diversifier, gold was not the crisis hedge as before, certainly when measured in dollars.

However, for non-US investors, gold's performance remained strong so far.

Adding to pressure on the US dollar gold price, gold futures fell to their shortest net position in four years. In addition, gold exchange-traded fund outflows continued, with holdings falling 95 t over the month, the WGC said.

"Price resistance under these pressures was, however, quite impressive", the WGC said, noting that gold hit a monthly intra-day low of \$1,615/oz but recovered to end the month above \$1,670/oz.

The WGC's gold return attribution model highlighted a disconnect between what was suggested by gold's long-term drivers and how gold actually fared.

It said that large positive residuals - captured by the "unexplained"



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category - during 2022 were likely the result of an unquantified geopolitical risk premium in gold or potentially a change in the sensitivity of gold to some of the underlying variables.

The WGC said it believed both factors were at play.

"In the case of a sensitivity change, we believe investors are less concerned - but not unconcerned - about rising interest rates, as forward expectations of rates remain anchored at considerably lower levels," the council said. The surge in the dollar - up 15 percent this year alone as measured by the dollar index (DXY) - had been a "headache" for many assets in the second half of the year and was now becoming

ing a rising burden for central banks, the WGC said.

It explained that the impact on gold had been two-fold.

First, gold was most commonly quoted in dollars. Therefore, as its numeraire, a stronger dollar necessarily leads to a falling gold price.

Second, this impact was compounded in the recent rally by the dollar's safe-haven demand, creating competition for gold. The WGC noted that, outside of the US, gold performed well in both nominal and real terms.

It said that two factors explained almost 90% of dollar strength since late 2020. There were interest rates differentials and safe-haven flows.

The WGC said aggressive US Federal Reserve (the Fed) monetary policy tightening, relative to other major central banks, had made the US an attractive destination to obtain yield.

Alongside this, the Fed's overnight liquidity reverse-repo facility had become a refuge for investors, doubling holdings from \$1.2-trillion to \$2.4-trillion in a year.

In the WGC's view, there were three factors that might trigger a reversal - or at least a pause - in the dollar, thereby alleviating some of the pressure on gold.

The first of these was a historically high valuation and positioning in the dollar relative to DXY components.

GF Trucks & Equipment scoops top mining supplier award

By Francis Kajubi

GF Trucks and Equipment Limited, a vehicle assembling company has received a recognition award from the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment of being a leading supplier of mining machineries and vehicles.

The award was presented to the company on Saturday by Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment Dr Ashatu Kijaji at the climax of the Technology in Mining Exhibition Week held in Geita region.

According to a statement extended to the press, GF Sales Executive Poul Msuku said that the award is a motivation to a company for its dedicated initiatives and investments in the mining sector.

"We are happy to be recognized as a leading company in the mining equipment supply chain. GF Trucks is one of the established companies in Tanzania working on supply of XCMG mining machines and FAW trucks for 15 years now," said Msuku.

At the exhibition climax, the Company sold one XCMG machine to G Unity Square Limited.

According to G Unity Square Limited Director Ezekiel Rembo, participation of GF Trucks at this year's mining exhibition has enabled his Company purchase the machine at affordable price compared to what it would have paid in purchasing the machine directly from the factory at Kibaha.

Handling over the award, Minister Kijaji had called the Company to offer a special priority to small scale miners by enabling them to have access to machines.

The Minister called upon stakeholders in the construction sector to buy new vehicles that can enable them to become competitive on the local market and secure reasonable construction tenders.

"The days of used vehicles and machines are over. I would like to encourage growing companies in the construction sector to heavily invest in new equipment that can easily



Trade, Industry and Investment minister Dr Ashatu Kijaji (L) presents an award to GF Trucks & Equipment marketing manager Poul Msuku at the fifth Mining technology exhibition in Geita town. PHOTO/GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT

facilitate their operations instead of purchasing used machinery," she added.

In his response, Msuku said GF

Trucks has started empowering small scale mining and construction companies by offering equipment loans that can help them become

competitive against established companies in winning tenders.

He asserted that the company has been offering equipment

loans to growing companies in the construction and mining sector for almost nine months now.

"Most of the machinery and equipment that are offered in this way are wheel loaders, crawler excavators, motor grader and vibration rollers. Most of these machines have a minimum price of 370mn/-;

The growing company is just required to pay half of the money to secure the machine and pay the rest in agreed installments," said Msuku.

According to him, the initiative has been helpful to small companies that lack enough capital in securing enough equipment to bid for major construction tenders.

"The purpose of this scheme is assisting local growing companies to fully compete. The same modality of payment is also applied to tipper trucks, tractor heads and cargo trucks that goes at a minimum of 176mn/-. These prices are VAT inclusive," he asserted.

Danger of \$4trn hole in world outlook haunts IMF

WASHINGTON

Global finance chiefs gather in Washington in the coming days with the warning of a possible \$4 trillion loss in the world's economic output ringing in their ears.

That's the Germany-sized hole in the growth outlook through 2026 that International Monetary Fund chief Kristalina Georgieva (pictured) identified last week as a looming risk.

She'll play host as central bankers, finance ministers and others confront the fallout on the global economy of rampant inflation, aggressive monetary-policy tightening, rising debt and the biggest ground war in Europe since World War II.

That the IMF and World Bank annual meetings will be fully in-person for the first time since the outbreak of Covid-19 in early 2020, showing progress in bringing the pandemic to heel, will be of limited comfort given other headaches.

The current confluence of economic, climate and security crises makes it unlike anything global policy makers have seen since 1945. Yet certain elements, such as the emerging-market havoc wreaked by Federal Reserve interest-rate hikes in the early 1980s, chime with the present predicament.

"The big question for the meetings is, 'What are we going to do in terms of the institutional response to this, beyond business as usual,'" Masood Ahmed, president of the Washington-based Center for Global Development,



said last week.

World Economic Outlook: the IMF releases this on Tuesday. Georgieva said last week that the 2023 global growth forecast of 2.9% will be lowered.

IMF board last month approved a new emergency finance "food shock window" to help nations hurt by rising agricultural costs.

Elsewhere this week, a faster core inflation reading in the US, UK financial stability news, a

South Korean rate hike and the Nobel Prize for economics will be among highlights.

In the US, the consumer price index is the highlight in the coming week. The Labor Department's report on Thursday will offer Fed officials a snapshot of how inflationary pressures are evolving after a series of huge interest-rate increases.

Economists estimate the CPI rose 8.1% in September from a

year ago, marking a deceleration from the prior month's 8.3% annual increase as energy prices settled back. However, excluding fuel and food, the so-called core CPI is still accelerating -- it's expected to show a 6.5% annual gain, versus 6.3% in August.

An increase of that magnitude in the core measure would match the largest advance since 1982, illustrating stubborn inflation and

keeping the pump primed for a fourth-straight 75 basis-point rate increase at the Fed's November meeting.

Investors will hear from a number of US central bankers in the coming week, including Vice Chair Lael Brainard and regional Fed presidents Loretta Mester, Charles Evans and James Bullard. Minutes of the Fed's September meeting will be released on Wednesday.

World central banks pushing for increasing interest rates

NEW YORK

The world's leading central banks are finally pushing their interest rates into restrictive territory, causing fears of overkill in financial markets and stoking chatter that policymakers may need to pivot at some point.

The Federal Reserve, European Central Bank and most of their peers are set to keep raising borrowing costs aggressively in coming weeks. The faster they go, the more questions will be asked about how far they can squeeze economies before unsettling investors or generating recessions.

Already some emerging-market officials are beginning to grumble that the push by developed-economy central banks is causing problems for them by weakening their exchange rates.

The complaints may grow this week as central bankers and finance ministers gather in Washington for the International Monetary Fund's annual meetings.

For now, after having failed to predict the inflation surge, the priority remains beating back the strongest price pressures in four decades -- even if that comes at the cost of weaker growth and higher unemployment.

Some central banks are already pivoting to more modest hikes, or declaring a peak in rates, in what may be a theme for elsewhere in 2023. Others, such as those of Japan and China, are keeping policy loose.

Bloomberg Economics reckons its global average policy rate just reached 4.7%. That level will rise to 5.2% in the final three months of 2022 before topping out at 5.4% in the third quarter of 2023, its projections show.

NBAA to provide free education for best financial reports

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

NATIONAL Board of Accountancy and Auditors (NBAA), has organized exhibitions on accountancy and auditing to provide free education on how to prepare best financial reports, as part of commemoration of its 50th years.

The three days exhibitions which will be held at Mnazi Mmoja ground from 10-12 November will be attended by various accountancy and auditing firms, insurance agencies to show their activities.

This was revealed over the weekend in Dar es Salaam by Director of NBAA, CPA Pius Maneno, when speaking about the exhibitions which theme is 'Expertise, Public Interest and Sustainability'.

He said during the celebrations to commemorate its 50 years, NBAA intend to conduct various activities as cooperate social responsibility including the exhibitions where participants will be given free education concerning accountancy and auditing.

He said the celebrations started in August and will reach the climax on November 30 at APC Hall Bunju in the outskirts of Dar es Salaam.

CPA Maneno said the aim of the exhibitions is to educate business community and public at large on how best they can prepare good financial reports, to handle tax issues and help them in various areas.

"During the clinics NBAA will be joined by its stakeholders like accounting and auditing firms, Tanzania Revenue Authority TRA,

Insurance Agencies and many others to tell the public about their obligations and services they offer," he said

He said since its establishment 50 years ago, NBAA has done tremendous things including registration of 26,000 accountants and among them, 12 being Certified Public Accountants (CPA).

"And we have also managed to register 450 accounting firms and we are very proud for this achievement, we also managed to prepare accountancy and auditing standards for public and private sector," he said

He said last year NBAA managed to organize more than 17 meetings to its members and different stakeholders like Bank of Tanzania (BoT), Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and others.

Meanwhile, CPA Maneno said on 10th November they will also commemorate International Accounting Day for dinner that will be held at Hotel Rotana in Dar es Salaam from evening time.

He said during the commemoration of accounting day, many financial experts will come to gather and discuss about their profession and exchange ideas and experience on the best way they can improve it.

"NBAA would like to welcome all its members and others to participate in this very important day on 10th November because you will meet fellow accountants and auditors and exchange ideas and experience concerning our profession and entrance fees is 100,000/-," said CPA Pius



Head of Marketing and Corporate Relations for Absa Bank Tanzania, Aron Luhanga (4th from right) hands over waste disposal containers to Managing Director of the KCMC Northern Zone Referral Hospital, Prof. Gileard Masenga, as part of the bank's activities to mark Customer Service Week, in Moshi, Kilimanjaro region at the weekend PHOTO/ COURTESY

US network recognises KONCEPT as best advertising agency

By Guardian Correspondent

Concepts Tanzania has been recognized as one of the best advertising agencies in Tanzania by US based Clutch, an independent B2B market research and review platform.

"We would like to thank Clutch and their team for making this award possible! To our clients, we would like to dedicate this amazing win to all of you," said KONCEPT Founder Krantz Mwantepole (pictured).

"We truly appreciate any and all feedback from our clients. It helps us improve our services and make sure the experience is optimal end to end. That's why we love receiving Clutch reviews. They allow our clients to gauge our impact along the lines of quality of service, attention to project timelines, and overall cost-effectiveness."

The award giving company said in a press statement yesterday that nominated companies were identified following extensive research into

several criteria which hinge on user feedback and industry reputation.

Clutch, is an established platform in the heart of Washington, DC, committed to helping small, mid-market, and enterprise businesses identify and connect with the service providers they need to achieve their goals.

The company said Tanzania is taking concerted action to ease the process of starting businesses for their citizens, adding that this is a step in the right direction, as several examples

all over the world have proven how instrumental SMEs and local businesses are to the health of any economy at any level.

"These awards are an organic effort in helping SMEs receive the recognition they deserve and grow faster," said Clutch Sales Development Manager Tim Wells. "Our hope is to encourage more people start their businesses and change the world with their unique voice."



China's chip industry set for deep pain from US export controls

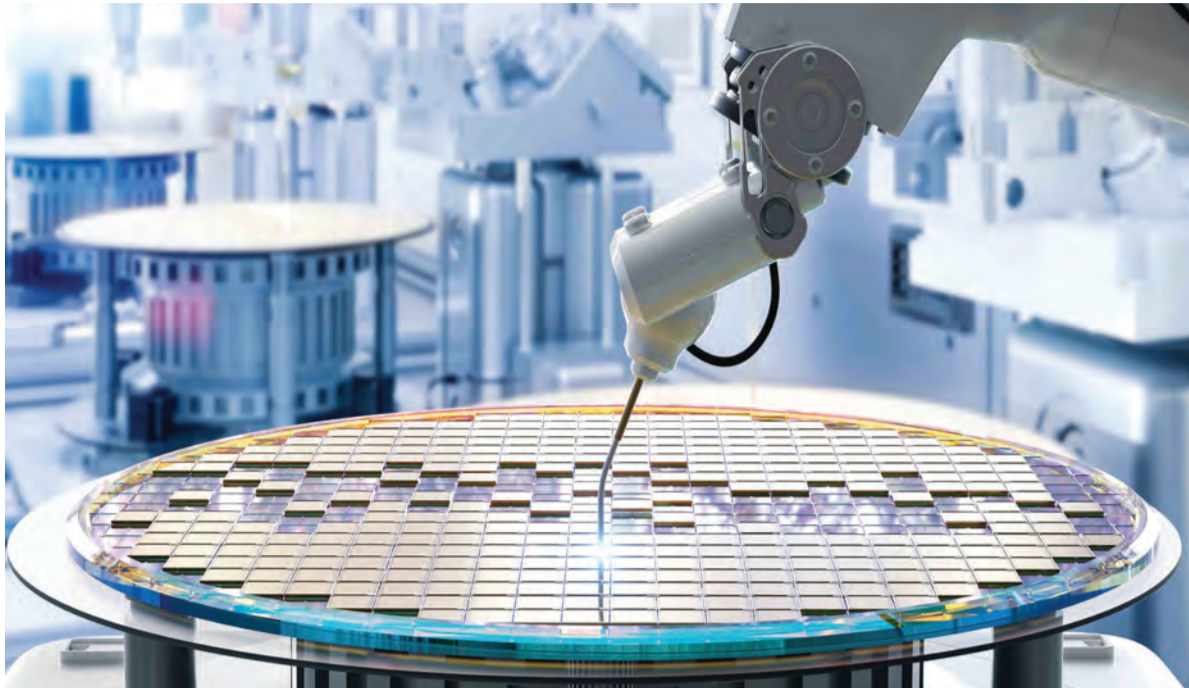
SAN FRANCISCO/TAIPEI

Two years after the US hit Huawei with harsh sanctions, the Chinese technology group's revenue has dropped, it has lost its leadership position in network equipment and smartphones, and its founder has told staff that the company's survival is at stake.

Now, China's entire chip industry is bracing for similar pain as Washington applies the tools tested on Huawei much more broadly.

Under new export controls announced on Friday, semiconductor makers with US technology for use in AI, high performance computing and supercomputers can only be sold to China with an export licence – which will be very difficult to obtain.

Moreover, Washington is barring US citizens or



entities from working with Chinese chip producers except with specific approval. The package also strictly limits the export to China of chip manufacturing tools and technology China could use to develop its own equipment.

"To put it mildly, [Chinese companies] are basically going back to the Stone Age," said Szeho Ng, Manag-

ing Director at China Renaissance. Paul Triolo, a China and technology expert at the Albright Stonebridge consultancy, said: "There will be many losers as the tsunami of change unleashed by the new rules washes over the semiconductor and associated industries."

He added the impact would be especially profound on Chinese com-

panies using US-origin hardware to deploy AI algorithms including for autonomous vehicles and logistics, as well as medical imaging and research centres using AI for drug discovery and climate change modelling. "The full impact will take some time to become clear, but at a minimum will slow innovation in both China and the US, ultimately costing

US consumers and companies hundreds of millions or even billions of dollars," Triolo said.

Several of the new controls work through third-country chip manufacturers as almost every semiconductor is designed using US software and most chip plants contain US machines.

"You can look at Huawei as a case study," said Brady Wang, an analyst at technology market research house Counterpoint. While Huawei could still obtain certain supplies, he said, it was not the most advanced ones but those from a previous era, which would limit the functionality of its products.

The new controls on semiconductor equipment are also a potent weapon, set to hit mainstream manufacturers and leading-edge chip producers. According to analysts at the Bank of

America, the equipment restrictions will affect logic chips designed in the past four to five years, and Dram chips designed after 2017. "It's their sweet spot right now – they're a laggard in technology and are relying on older tools and technology," said Wayne Lam, an analyst at CCS Insight.

Chinese chip companies are even more concerned about Washington's attempts to bar US citizens from supporting them.

"That is a bigger bombshell than stopping us from buying equipment," said a human resources executive at a state-backed semiconductor plant.

"We do have [US passport holders] in our company, in some of the most important positions," she said, calling them a "core weapon" for developing technology. "We need to find a way for these peo-

ple to continue working for our company. This is very difficult. Most people are not willing to give up their US passports."

Most US citizens in the Chinese chip sector are Chinese and Taiwanese returnees from the US. There are no statistics on the size of this group. But a Taiwanese intelligence official estimated that as many as 200 US passport holders worked in Chinese semiconductor companies.

And the restrictions extend beyond that group. An executive at a semiconductor materials supplier said his company would have to replace all American sales and technical support staff sent to Chinese customers.

Another threat to China's entire technology industry is a new licence requirement for exporting chips for use in AI and high performance computing.

US banks' Q3 profits set to shrink on economic risks

NEW YORK

The biggest US banks are expected to report weaker third-quarter profits as the economy slowed and volatile markets put the brakes on dealmaking.

Four of the nation's largest lenders - JPMorgan Chase & Co, Wells Fargo & Co, Citigroup Inc and Morgan Stanley - will report third-quarter earnings on Friday of next week.

The results are expected to show a slide in net income after turbulent markets choked off investment-banking activity and lenders set aside more rainy-day funds to cover losses from borrowers who fall behind on their payments.

Banks typically earn more when interest rates rise because they can charge customers more to borrow. But their fortunes are also tied to the health of the broader economy.

The Federal Reserve has raised the benchmark rate from near zero in March to the current range of 3.00% to 3.25% and signalled more increases. While rising rates tend to buoy bank profits, the broader risk of an economic downturn sparked by high inflation, supply-chain bottlenecks and the war in Ukraine could weigh on future earnings.

Higher rates are expected to boost net interest income at the two largest US banks, JPMorgan and Bank of America Corp, but the jump in borrowing costs has also hurt their mortgage and auto-lending businesses by cooling demand.

"The concern is that rates will rise too much and slow the economy or push it into a recession," said Matt O'Connor, an analyst at Deutsche Bank, wrote in a research note.

Analysts expect profit at JPMorgan to drop 24%, while net income at Citigroup and Wells Fargo is forecast to decline 32% and 17%, respectively, according to Refinitiv I/B/E/S data.

Investment-banking powerhouse Goldman Sachs Group Inc is expected to report a 46% plunge in profit when it reports on Oct. 18, while earnings at rival Morgan Stanley are seen falling 28%. The

drop comes as corporations' interest in mergers, acquisitions and initial public offerings dried up.

Analysts expect Bank of America's third-quarter profit to fall nearly 14%, with robust growth at its consumer division estimated to partially offset the decline in advisory fees.

The S&P 500 bank index is down almost 30% this year. Shares of Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley, which are not part of the index, are down 21.4% and 19.5% respectively during the same period.

JPMorgan President Daniel Pinto told investors last month that he expected the bank's investment banking fees to fall between 45% and 50% in the third-quarter. For some investment-banking businesses, weakness was exacerbated by a decline in large private-equity buyouts. Dealmaking in that market dropped 54% to \$716.62 billion in the third quarter from the same period last year, according to Dealogic data.

US banks wrote down \$1 billion on leveraged and bridge loans as rising interest rates made it tougher for them to offload high-risk debt onto investors and other lenders.

"We are expecting further losses on these deals," said Richard Ramsden, an analyst at Goldman Sachs who oversees research on large banks. "It's going to vary quite a bit," depending on where the transactions were initially priced and how much exposure remains, he said.

Wall Street banks took combined losses of \$700 million on the sale of \$8.55 billion in loans and bonds backing the leveraged buyout of business software company Citrix Systems Inc, Reuters reported last month, citing a person familiar with the matter.

Analysts also said banks will set aside more reserves in anticipation of more soured loans.

"We expect moderate, yet increasing, negative impact on banks' asset quality and loan growth stemming from the higher rates, inflation and a mild recession in the U.S., negating some of the benefits of higher rates," analysts at Fitch Ratings wrote in a report.



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Biden signs order to implement EU-US data privacy framework

WASHINGTON/BRUSSELS

US President Joe Biden on Friday signed an executive order to implement a European Union-United States data transfer framework announced in March that adopts new American intelligence gathering privacy safeguards.

The deal seeks to end the limbo in which thousands of companies found themselves after Europe's top court threw out two previous pacts due to concerns about US surveillance.

US Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo told reporters the executive order "is the culmination of our joint effort to restore trust and stability to transatlantic data flows" and "will ensure the privacy of EU personal data."

The framework addresses the concerns of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), which in July 2020 struck down the prior EU-US Privacy Shield framework as a valid data transfer mechanism under EU law.

European Commissioner for Justice Didier Reynders said he was "quite sure" there would be a fresh legal challenge, but he was confident that the pact met the demands of the court.

"We have a real improvement relative to the Privacy Shield.... It's totally different," he told Reuters in an interview. "Maybe the third attempt will be the good one."

The White House said "transatlantic data flows are critical to enabling the US\$7.1 trillion EU-US economic relationship" and the framework "will restore an important legal basis for transatlantic data flows."

The US Chamber of Commerce and Microsoft welcomed the executive order, but digital rights activist group Access Now and European consumer organization BEUC said it did not appear that people's rights were being sufficiently protected.

The White House said Biden's order bolstered current "privacy and civil liberties safeguards" for US intelligence gathering and created an independent, binding multi-layer redress mechanism for individuals who believe their personal data was illegally collected by US intelligence agencies.

Reynders said it would take about six months to complete a complex approval process, noting the previous system only had redress to an ombudsperson



US President Joe Biden waves as he steps off Air Force One upon arrival at Philadelphia International Airport in Philadelphia on Saturday. AFP

inside the US administration, which the EU court rejected.

Biden's order adopts new safeguards on the activities of US intelligence gathering, requiring they do only what is necessary and proportionate, and creates a two-step system of redress - first to an intelligence agency watchdog then to a court with independent judges, whose decisions would bind the agencies.

Biden and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen in March said the provisional agreement offered stronger legal protections and addressed the EU court's concerns.

Raimondo on Friday will transmit a series of letters to the EU from US agencies "outlining the operation and enforcement of the EU-US data privacy framework" that "will form the basis for the European Commis-

sion's assessment in a new adequacy decision," she said. Under the order, the Civil Liberties Protection Officer (CLPO) in the US Office of the Director of National Intelligence will investigate complaints and make decisions.

The US Justice Department is establishing a Data Protection Review Court to independently review CLPO's decisions. Judges with experience in data privacy and national security will be appointed from outside the US government.

European privacy activists have threatened to challenge the framework if they did not think it adequately protects privacy. Austrian Max Schrems, whose legal challenges have brought down the previous two EU-US data flow systems, said he still needed to analyze the package.

Agencies

UN official: Tension in West Bank fuels atmosphere of hatred

RAMALLAH

AN escalation of tension in the West Bank would fuel an atmosphere of fear, hatred and anger between Israelis and Palestinians, a senior UN official warned on Saturday.

"It is necessary to reduce tensions immediately to open the way for decisive initiatives aimed at creating a viable political horizon between the two sides," UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process Tor Wennesland said in a press statement sent to Xinhua.

On Friday and Saturday, four Palestinians were killed and dozens injured by Israeli soldiers in several West Bank towns and villages, said the Palestinian ministry of health.

Since early January, more than 100 Palestinians had been killed by Israeli soldiers, the ministry said. Since March, 18 Israelis have been killed in attacks carried out by Palestinians in Israeli cities.

Wennesland expressed his concern over the deterioration of the security situation in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, calling on Israelis and Palestinians to restore calm and avoid further escalation.

"The fragility of the situation underscores the urgency of changing the dynamics on the ground while addressing the underlying security and political issues that fuel the current instability," he added.

On Friday, a senior Palestinian official called on the United States to intervene immediately and stop the Israeli army from killing Palestinians in the West Bank.

Palestinian presidency spokesman Nabil Abu Rudeineh urged the US to immediately intervene "and stop these daily crimes in the West Bank, which would have dangerous consequences that no one can bear, and then it will be too late."

Tension in the West Bank has been mounting since March after the Israeli army intensified its military actions and operations against Palestinian militants and activists.

In the June 1967 Middle East war, Israel occupied the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem, which are claimed by the Palestinians, and has controlled the areas ever since. The Palestinians aspire to establish a Palestinian state on these territories.

Xinhua

Zimbabwe aims to become grain sufficient

HARARE

FOLLOWING two decades of food insecurity, Zimbabwe is seeking to eliminate dependence on the imports of key staple crops and reclaim its regional breadbasket status.

This year, the southern African country is expecting a record-breaking harvest of more than 380,000 tonnes of wheat against the required annual consumption of 360,000 tonnes.

"This implies that there is a surplus this year. This is an amazing harvest," John Basera, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development said recently during a Presidential Winter Wheat Field Day in Mazowe District, Mashonaland Central Province. Wheat is the most important cereal in Zimbabwe after the staple crop maize.

Last season, farmers produced enough wheat to cover around nine months' supply of domestic demand. "In 2020 we managed to do 45,000 hectares, a rise from where we were in the past. In 2021, we did 66,000 hectares," he added.

Crop production had declined significantly over the years due to disturbances caused by the land reform program, heavily affecting the country's capacity to meet its grain requirements.

Under the land reform program, which started in the early 2000s, the government compulsorily acquired farmland from white farmers to resettle landless blacks as a way to redress colonial land ownership imbalances. Zimbabwe has also endured frequent droughts over the years owing to climate change.

In 2020, the country launched the Agriculture and Food System Transformation Strategy with the aim of accelerating agriculture production and growth. In maize production, after recording a decline in output in the 2021/2022 summer cropping season, more than 3 million rural households have been targeted for support under the Presidential Input Program in the 2022/2023 cropping season.

The program is primarily aimed at increasing grain output per unit area through the adoption of conservation agriculture and adoption of efficient farming practices such as density management, crop rotations, and pest and weed management.

Russia ready to contribute to solution of global food problems – Putin

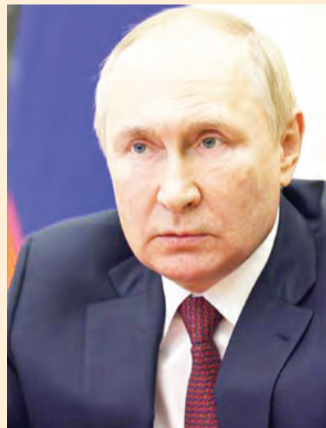
MOSCOW

RUSSIA is ready to participate in solving global food problems and to help the poorest countries in particular, President Vladimir Putin said on Sunday in the video address on the occasion of the Agriculture and Processing Industry Workers' Day.

We are fully meeting the domestic demand for basic, essential products and pro-

viding reliable food security. Moreover, we are building up our export potential, and I'd like to emphasize this - we are ready to make our contribution to overcoming global food challenges and provide the necessary assistance to the poorest, developing nations," the head of state said.

All this is a direct result of efforts of agriculture and processing industry workers, their difficult but very impor-



tant and responsible work, Putin noted.

"Work under unprecedented sanctions pressure poses new challenges to the agriculture sector," the President said. "We will be addressing them jointly, with the support of the state, using the imposed restrictions for our own development," he added.

"We need to upgrade technological sovereignty in ag-

riculture. Hence, we must enhance our potential in selection, genetics and seed breeding, encourage a transition to modern domestic equipment and technology, and create the conditions for further inflow of investment," the Russian leader said. The national government endorsed in September the updated sectoral strategy that includes these tasks, Putin added. Agencies

Sturgeon: Scotland independence vote could come in 2023

LONDON

SCOTTISH First Minister Nicola Sturgeon is confident a second referendum on Scottish independence could take place in October next year, she said yesterday.

Britain's top court on Tuesday begins hearing arguments for allowing a secession vote without approval from British Prime Minister Liz Truss and her government.

In a 2014 plebiscite, which the British government approved, Scots rejected independence by 55-45 percent. However, the Scottish National Party argues the vote for Britain to



leave the European Union two years later was a game changer.

Sturgeon (pictured) argues that as voters backed pro-independence parties in elections for the Scottish parliament last year, there was a mandate for them to bring forward a bill to

hold a referendum on Oct 19, 2023.

Asked during an interview on BBC TV whether she was confident that will happen, Sturgeon said: "Yes, I am confident that can happen."

Sturgeon has promised that defeat in the Supreme Court would mean the Scottish National Party would fight the next UK-wide election, due to be held in 2024, solely on a platform of whether Scotland should be independent, making it a 'de facto' referendum.

"Let's wait and see what the court says. I am confident Scotland is going to become independent."

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Sturgeon said on Sunday that was a last resort.

"That is not my preference," she said. "If the route by which it would be right to consider and decide this issue, which is a lawful constitutional referendum, is blocked... the choice is then simple: We put our case to people in an election or we give up on Scottish democracy and I want to be very clear today I will never, ever give up on Scottish democracy." Agencies

New European club seeks solidarity to address common challenges

NICOSIA

PRAGUE on Thursday hosted the inaugural gathering of the "European Political Community (EPC)," bringing together 27 leaders of the European Union (EU) and those from non-EU nations and regions.

According to an EU statement, the EPC concept is envisioned to gather countries and regions outside the EU that share the bloc's values on business, security, the rule of law and politics. French President Emmanuel Macron first proposed the idea for the EPC in May.

Soon after, the EU backed the scheme and facilitated the Prague event. Along with EU states, several Western Balkan nations and regions, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia and non-EU countries that are deeply integrated in the EU market - such as Norway and Switzerland, as well as Britain and Türkiye were

also invited to the so-called "EU+" gathering.

"It's interesting because here we have EU leaders and non-EU countries meeting and really talking about European politics, not just in the EU context," Prime Minister of Iceland Katrin Jakobsdottir told reporters.

"Europe has many difficult problems right now, and we meet here to discuss solutions," Czech Prime Minister Petr Fiala said at the opening of the session, mentioning the Russia-Ukraine conflict, inflation, high energy prices, the transition to sustainable energy, the economy and illegal migration as topics on agenda.

However, for all the rhetorical fanfare, the project was met with some skepticism. In the lead-up to the event, concern has been growing that the EPC may duplicate other existing organizations like the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the

Council of Europe or the Group of Seven.

"My only concern is that the large and disparate numbers of countries invited mirrors the current Council of Europe, which may make a consensus hard to find and make it a talking shop with little clout," Charles Tannock, a former member of the European Parliament Foreign Affairs Committee, told Xinhua.

Critics charge the idea is to slow down future EU accessions for countries in Eastern Europe and the Balkans aspiring to join the 27-member bloc.

On Thursday, Macron described the meeting as "an important moment," saying the objective was to share a common understanding of the situation affecting Europe, to build a common strategy and, therefore, a strategic conversation.

"And I hope to come up with common projects." And al-

though there is little enthusiasm for European ideas in Britain, Prime Minister Liz Truss, leader of the Eurosceptic Conservative Party, was present in Prague.

Some analysts say this was a positive signal that London is seeking better relations with Europe after a fractious Brexit, which saw Britain leave the EU.

"I support any move which gets the UK politically closer to other European countries particularly to talk about security issues and energy policy," Tannock told Xinhua.

"We shall see shortly what it delivers, but certainly the UK needs to plug back into EU structures on key matters like foreign policy, defense and security as NATO doesn't yet include Sweden or Finland and does not cover internal security matters," Tannock said.

The meeting also saw the involvement of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, suggest-

ing that Ankara is keen to improve its relationship with the EU.

In a joint article published in Politico before the gathering, Edi Rama, the prime minister of Albania and Mark Rutte, prime minister of the Netherlands, said the group could discuss food security, transport, trade connectivity, higher education, research, innovation capabilities and cybersecurity.

"The EPC should be a workspace where we can meet and do business, whether an EU member or not," they noted. "The EPC presents us with a critical opportunity to face our shared challenges head on."

Europe must shape its own future, and the only way to do so is to work together as democratic members of the European family. Nonetheless, the questions of how the EPC will function and what it can achieve continue to cause debate. Xinhua



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China's modernisation opens up broader prospects for common development of mankind

By Ping Lun

A recent study released by the Inter-Region Economic Network, a leading independent African think tank, showed that China's cooperation with Africa was highly recognized by Africans for infrastructure construction, quick decision making, and timely completion of engineering projects.

It once again proved that China, through efficient and effective actions, has brought tangible benefits and opportunities to Africa.

China always adheres to the vision of peaceful development and shares its development dividend with the rest of the world. China's modernization is not only for its own development, but also for the wellbeing of the whole world. It has opened up broader prospects for the common development of mankind.

The Chinese have always believed that "You yourself desire rank and standing; then help others to get rank and standing." China's modernization - featuring common prosperity, balanced material and cultural progress, harmonious coexistence



People row bumper boats at an amusement park in Daoxian County of Yongzhou, central China's Hunan Province, Oct. 1, 2022 (Photo by Jiang Keqing/People's Daily Online)

between humans and nature, and peaceful development - will be shared by a huge population. The Chinese path to modernization is based on China's conditions, and reflects the evolution of human society as a whole.

There is no set form of modernization or one-size-

fits-all modernization standards in the world. Today, Chinese stories are hot topics around the world due to China's huge development success. However, behind the stories are not only exponential economic growth of a major country, but also a unique path to modernization and

the charm of a new model for human progress.

The world's development is multi-dimensional, and history is never a lenient movement. People of all countries are entitled to choose their own development paths and institutional models, and all efforts of individual countries

to independently explore the path to modernization in light of their specific national conditions are worthy of respect.

China's new model for human progress has refuted the myth that modernization can be achieved only by following the capitalist model. The country's success indicates

that there doesn't exist a fixed model for the path to modernization, and the one that suits you well will serve you well.

China is pursuing modernization as a "latecomer." Developed countries in the West went through a "serial-type" course of development, from industrialization to urbanization, and to agricultural modernization and informatization. The whole course has so far taken them over 200 years. On the contrary, China's development is a "parallel-type" one, which means the country experiences all the above processes simultaneously.

China's modernization has blazed a trail for other "latecomers," and proves that it's totally possible for countries to pursue a development path suited to their own national conditions.

Different from the old path of Western modernization that seeks primitive accumulation with expansionism and follows the law of the jungle, China's modernization has no relation with colonization, war or conflict. It is advanced with peace, cooperation and win-win results.

Pursuing true multilateralism, China holds that all countries should write international rules and manage global affairs, and that multilateralism is about having international affairs addressed through consultation. In the new era, China firmly safeguards international equity and justice, follows the principle of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits, and never hesitates to speak up for other developing countries.

On the vast African continent, two railways enjoy a special status in history. One is the Tanzania-Zambia Railway, a "freedom railway" that was built by over 50,000 Chinese engineering technicians in the 1960s and 1970s.

The other is the Mombasa-Nairobi Railway, which adopts Chinese standards and technologies and was built with Chinese equipment. It is driving the transport and economic development of the entire East Africa.

The two railways, with their special status in history and remarkable contribution nowadays, demonstrate that the Communist Party of China has always been bearing in mind the development of the African continent.

China sees remarkable ecological progress over past 10 years

By Zhong Yi

STAR trails are a type of photograph that uses long exposure times to capture the motion of stars in the night sky. In Beijing, capital of China, star trail photographs could be captured only in suburban areas in the old days. But recently, photographers captured them in the city's Shougang Park. This indicates a continuous improvement in Beijing's air quality.

For instance, the Chinese capital saw 288 days of good air quality last year, or 78.9 percent of the calendar year, up by 112 days from 2013. The total number of heavily-polluted days in the city had been slashed by 50 to 8 during the same period.

Such a drastic change mirrors the remarkable achievements made by China in the past 10 years in terms of ecological progress.

A sound ecological environment is the fairest public product and the most inclusive benefit to people's wellbeing.

In southwest China's Guizhou province, over 98 percent of the days in key cities are of good air quality, and good water quality is monitored at all exit cross-sections of major rivers.

Hebei province, located in the northern part of the country, has reduced 5.23 billion cubic meters of groundwater overdraft, restored 426,667 hectares of mines and recovered 180,000 hectares of degraded, desertified and salinized grasslands.

Over the past 10 years, China has seen bluer skies, greener mountains, clearer waters and a better environment. The Chinese people's sense of fulfillment, happiness and security has been constantly improved.

Over the past 10 years, China's ecological environment has gone through a historic change. In this period, the country contributed to around a quarter of the world's



Located at Wulingyuan District of Zhangjiajie city in central China's Hunan Province, Baofeng Lake is a part of Wulingyuan Scenic and Historic Interest Area, the natural heritage of the world. (Photo by Wu Yongbing/People's Daily Online)

afforestation area, and the carbon dioxide emissions per unit of GDP dropped about 34 percent. Besides, China has built the world's largest renewable energy capacity and become the world's largest producer and seller of new energy vehicles.

China's national carbon market has started online trading, and the country has established an ecological compensation system for the Yellow River and Yangtze River basins, said Ye Min, deputy head of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment.

According to Ye, outstanding green loans in yuan and foreign currencies reached 15.9 trillion yuan (about \$2.27 trillion) by the end of 2021.

Over the past 10 years, China has enacted multiple laws and regulations on environmental protection and launched a

central inspection system for ecological and environmental protection. It has established a protected areas framework with a focus on national parks and made continuous and huge afforestation efforts. It has formulated and introduced measures for assessing progress made in ecological improvement and implemented a river, lake and forest chief system.

The country protects the environment like people protect their eyes and treats the environment like it is its life. Greenness has become an integral component of China's development.

Lucid waters and lush mountains create natural, ecological, social and economic benefits.

The riverside region stretching along the Huangpu River in the Yangpu district of Shanghai



Photo taken on July 1, 2022 shows an interchange system in Tongling, east China's Anhui province. (Photo by Gao Xiaobing/People's Daily Online)

has turned from an "industrial rust belt" into a vibrant urban public space for leisure; a mining area in northwest China's Ningxia Hui autonomous region, upon ecological restoration, has become a "wine chateau" that generates huge economic benefits; a village in Dali Bai autonomous prefecture, southwest China's Yunnan province has regained its natural beauty after stopping all farming activities at its lakeside ponds and farmlands, attracting more and more tourists.

These facts prove that to protect the environment is to protect and increase the value of nature, as well as the potential for economic and social development.

Ecological protection and economic development make an organic whole. Only when

development and protection efforts are made in a synergetic manner can the country complete a profound reform of its development philosophy, adjust its value orientation and fundamentally optimize its development models.

In May last year, the first batch of forest carbon credit stamps was issued. One of the stamps, permitting 12,723 tons of carbon dioxide, was generated from approximately 213 hectares of public forest in Changkou village, Jiangle county of Fujian province, and it has guaranteed the village additional earnings of 140,000 yuan through carbon trading.

China, apart from building a beautiful country itself, is also an important participant, contributor and trailblazer in global ecological conservation.

The country has promised

to scale up its Intended Nationally Determined Contributions by adopting more vigorous policies and measures. It aims to have CO2 emissions peak before 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality before 2060.

It has added the targets of carbon peak and carbon neutrality to its overall plan for ecological conservation, and is accelerating new energy development to make low-carbon production and lifestyles a common pursuit of Chinese society.

Today, the country is making important steps toward the initiative of "building a beautiful China," driving weeping, historic, and transformative changes in its ecological conservation.

More and more Chinese people are taking actions to spread ecological awareness and put the awareness into practice, with the aim of leaving the blue skies, lush mountains and lucid waters for future generations.

China sees vigorous development of its manufacturing industry

By Li Hongxing

CHINA'S value-added industrial output grew from 20.9 trillion yuan (\$3.1 trillion) in 2012 to 37.3 trillion yuan in 2021, with an average annual growth rate of 6.3 percent.

During the same period, manufacturing value-added output increased from 16.98 trillion yuan to 31.4 trillion yuan, accounting for nearly 30 percent of total global output.

China has maintained the largest producer of over 40 percent of the world's 500 major industrial goods.

These inspiring achievements mirror the steady growth of China's manufacturing sector in terms of both quantity and quality. The Chinese manufacturing sector, with a more complete industrial system and supply chain, has come to a new level regarding comprehensive strength, innovation capability and competitiveness.

The manufacturing industry is the very foundation for building China and improving its strength and the lifeblood of the national economy. In recent years, China has made huge efforts to upgrade the manufacturing industry and build itself into a world manufacturing power.

The country believes high-quality de-

velopment of the manufacturing sector, in particular that of equipment manufacturing, plays a major role in China's drive toward high-quality development of the economy. It is working to enhance the quality and strength of the real economy, especially the manufacturing sector, and is building advanced manufacturing clusters with international competitiveness.

Over the past 10 years, China's manufacturing industry has witnessed historic achievements and changes, which have laid a solid material foundation for the country's development.

The industry continuously improved its comprehensive strength and market players also gained greater vitality. So far, China has nurtured over 400,000 industrial enterprises above their designated size, or those with main business revenue of 20 million yuan or above, as well as more than 40,000 specialized and sophisticated small- and medium-sized enterprises that produce new and unique products.

The quality of the supply system for China's manufacturing industry has significantly improved. The country has ranked at the top of the world in terms of the production and sales of new energy vehicles, and as of 2021, the shipment volume of 5G smart phones in China hit 266 million units.

Besides, the country has accelerated the upgrading of production models in the manufacturing industry and made new progress in the industry's high-end, intelligent and green development. It made breakthroughs in airplane manufacturing, manned space programs, power equipment and high-end numerical-control machine tools. By the end of 2021, the digital control rate of key processes



An exhibition hall of a mechanical parts industrial park in Sihong county, Suqian, east China's Jiangsu province opens to the public, Aug. 17, 2022 (Photo by Zhang Lianhua/People's Daily Online)

in industrial enterprises and the penetration rate of digital R&D and design tools reached 55.3 and 74.7 percent respectively.

Innovation and key technologies remain the core competitiveness of the manufacturing sector. As of 2021,

investment in the sector's R&D had reached 1.54 percent, up from 0.85 percent in 2012, and the figure stood at 10.3 percent among specialized and sophisticated enterprises that produce new and unique products. More than 570 Chinese industrial compa-

nies made their way onto the list of the global top 2,500 companies in terms of R&D investment.

China has constructed 23 national manufacturing innovation centers and those jointly built by the central and local governments, and offered support in the construction of 125 basic public service platforms for industrial technology. Innovation is now taken as a priority in developing the manufacturing industry, to make the sector healthier and more robust.

International Union of Railways recently published two international standards for high-speed railway infrastructure design and power supply, which were mainly drafted and developed by China.

It is expected that China will make its manufacturing industry even stronger as it maintains fast growth, improves innovation capability, as well as speeds digitalization and green transition.



Tanzania Prisons keeper, Musa Mbisa.

Singida Big Stars FC, Tanzania Prisons slapped with transfer ban

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

SINGIDA Big Stars FC and Tanzania Prisons have been hit with a ban from registering new players in the next transfer window after being found guilty of breaching article 47(2) on signing players.

Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) announced in Dar es Salaam on Friday morning that Singida Big Stars FC and Tanzania Prisons infringed registration requirements for two players who were under contract with their clubs.

Singida Big Stars FC signed national team goalkeeper Metacha Mnata from Polisi Tanzania at the start of this season.

Polisi Tanzania filed a complaint to the TFF Players' Status Committee citing a breach of contract by Singida Big Stars and goalkeeper Mnata who was still under contract. Likewise, Coastal Union petitioned the Players' Status Committee after Tanzania Prisons signed their goalkeeper Musa Mbisa.

Tanzania Prisons signed goalkeeper Mbisa from Coastal Union while knowing that he still has a contract with the club.

And Singida Big Stars FC signed a contract with goalkeeper Mnata while he still has a contract with Polisi Tanzania.

In a press release by TFF, the two clubs were found guilty by the Players' Status Committee.

The statement stated: "Tanzania

Football Federation (TFF) Players' Status Committee has banned Tanzania Prisons and Singida Big Stars FC from registering players after they were found guilty of registering players who had contracts with other clubs."

It noted: "The decision of the Players' Status Committee has been made based on Article 47(2) of the Premier League after finding them guilty of the offense. The penalty is for one registration window."

The TFF added: "Tanzania Prisons signed goalkeeper Musa Mbisa from Coastal Union while knowing that he still has a contract with the club. And Singida Big Stars FC signed a contract with goalkeeper Metacha Mnata while he still had a contract with the Tanzania Police."

It noted: "The Players' Status Committee is reminding all clubs in the country that the registration of players should be done by rules, and action will be taken against those who violate rules as stipulated."

The clubs can still release or sell players but would not be able to register new ones in the coming transfer window slated between December 15, 2022, and January 15, 2023.

The two clubs are not the first local clubs to be banned from signing players.

Biashara United and Geita Gold FC have had FIFA bans imposed on them in recent times after failing to pay coaches they had sacked last season.

Green absence from Warriors 'mutual decision' after punch

SAN FRANCISCO

DRAYMOND Green will be away from the defending champion Golden State Warriors indefinitely, which coach Steve Kerr called a "mutual decision" after the star forward violently punched teammate Jordan Poole in the face Wednesday.

Green had been scheduled to re-join the team for practice Saturday. He said he expects to play in Golden State's season-opener on Oct. 18, but he is unsure of his status as well as how long he will be away.

Poole wasn't injured in the fight. Neither was Green, a fiery veteran part of Golden State's four championships in eight seasons.

Green did not get into specifics about what triggered the physical altercation, though he said he was already dealing with something hurtful that day before erupting and that it has nothing to do with either player's unsettled contract situation.

He said he is giving Poole space after apologizing to everyone Thursday. Calling himself "a very flawed human being," Green said he would

use his leave of absence to work on ways to better deal with his emotions and wants to allow Poole and the Warriors to heal from the incident and focus on defending their title.

Green said he will take the challenge to "right the ship," which he said would not be an "easy process."

"But I also look forward to continuing to better myself and my emotional state and how I deal with my emotions," he said. "I think that one thing that I lack is how to let emotions out."

Kerr said there is "no set date" for when Green will be back and that it would be determined based on private discussions among everyone involved.

Video of the punch leaked to TMZ was published Friday. The footage shows Green approaching Poole near the baseline and them coming chest to chest. Poole used both hands to push Green away, then Green punched Poole in the face and sent the fourth-year guard into the wall behind the baseline. AP

Classic introduction to boxing business for MO Boxing Promotions

By Correspondent Ernest Mwanjwa, Morogoro

HERE was a time when the word boxing was almost synonymous with the name Donald King alias 'Don King'.

If a sports follower though begins to search for information on either which weight division did 'Don King' fight in or how many titles has he ever lifted, he/she will certainly find none of it. 'Don King' was rather on the business side of the sport.

For his role in boxing promotion, 'Don King' is undoubtedly the most recognizable and one of the longest-serving and successful boxing promoters in the history of the sport.

He was the person that almost single-handedly transformed boxing to become the bridge of a highly divided American society during the turbulent times of the 1960s and 1970s.

'Don King' was a key figure behind some of the world's greatest boxing champions such as Muhammad Ali and Mike Tyson.

However, what most people do not realize is the fact that behind the famed boxing promoter's eccentric appearances and personality lies hard work and dedication.

Available records show the role of promotion in boxing came on board at the earliest stages of the development of the sport.

This happened certainly not by chance as promotion plays a vital role in the boxing ring as well as outside it.

A modest bout set up of two corners and a pugilist from either of the corners is highly deceptive of the complex organization that professional boxing requires.

Behind the two boxers on the ring lies an array of players each with a set of duties to perform.

Promoters are a part of such players and their main role is to manage boxers and discharge their contractual obligations in the best interest of the boxers and the sport at large.

Such obligations will typically involve the development of boxers' skills and securing matches that guarantee the best opportunities for the pugilists' career growth and financial returns.

With such a complex role in mind, boxing promotion ought to be a business that requires hefty upfront investment while knowing that returns are not always lucrative and may be coming in slowly.

Promoters for that matter know too well that there is more than money that needs to be invested.

Beyond the flashy designs of boxing arenas, promoters commit years of trust in their boxers before they begin to collect titles.

As 'Don King' once said: "You sign an agreement, you make a contract, you live up to it, you never get what you deserve, you get what you negotiate."

In simple words, 'Don King' is alluding to the fact that unless an individual has a firm commitment to the sport and de-



Dar es Salaam's MO Boxing Promotions coordinator Ahmed Seddiqi (C) introduces Tanzania's famous professional boxer Ibrahim Mgendera (L) and Mexican boxer Gustavo Pina Melgar in the city on September 28. The two boxers took on each other in an international non-title Featherweight bout at Mlimani City in Dar es Salaam on September 30, which culminated with Mgendera cruising to a Knockout victory. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

velopment of the boxers, he/she should certainly not choose to venture into the boxing business.

In a press release issued shortly before debut boxing bouts coordinated by MO Boxing Promotions, the firm's Director Mohamed Dewji clarified that the decision to venture into boxing had been inspired by his quest to 'bring African boxing to the global level and help to promote the sport, as well as make Tanzania as a boxing capital in Africa'.

Well, if anything, this is something that the entire boxing fraternity in Tanzania and indeed Africa have always wished for.

But pushing further what is already a commendable performance by the existing promoters was seen by many as a challenging prospect.

However, considering the standards shown in MO Boxing Promotions' debut bouts staged on September 30 at Mlimani City Hall in Dar es Salaam, this could indeed be the objective that hangs within reach.

The MO Boxing Promotions' debut fights brought together several upcoming and top-class boxers drawn from nations with respectable boxers.

The six countries represented in the debut bouts were Namibia, Kenya, India, Ghana, Mexico, and hosts Tanzania.

Out of the reasonably loaded schedule of the night, it is the main card, a non-title Featherweight match pitting Tanzania's Ibrahim Mgendera, alias 'Class', against Mexico's Gustavo Melger 'Pina' that captured everyone's attention.

This was a non-title Featherweight bout that truly lived up to its promise as a maiden super fight. The two boxers' resume was enough to fuel the anticipation of boxing fanatics.

With a total of 199 rounds of boxing from 33 professional matches, Mgendera came in with a considerable advantage of experience over Pina.

But while Pina's 16 ring appearances and 75 rounds of boxing did not seem much on the surface, his 50-knockout percentage in bouts that ended with the boxer emerging victorious is slightly superior to Mgendera's knockout percentage.

And this is not surprising to boxing experts as they would always anticipate high-intensity, close-quarter exchanges to be

a blueprint for a typical Mexican boxer.

In addition to differences in their record, the two fighters were also separated by their physical attributes, but 'Class' nevertheless was the fighter who always took full advantage of his reach advantage.

But given the sheer level of skills displayed by the two pugilists, this discussion would not be complete without a quick round-by-round analysis of the fight.

The fight was well attended by local celebrities and among the notable personalities sitting by the ringside was Tanzania's most decorated professional boxer in recent years, Hassan Mwakinyo.

While Mgendera and Pina used the first three rounds gauging the best way of engaging their game plans, the fifth round had the Mexican pugilist deciding to turn up the pressure.

For a moment Pina managed to bring the fight into an intense exchange at the center of the ring.

However, the explosive exchange did not last long as Mgendera quickly realized he was being lured to the Mexican's fighting rhythm.

So, in round six and a better part of the seventh Mgendera switched the fight to his classic game plan.

He was then able to keep his distance, unfold his jabs, and switch angles which helped him contain Pina's aggression.

It is at the closing seconds of the seventh round that Mgendera was probably too determined to settle the score for a Knockout when he suddenly decided to supercharge the fight, but only to find out that Pina was not ready to be topped yet.

In the eighth round, Pina seemed visibly tired following a string of snappy jabs he faced, which also pushed him out of his game plan.

Although Mgendera failed to catch an opening for a Knockout shot in the seventh, he managed to score a knockdown in this round.

Pina this time went on to survive the mandatory eight counts by the bout's referee Pendo Njau.

The ninth round which started as a one-sided fight gave Mgendera an opening from which to connect a well-timed left

hook on Pina's temple.

This time referee Pendo needed no counting, it was indeed one of the most dramatic knockout stoppages for Mgendera.

Another thing that came out well in this bout and which probably separates Mgendera from most other domestic pugilists in his class is the shoulder roll defenses.

It was so smooth that at some moments one could almost perfectly superimpose the legendary US boxer, Floyd Mayweather, on Mgendera.

The trust that most domestic boxing fanatics have in MO Boxing Promotions hangs on the wealth of experience that Dewji has accumulated from decades of his engagement in the sports industry in Tanzania.

Although boxing certainly commands a different management approach from football, Dewji's team should be able to profit from the connections it has with international business as well as sports communities.

An important note to MO Boxing Promotions, and other promotion companies to come soon, is the fact that Tanzania's boxing has come a long way before it finally adopted the shape it is in today.

Unlike what was considered common in the past, malpractices in the sport are now a rare phenomenon and once such few incidents are reported, mechanisms are firmly in place for actions to be taken in a reasonable time.

This achievement was made possible by decades of reforms by visionary leadership.

So, as a key player in the development of the sport in the country, everyone hopes that MO Boxing Promotions shall have a significant contribution in pushing Tanzania's boxing excellence beyond its borders.

Beyond the seemingly highly-demanding role that MO Boxing Promotions is prepared to face, the firm has many obvious positive implications.

As more heavyweights are now taking interest in boxing, chances for shoddy promoters, who were a common sight in the sport in the past, to penetrate the boxing scene, are becoming slimmer.

It is though also true that the bigger the num-

ber of morally committed and technically competent boxing promoters there is in the country, the more favourable contracts are likely to be for boxers.

Statistics recently shared by Tanzania's Boxers Association's head Japhet Kaseba, a former professional boxer, show there are more than 1600 pugilists registered in different categories of boxing in the country.

So, to most young aspirants, the introduction of new promoters in the sport translates into increased opportunities for the promotion of their talents.

To professional boxers, new promoters are also a key force for propelling Tanzania into a higher boxing ranking in the African region and beyond.

International boxing fights like the ones coordinated by MO Boxing Promotions, whether they include title fights or not, are an invaluable opportunity for domestic boxers to showcase their talents and indeed improve their Boxrec ranking.

Similarly, effective management of professional boxing fights by promoters should provide a bigger number of amateur pugilists access to professional boxing.

The sheer level of skills shown by amateur boxers in the recent boxing tournaments, termed 'Vitasa Ngumi Jiwe', is strong evidence of highly competent fighters that need to be supported to conquer the boxing world as professionals.

While Tanzania's boxing continues to attract key stakeholders from the corporate world, the government as well as semi-autonomous bodies entrusted with the development of the sport need to aim at achieving even higher goals.

Indeed, the wish list for domestic fanatics of the game, in terms of what they expect the government to do in this, is understandably long.

But what hangs within the followers' reach is an increased level of professionalism, particularly in the way boxing matches are managed and judged.

It should also be in the government's interest if it continues with its effort to introduce new as well as improve the existing regulatory and administration instruments that govern the sport.

The development of such instruments goes hand in hand with the need to ensure that they are effectively enforced.

Of equal importance is the need for the stakeholders to invest in technical skills for coaches and an array of officials entrusted with the noble role of developing boxers' careers, welfare as well as well-being.

From the vision embedded in his statement, Tanzania has a lot to expect from MO Boxing Promotions' entry into boxing, and for this, the sport's followers wish him all the best!

Haaland scores again as Man City rolls; Chelsea beats Wolves

LONDON

WITH Manchester City easing toward another big English Premier League victory, the only question still lingering an hour into the game was whether Erling Haaland would get in on the scoring.

Of course he would.

Haaland netted his 15th league goal in the 65th minute to put the finishing touches on a 4-0 win over Southampton on Saturday, taking the Norway striker's remarkable scoring streak to 10 straight games in all competitions.

"Incredible weapon for us, a big threat," City manager Pep Guardiola said of Haaland.

The win lifted City two points ahead of Arsenal before the Gunners' game against Liverpool on Sunday. City is the only team still unbeaten after nine rounds.

Haaland has been in such prolific form that going without a goal for more than 60 minutes is enough to raise eyebrows these days. His teammates were happy to fill the void, though, with Jose Cancelo and Phil Foden making it 2-0 by halftime before Riyad Mahrez netted the third in the 49th.

And after Haaland missed a couple of chances he normally puts away, he showed again that he simply cannot be contained. Cancelo pulled the ball back from the left and Haaland sent a first-time strike into the net. He has been held scoreless in just one match all season.

"I am so upset with him," Guardiola joked. "He didn't score three goals!"

Chelsea kept up its recent momentum under Graham Potter, beating manager-less Wolverhampton 3-0 at Stamford Bridge, while Tottenham ended a difficult week beating Brighton 1-0.

American forward Christian Pulisic made the most of a rare start for Chelsea by making it 2-0 in the 54th minute, after Kai Havertz opened the scoring deep into first-half injury time. Armando Broja added the third.

Former Chelsea striker Diego Costa made his debut for Wolves but had little impact on the game before being taken off after less than an hour — getting a big ovation from the home crowd.

Newcastle climbed up to fifth place with a 5-1 win over Brentford. Newcastle was again without injured record signing Alexander Isak but he was hardly missed as its attack tore Brentford apart at times. Bruno Guimaraes scored twice.

Also, Bournemouth came from behind to beat Leicester 2-1 at home with its prospective new owner watching on. American businessman Bill Foley was in the stands at Vitality Stadium amid reports that he is close to completing a takeover of the club.

Brighton hosted Tottenham in the late game.

GOOD WEEK FOR POTTER

Chelsea seems to be adapting well to Potter's ideas, even though they can change quickly from game to game.

Potter made seven changes from Wednesday's 3-0 Champions League win over AC Milan and changed his tactical system to boot. Chelsea still looked fluid and overwhelmed Wolves, missing a number of chances before Havertz headed home a cross from Mason Mount just before the break.

Pulisic looked especially resurgent after a difficult start to the season, and forced a stellar save from Jose Sa with a long-range strike towards the top corner after a well-worked team move.

But the American got his goal shortly after the restart with a delicate chip past the goalkeeper from a tight angle.

Potter is unbeaten in four games as Chelsea manager since taking over from the fired Thomas Tuchel. The Blues are on a three-game winning streak in all competitions.

"The week we've just had has been fantastic," Potter said. "We've made some steps with the group with how we're acting."

SPURS WIN FOR VENTRONE

Tottenham goalkeeper Hugo Lloris walked over to the away fans after the final whistle in Brighton holding up a team shirt with "Gian Piero" on the back.

This win was for Gian Piero Ventrone, the team's popular fitness coach who died this week at the age of 61.

"It's been a difficult week to say the least, and it was nice to get the win today," said striker Harry Kane, who scored the only goal with an instinctive header in the 22nd minute.

Kane reacted quickly to get his head onto a cross from Son Heung-min and steer in his eighth league goal in nine matches. Tottenham bounced back from a loss to Arsenal in the north London derby last weekend and a disappointing 0-0 draw at Eintracht Frankfurt in the Champions League in midweek.

Tottenham is third in the standings, three points behind Man City, with Chelsea another four points behind in fourth having played a game less.

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Q&A: How and why do clubs sack their head coach?

LONDON

WERE approaching the time in the European domestic season where clubs start to think seriously about their future direction. The English Premier League is well known for "sacking season" — a glut of managerial movement which can occur any time from September until late November in the run up to the January transfer window.

Already this season, three Premier League managers have lost their jobs: Thomas Tuchel (Chelsea), Scott Parker, (Bournemouth) and, last week, Bruno Lage (Wolves). Last season, a record was set in the English top flight when Manchester United's Ole Gunnar Solskjaer became the sixth boss to be sacked by Nov. 21.

European clubs aren't averse to an early sacking either, with Domenico Tedesco leaving German Bundesliga side RB Leipzig on Sept. 7 to be replaced a day later by ex-Borussia Dortmund head coach Marco Rose, who had lost his own job over the summer. Meanwhile, sources have told ESPN that Spanish LaLiga side Sevilla have reached an agreement with former boss Jorge Sampaoli to replace Julen Lopetegui and Bayer Leverkusen sacked manager Gerardo Seoane to bring in Xabi Alonso.

Sometimes it's an easy decision based on results; sometimes it comes out of the blue completely. But what goes into the decision to sack a manager or head coach? Someone who has been there and done it is former sporting director of Monaco, Tor-Kristian Karlsen. Here, he answers some of the key questions over how a club chooses to part ways with the person in charge.

Q. Already we've used the terms "manager" and "head coach" ... What's the difference between them? Is there a different protocol for sacking each one?

A. Manager is the traditional British definition of an all-compassing, omnipotent figure who would typically be in charge of all matters related to the sporting side of a football club. From the running of the academy, to scouting and recruitment, the medical department through to the daily preparation, coaching, composition of the first team, the manager would have the final say — or exercise a strong influence, at the very least — in all matters.

Often exemplified by long-reigning figureheads such as Sir Alex Ferguson (Manchester United) and Arsene Wenger (Arsenal), the manager is arguably on the verge of becoming obsolete as most clubs — even in the U.K. — are adopting a more diversified approach in which most of the non-training ground/matchday responsibilities are taken by a sporting director.

A head coach tends to work under (or with)

a sporting director and is generally tasked with matters related to coaching the team, such as preparing and picking the side for matches and leading them during games. Though hybrid versions of the role also exist, the head coach usually focuses on the tactical aspects around the first team, while they rarely get involved (though are often consulted) on financial or strategic matters.

On a structural level, a manager usually reports directly to the owner/board, whereas the head coach in most instances reports to the sporting director. In the event of a sacking, the process doesn't necessarily have to differ, with the exception being that the sporting director may be the instigator and the deliverer of the bad news to the head coach, while the owner or chairman may break it to the manager.

Editor's note: For the rest of the piece, we shall refer to the position as head coach to avoid confusion, unless talking about a specific example of a manager.

Q. What are some of the reasons why a head coach and club will part ways? Is it always just about results?

A. While poor results are the most common catalyst of a sacking, there can be other reasons for an early goodbye, such as a lack of alignment with the club's overriding sporting structure — a reason most recently trotted out by Chelsea about the surprise removal of Tuchel.

Manchester City parted company with Roberto Mancini in 2013 as they favoured a more "holistic" approach to their sporting structure; the Italian had enjoyed a role more akin to the manager prior to the arrival of sporting director Txiki Begiristain, but was practically demoted to the status of head coach during his final season before being replaced by Manuel Pellegrini.

A clash of personalities or a failure to sing from the same hymn sheet — like Parker's repeated public complaints over a lack of transfer funds at Bournemouth — may also contribute. That said, if the results are satisfactory then internal disagreements or a lack of rapport between key decisions-makers are often glossed over. The real tensions come to the surface after a few defeats.

Q. How long can it take to come to a decision? Who is involved in making that decision and who makes the final call?

A. In reality, the evaluation of a head coach's work is a continuous, permanent process. After a four or five-game run of poor results, doubts start to manifest and unless the club have a particularly patient owner or sporting director who appreciates that carrying out a long-term strategy entails ups and downs, then things can happen quickly.

With the financial repercussions of missing targets such as qualifying for the Champions League or avoiding rel-



Chelsea sacked Champions League winner Thomas Tuchel last month, citing that it was the right time for a change of direction. (Agencies)

egation being so vast, tough decisions are never far from the table. In today's environment of wealthy, hands-on owners, who often originate from a culture or business climate far removed from football, it's often the people who pick up the bills (and who, in the end, will have to cover the compensation fees or severance payments too) that make the final call.

In certain cases the sporting director would be consulted and may even recommend a change — though few sporting directors have the mandate to see through the process — but it's normally discontent at ownership/boardroom level that sets the ball rolling.

Q. Do players ever get involved? If so, how and why?

A. Players at a club rarely get directly involved in the evaluation of their boss. It's beyond their brief to appraise their own leader and encouraging them to voice their concerns — though some modern head coaches are happy to receive feedback under their own initiative — could send a signal of doubt which in turn may affect the results or focus. However, the rapport between the head coach and players is subject to continuous observation and there are multiple ways of handling this in a less obvious manner.

Exceptions do happen and there have been instances where a player (or their agents) have enjoyed a close relationship with the senior leadership of a club and, as a result, have helped plot the head coach's downfall. Of course, such a setup is clearly not a healthy one and undermines the club's entire chain of command.

Q. Do clubs ever make the decision in the boardroom and then not tell the manager until the end of the season? Does it ever get awkward?

A. It happens. At times a head coach's position is even less secure than it transpires from the outside. If a season peters

out into a disappointing lower-midtable finish, or certain objectives haven't been reached despite staying clear of relegation, then clubs can find themselves actively looking to revamp the coaching team for next season as early as February or March.

Such circumstances constitute a particularly delicate "hidden transition" for the club's key decision-makers. The sporting director — who is typically responsible for succession planning and generally the closest ally of the head coach — will have little option but to play the acute balancing act of convincingly supporting the current incumbent while covertly (the process should only be shared with a select few within the club's top hierarchy) looking for their replacement.

In such circumstances there's often an eerie atmosphere at the club as an air of suspicion spreads. Questions may be asked as to why the sporting director is flying to meetings across Europe at unprecedented rates? Or suddenly becoming unrecognisably elusive? All the while, potential new candidates are continuously linked in the media — often by agents as it's virtually impossible to keep a lid on a search which involves sounding out multiple candidates.

This double act is one of the less attractive aspects of the sporting director's brief and one which entails moral dilemmas as well as practical implications. But it is sometimes necessary to achieve the goal of having a new coaching team in place for the new season.

Q. How does the termination conversation go? What sort of things are said and, in the modern world, is it always done in person?

A. While having to inform someone they've lost their job is never pleasant, most experienced head coaches have either previously gone through a similar drill, can see the writing on the wall, or stoically accept that being let go is a part of a cut-throat

industry.

Others, however, when the termination comes out of the blue, can be rather emotional. No two such meetings are ever the same; some take it personally and will refuse to say a word before a legal advisor has been consulted or called to the scene, while others simply feel relief at being put out of their misery.

Whereas most clubs have the class and decency to break the news in a scheduled meeting, one does hear of head coaches who have been informed via email or other means. In one recent example, one top league head coach was relieved of his duties and told not to report for work via a WhatsApp voice message.

Q. They get a financial payoff/settlement though, right? Is it usually the length of their contract or a set amount?

A. It varies. While some managers already have their termination terms clearly outlined in the contract, others will rely on their legal advisors to thrash out a deal or insist on being paid for the remainder of their contracts (where they will be put on "gardening leave" until a settlement is reached.)

To give you some idea of figures for the big-name bosses, Manchester United's accounts showed that Jose Mourinho received around £15 million when he was sacked in December 2018, while Chelsea spent around £26m on payoffs to Antonio Conte and his backroom staff, alongside legal expenses, to sack him in 2018. Clearly, those figures are a loss less the further down the football pyramid you go.

National labour laws may come into play as an outright sacking without a due process can get clubs into trouble in certain countries, though few cases reach a court as head coaches tend to favour a termination settlement at the point of departure. Partly in order to negotiate a one-off lump sum, partly so things don't drag on, and partly to not hinder any future opportunities that arise.

Q. Once they've been sacked, do they have to sign agreements to stop them writing a book? Or telling reporters all about how it happened?

A. Most high-profile coaches would let their legal advisers work out the settlement with the club's chief executive once their fate has been decided. There's usually an embargo which restricts them speak-

ing out before a certain time period has passed, while in some countries clauses preventing a book deal or warts-and-all interviews are entirely possible. However, such clauses can be overlooked amid the honeymoon atmosphere when they arrive and are later used as a bargaining chip at termination.

In these days of leaks and media briefings, the truth often reaches the public domain in one way or the other. But in general terms it's rarely in the interests of a coach's future job prospects to be too vociferous about a past employer.

Q. Do clubs have a list of possible replacements lined up already? Does the availability of unemployed managers play a factor in speeding up a decision? And if it's amicable, can a manager ever help find their successor?

A. As disloyal as it may seem, most top clubs tend to keep a watchful eye on up-and-coming head coaches even in the absence of an imminent change. It's a sensible business practice for such a key position as you can never tell when your own promising employee may have their head turned by a bigger, wealthier and better club. Preparation is paramount. At the top end, the availability of a long-desired candidate may potentially trigger early action, but in a well-functioning, stable club which cares about its employees and reputation, it would take something extraordinary to try to fix something which isn't broken. Absolutely no-one comes with a guarantee of success.

Amicable exits do happen, but discussing potential successors isn't a scenario any of the parties would entertain unless they are retiring (as Sir Alex Ferguson did with David Moyes at Man United in 2013 — though that didn't work out too well in the end!)

Football is an emotional business and a sacking can be compared to the ending of a troublesome marriage, so neither the club nor outgoing head coach would be in the right state of mind on the back of tiring, all-consuming days to focus on anything other than untangling the relationship with the minimum of aggravation. Besides, would it really be in the interest of the outgoing boss to recommend someone who's likely to make an instant or lasting improvement?

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Nabi: We are confident, it's not over for Yanga



Yanga's winger Ducafel Moloko (C) gets the better of Al Hilal SC players as the clubs took on each other in the 2022/23 CAF Champions League second preliminary round's first leg tie that took place in Dar es Salaam on Saturday and ended in a 1-1 draw. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

YOUNG Africans SC's head coach Nasreddine Nabi is adamant that the outfit's dream for qualification for the 2022/23 CAF Champions League group stage is far from over, despite the frustrating 1-1 home draw with Sudan's Al Hilal SC in the first leg of the second preliminary round in Dar es Salaam on Saturday afternoon.

Young Africans SC, alias Yanga, went 1-0 up immediately after the restart when attacker Fiston Mayele found the back of the net only for Al Hilal SC to equalize through a second-half substitute Mohamed Abdelrahman to end the game 1-1 ahead of the sec-

ond leg slated for Saturday.

Speaking during his post-match press conference, Nabi detailed how his side was punished after failing to make the most of its chances but

believes the tie is not yet over based on the balance of play the two teams showed in the first leg.

The Tunisian gaffer said: "There is a general rule in football that if you

miss several chances, you are likely to be punished."

Nabi added: "We were 1-0 up, we created a lot of chances that we couldn't put in, we had a lot of chances to kill the match by scoring at least two or three goals. When you don't score, the opponent punishes you."

"Al Hilal took advantage of a counter-attack, a notorious mistake that happens in football. When they scored our players were affected mentally. From that moment, they were affected," the gaffer pointed out.

Nabi added: "They wanted to recover from that goal by taking risks which allowed the opponent spaces to create other chances and that's football. I think it's not over, it's only the first half, we have all the skills to score in Sudan."

The tactician revealed: "Conceding a goal after having missed four or five clear chances, that's part of football but you have to keep creating chances... unfortunately while pushing for a goal, they left spaces and the opponent took advantage of it and scored."

"It is perhaps a little bit about the continental experience of Yanga's team compared to Al Hilal."

Nabi disclosed: "I am realistic from what we saw today about the balance of power between the two teams, I know that my team has all the means to score there in Sudan. I coached Al Hilal five years ago, I know the atmosphere, I know how it is but I also know my team."

He pointed out: "I have two players who are not 100% fit but have played today, Aziz Ki and Morrison, they will be better physically, and I am sure my team can score in Khartoum."

He noted: "Fiston Mayele didn't have much space against Al Hilal SC because he was tightly marked all around, he had two players on him every time but despite that, he managed to score."

'Azam FC braced for tough opposition from Al Akhdar'

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA'S Azam FC has begun its campaign in the the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup on the wrong foot, succumbing to a 3-0 loss to Libya's Al Akhdar in the first leg clash of the second preliminary round held at the multi-purpose Omar Mukhtar Stadium in Al Bayda on Saturday.

The Dar es Salaam-based outfit will have to command a 4-0 win in the second leg to be held in its backyard in the city to secure progression to the showdown's group stage.

Azam FC is taking part in the continental club tournament's round for the first time after securing a bye in the first preliminary round due to having better coefficient points.

Hosts Al Akhdar made it to the second preliminary round following the side's 3-0 aggregate victory over Sudanese side, Al Ahli Khartoum, in the first preliminary round.

Denis Lavagne, Azam FC's head coach, had revealed before the Saturday tie they have a lot of work to do in the showpiece due to the presence of stiff opposition in the showdown recently.

The coach said: "The culture of African football is largely the same, in this tournament every team needs to win when they play at home, and Al Akhdar is also like that."

"It's not a bad team, I'm lucky to see them play, they have a good team, but my players will have to fight to get good results here in Libya, so that the job will be easier when we play at home in Dar es Salaam," the gaffer noted.

"I know the game will be very difficult away here, but my biggest weapon is to insist that my players fight to overcome the challenges they will face inside the stadium, we are well prepared and I believe it will be as we expect," Lavagne, former Cameroon's Coton Sports head coach, pointed out in his pre-match observation.

Lavagne had led Coton Sports to the final of the CAF Champions League in 2008 and he later led JS Kabylie of Algeria to the final of the CAF Confederation Cup in the 2021/22 season.

The gaffer explained that he knows African football well and studied Al Akhdar thus he was set to use his experience in last weekend's tie.

Lavagne revealed: "We will make sure we fight away from home against our hosts Al Akhdar, I know the game will not be easy because African football is surrounded by many issues inside and outside the stadium, but the task that brought us to Libya is to fight and get good results."

Azam FC was boasting the advantage of taking part in six games in the 2022/23 NBC Premier League, winning three, drawing two, and losing one, while their opponents Al Akhdar have yet to start the 2022/2023 Libyan Premier League.

Last season, Azam FC could not make it to the CAF Confederation Cup group stage, a stage that has never been reached by the side in its history after being defeated by one of the title contenders for the second tier of this season's continental tournament, Egypt's Pyramids FC, in the second preliminary round.

Geita Gold FC home venue ready for Premier League matches



Geita Gold FC's information officer, Hemed Kivuyo.

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE 2022/23 NBC Premier League side Geita Gold FC says the outfit's home ground, Nyankumbu Girls Secondary School Stadium, is ready for use as major renovations done on the venue have been completed.

Hemed Kivuyo, Geita Gold FC information officer, assured his club supporters and football-loving people that after his squad's away Premier League clash against Coastal Union, the Geita-based squad will start playing at the squad's home turf.

Nyankumbu Girls Secondary School Stadium alongside Mkwakwani Stadium of Tanga, Kilimanjaro's Ushirika Stadium, Coast Region's Mabatini venue, and Jamhuri Stadium of Dodoma was condemned by Tanzania Football Federation as being not fit to host NBC Premier League matches.

Following the TFF ban imposed on the below-standard facilities, Geita Gold FC was using Mwanza's CCM Kirumba Stadium as the outfit's home ground.

Kivuyo said: "The good thing now is that after our away game against Coastal union, we will start playing our games at our home ground."

"We are happy that our supporters will not have trouble watching our games, this will also improve revenue for the

team," he said.

He also disclosed that work at the club's Magogo Stadium is at an advanced stage and they hope it will be ready by either middle of the second round of this season's NBC Premier League or early next season.

Owning a venue is one of the criteria making FIFA club licensing, which is under the infrastructure category, while others are sporting, personnel, and administrative, as well as legal.

Meanwhile, Kivuyo said his outfit has intensified its preparation for the tie against Coastal Union to be held at the latter's backyard on Thursday.

He said the squad is in Bagamoyo, Coast Region where it has set up camp ahead of the game.

Kivuyo said as part of preparations Geita Gold FC played a friendly match against a street side Rajaa FC at the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) venue last week.

The friendly ended with the Geita club cruising to a 3-0 win courtesy of goals scored by Danny Lyanga that posted two and the other goal scored by his striking partner George Mpole.

"We have intensified our preparations for our next game against Coastal Union... we aim to record three points needed and I'm sure of that," he said.

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