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MPs: Districts hinder investments blueprint

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

At least 40 laws and regulations out of 88 such legal instruments spotted as impeding the blueprint for creation of a conducive business and investment environment have been resolved, the National Assembly was told yesterday.

Exaud Kigahe (pictured), the Industry, Trade and Investment deputy minister, said in a response that harmonisation of the laws and regulations was concluded towards the end of January.

The resolved hurdles account for 45 percent of the reported impediments, with consultations now taking place among state agencies on resolving these hurdles by engaging the private sector.

The deputy minister was responding to Abdullah Ali Mwinyi (Mahonda), demanding the status of the implementation of the investment blueprint from July 2019.

The Tanzania Investment Act passed last year was making the country more attractive in the eyes of foreign and local investors, he stated, with Deo Mwanyika (Njombe Urban) asserting that bylaws were a thorn in the flesh for local investors as councillors endorse discouraging bylaws.

The deputy minister acknowledged that bylaws are a hindrance in the implementation of the blueprint at the district council level, explaining that the minister had formed a unit to examine the problem and make recommendations on how the blueprint can be made to work in

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Dr Mwinyi: Govt values health sector investments

By Getrude Mbago

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has reiterated the government's intention to strengthen the health sector by fostering a conducive environment facilitating the thrust of private investments in the sector.

He made this affirmation in Dar es Salaam yesterday at the launch of the Kairuki Hospital Green IVF facility, in tandem with marking 24 years of the founding of the Kairuki Health and Education Network (KHEN) by the late Prof Hubert Kairuki.

In vitro fertilisation (IVF) is a frequently

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MPs want illegal migrants pardoned, sent back home

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma



Mourners pay their respects in Rombo District yesterday to 13 of the 20 people, most of them members of the same family, killed in a road crash at Magila Gerezani in Korogwe District on Friday (Feb 3) night involving a bus and a heavy-duty truck. Photo: Correspondent Mary Masha

THE government needs to take urgent repatriation measures on illegal immigrants instead of keeping them in prison, the legislature was told yesterday.

Vita Kawawa (Namtumbo), the chairman of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and National Service standing committee in the National Assembly, said yesterday that repatriating illegal immigrants kept in cells as inmates or prisoners is a policy option expected to massively reduce operational costs and congestion in prisons.

In its report for the year ending January 2023, the committee found out that 7,493 illegal immigrants were apprehended in various places in the country between September and December last year, of whom 3,108 are being held in prisons as inmates.

Illegal immigrants held in prisons have nearly doubled from 1,608 immigrants in jail up to the reporting time in 2021, he said, noting that the government spends 15.5m/- per day in taking care of the group in various prisons across the country.

The government is spending 5.6bn/- a year in taking care of prisoners and inmates including illegal immigrants, in which case congestion in prisons is contributed by keeping illegal immigrants in detention prisons for long periods, he stated.

Poor observance of the parole approach leads to the government incurring unnecessary costs of taking care of inmates or prisoners who can be repatriated, as they qualify for release under the parole method, he asserted.

Illustrating, the MP said that the monies spent on taking care of dischargeable inmates and prisoners can be used to purchase 81,030 student desks at the price of 70,000/- per desk.

Citing observations from the Prisons Department report for the July to December 2022 period, he said there are 32,146 inmates and prisoners in the country's prison cells.

It is an excess of 7.5 percent of the total number of inmates and prisoners who are supposed to be held in available cells, as prisons have a total capacity for 29,902 prisoners and inmates, he affirmed.

The committee noted that Immigration Department employees face challenges that affect their effectiveness in their conduct of work, including lack of residential units and

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Lissu for reconciling of Warioba Draft with 'proposed constitution'

By Henry Mwangonde

REVIVING the constitution making process needs enacting a law for its guidance, especially providing for synchronising views resulting from a process stalled nine years ago, a key opposition leader has declared.

Tundu Lissu, the Chadema deputy chairman (Mainland), said at a carpet interview on Tanzania's Independent Television (ITV) late yesterday that it is possible for Tanzania to get the new



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constitution.

He said there have been several attempts and initiatives to get a new mother law that underlines current constitutional provisions, so "we can start from where the previous processes ended."

He said the government needs to form a team of experts to work on updating views from the Warioba Draft and the subsequent proposed constitution "to ensure they match with time." From

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President Samia Suluhu Hassan has an audience at Chamwino State House in Dodoma Region yesterday with a delegation led by Sheikh Ahmed Dalmook Al Maktoum, a member of the ruling royal family of the Emirate of Dubai. Photo: State House



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office blocks.

The department has 57 office structures against requirements standing at 159 structures, he said.

The immigration department has 454 residential units for its employees while the requirement stands at 4,228 units, thus drastically short of such units. The department operates under a debt threat reaching 2.7bn/- at the end of the past year, tied to delayed

salaries, paying contractors and other service providers, he said.

In her contribution, Farihia Shomari (Special Seats) urged the government to work on parole recommendations to reduce congestion in prisons.

"There is no need of having the Parole Board in place if the government doesn't take account of its recommendations. We need to review the parole law so that it has powers of making decisions," she added.

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used technique to help women with fertility problems have a baby, by fertilising the egg outside the womb and then placing it in the womb to grow into a baby.

The Zanzibar leader stressed the role of private institutions in building facilities meant to address various health challenges in the community, complementing government initiatives in widening the provision of quality health services.

"The government recognises the contribution of the private sector in improving health service delivery in the country," he said, affirming that the two governments were working to address challenges affecting investments. It is vital to have the right environment for more people to chip in and build more hospitals and specialised institutions, he stated.

The key policy objective is to strengthen the health sector, building state of the art services pushing medical tourism especially from within the region, he elaborated.

Dr Mwinyi hailed the Kairuki Health and Education Network (KHEN) for its vision, leading to setting an IVF unit, noting that it brings to an end the need to travel outside to obtain such services.

IVF services at the hospital will support many Tanzanians who are unable to seek the services outside the country, he said, asserting that the demand is high but centres to provide the service were largely absent hitherto. The new unit will bring a sigh of relief to people, assured of procedure to cure infertility that is within reach, he stated.

Dr Clementina Kairuki, the unit's executive director, said infertility is becoming a major challenges facing families, with many failing to access needed services to solve the problem.

She referred to surveys indicating referred to surveys indicating said that reports that infertility affects 20 to 30 percent of reproductive couples, which in turn brings creates havoc in families and the wider society.

"So, the centre has been launched to respond to this health challenge facing many couples, we all know that children have great space in any family, so when the couple

fail to get them, the blame falls to a woman, which is not right," she specified.

Procuring the required equipment and staffing the unit involved using 4.5bn/- since work on the unit started in 2018, she said, elaborating that the centre has capacity to serve about 1,000 patients per year.

Since opening its doors last March the unit has received a total of 600 patients, many of whom ended up getting preliminary medical treatment to enable them to get pregnant. A total of 45 patients needed complex treatment involving IVF intervention, where 35 succeeded to get pregnant, "so you can see how the centre has started bringing joy in families," the medic underlined.

Infertility or childlessness is a global reproductive health issue for female as well as males, but it is often shunned from public discussion and mostly neglected, she stated.

She similarly observed that a more explicit regulatory cadre is needed in relation to IVFR to support more people to access the service.

The minister, Umyy Mwalimu said that the government is preparing guidelines to supervise IVF interventions, promote the building of more such centres, as so far there are five such centres countrywide.

Research is needed to find out actual challenges, enabling the government and stakeholders to make targeted efforts in supporting those facing this challenge, she said.

Demographic data with the World Health Organization (WHO) shows that in Sub-Saharan Africa, more than 30 per cent of women aged 25 - 49 years suffer from secondary infertility, namely inability to achieve a subsequent pregnancy.



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district councils.

He suggested that the unit needs to work hand in hand with councils to avoid bringing up bylaws contradicting the Development Vision 2025, embedded in the blueprint.

Abbas Tarimba (Kinondoni), asked the minister to submit the blueprint to the legislature for a thorough review to identify major setbacks facing its being put to action.

"Tanzania is ranked 141 out of 190 countries globally having a poor environment for doing business," he stated, wondering if the government is committed to change

that situation by implementing the blueprint.

The ministry's clarifications on the blueprint status has come out one month after Vice President Dr Philip Mpango expressed worries on the snail's pace in its implementation.

Officiating at the Tanzania Private Sector Day 2022, the VP said that implementing the blueprint was at 13 percent of target as of early December last year.

The Industry, Trade and Investment ministry needs to fast track the review of laws and regulations so that the implementation reaches at least 50 percent by the end this year, the VP intoned.



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa pictured yesterday exchanging views with Kinondoni (Dar es Salaam) constituency legislator Abbas Tarimba at Parliament grounds in Dodoma city, where the legislative body is currently in ordinary session. Photo: PMO

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2014 when the process was stalled, years have passed, he stated.

The newly enacted constitutional law should provide for the starting point of the process, as already plenty has been done on the matter, and members of the public know where to start from, he further noted.

"The Warioba draft and the proposed constitution are two different things. Both documents have shortfalls which need to be ironed out as it is a long time since they were adopted," he stated.

He, however, hailed the current political situation saying it is a huge improvement. Leaders of opposition parties can now sit and talk with their CCM counterparts across the table, making a big difference with what obtained earlier.

He objected to the view that the constitution making process should start after the 2025 General

Election, expressing fears that the next election would lose credibility as it was the case in the 2020 polls.

The party's agenda to push for a new constitution will be pursued as political rallies are now legalised. Party leaders will move around the country to tell the people that the time for a new mother law has come, he emphasised.

Political rallies are the only way to communicate to the public and inform Tanzanians on what is going wrong and right with the current authorities, he stated.

"If we give the president time as requested, we will not get a new constitution because the demand for a constitution started 30 years ago. It is not new," he remarked.

Reflecting on his years in exile, Lissu said his life abroad was tough, unlike what some people keep repeating. Living abroad as an asylum seeker is no vacation, he insisted.

"I have returned to Tanzania

permanently, but this does not mean that I will not go out of the country. My health and my position in the party require me to go out at some points," he said.

On reports that he was being used by forces from outside the country, Lissu said it was hard for someone who has not experienced anything like what he went through, with multiple gunshot wounds back in 2017 to understand what really is to get an opportunity to get out of the country.

Questioners demanded his view of the situation in Chadema, which dispelled the idea that there were misunderstandings or wrangles. Rumours that he was not on good terms with national chairman Freeman Mbowe "come from people who do not wish them well."

Regarding the daylight assassination attempt in September 2017, Lissu was disappointed that no investigation has been conducted into the matter despite that "he has

always been available to cooperate with the police."

He acknowledged the chairman's efforts in meetings with President Samia Suluhu Hassan to seek reconciliation, banished for half a decade or so. Mbowe is among those who have suffered from this situation, including the closure of his businesses, he cautioned those critical of his efforts at reconciliation.

"There are those who blame the chairman and me for meeting the president. Let me tell them that we know what we have gone through but the public also know what kind of politics the country has seen in the last five years. It is these meetings with the president that have brought a thaw," he declared.

Lissu described his reception as moral capital, underlining that the crowd that thronged the airport to receive him was testimonial. Tanzanians still trust the party as they have always been, he added.



Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam president Nikki Aggarwal (C) symbolically presents to Kinondoni district commissioner Saad Mtambule (L) and Minazini Primary School headteacher Mariam Adam (2nd-R) a donation of 200 desks for use by the school. The event was held in the city late last week. Story on Page 4. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

President Samia resolves decades-long land dispute

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has resolved the land dispute that had lasted more than three decades against 7,495.74 acres located in the villages of Kingale Ward in Kondoa District Council and King'ang'a Prison which is for agricultural activities.

The resolution was presented yesterday by Dodoma Regional Commissioner Rosemary Senyamule on behalf of the

President and she presented it before the Kingale ward leaders.

All the land belongs to the government, when the Home Affairs minister arrived here he conveyed this matter to the President to decide and the President has given a solution to Kingale people. He said the disputed area of 7,495.74 acres, 3,272.4 acres should be left for the people for agriculture, livestock and economic activities and the Prisons will possess the remaining

acres," said RC Senyamule.

Villagers should continue to take care of the borders to prevent over lapping and Prisons should also take care of the borders, the citizens are on the side of the valley suitable for irrigation. "The ministry of Agriculture should make arrangements for suitable irrigation systems," RC Senyamule said.

The RC urged residents to partner with Tanzania Prisons for infrastructure that will be built in the area.

Kondoa Urban MP, Ally Makoa said: "The proposal to be given the area from King'ang'a Prison which they submitted to the President, is what was decided so the people will continue to use their farmland while the Prisons will keep their area."

He congratulated President Samia for bringing experts from the Lands Ministry to build infrastructure in the area as well as agreeing to the people's recommendations.



ANGUISH... In tears is Mwajuma Hamisi, who is reckoned as having been a resident of Dar es Salaam's Magomeni Quarters suburb. The area has since been extensively developed by the government-run Tanzania Building Agency, with those previously occupying the mostly rundown houses pulled down in the process promised purchase of, or occupancy in, the newly built houses at specified terms and conditions. This scene was captured at a meeting held in the area on Sunday at which it was announced that some of the houses would fetch 56m/- each - the amount to be paid in instalments. Apparently, Mwajuma and a number of other people eligible for purchases of the houses found the condition simply impossible to implement - and hence the agony and roaring tears. The government had earlier floated a five-year grace period to the former occupants to stay in the newly built houses without paying rent before the new terms and conditions could take effect. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

Magomeni Quarters tenants refuse to sign TBA contracts

By Guardian Correspondent

A TOTAL of 644 households in Magomeni Quarters flats have refused to sign contracts for starting to purchase the flats beginning February 8, this year, saying the prices are unfriendly to them.

They have appealed to President Samia Suluhu Hassan to intervene, as the government set prices range between 48m/- and 56m/- which are too excessive considering their economic statuses.

Reading a letter from the Chief

Executive Officer of the Tanzania Building Agency (TBA) Daud Kandoro to the tenants yesterday, the resident's advocate, Twaha Taslima said the purchase contract has addressed several issues.

He said the letter explains that the prices earlier recommended by the government were 12m/- to 17m/- depending on the type of the flats, issued June last year, saying the prices did not meet the value of the area, did not include profit or even services surrounding the estate.

"The step to take now is either to

appeal to the government or go to court. The price for a one-bedroom flat and a sitting room set at 48m/- and that for two bedrooms and sitting room at 56m/- cannot be friendly," Taslima said.

The chairman of the Magomeni Quarters tenants, George Abel said the prices were not at all friendly for them, even though the government has increased timeframe from 10 to 15 years.

He said at the rent, a tenant is supposed to pay is 300,000/- per month, or 3.6m/- per year, saying

the figure is too high for many of them who are old retirees.

"We have received this letter with only two days remaining to sign the contracts, meaning we must meet and discuss the issue before February 8," said Abel.

One of the tenants, Salama Goronga (65) said the prices for the flats are too high compared to their economic wellbeing. "I have grandchildren and when the letter was read I shed tears, where shall I get this money, and where shall I go from here?" Salama lamented.

Another tenant, Mwajuma Hamisi (82) said she has two children who are married and who are responsible for her upkeep for food and other things, hence it will be hard for them now to start looking for money to pay for her flat.

'Tanzania is missing emerging issues in economic diplomacy'

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

WEAKNESS in strategic partnership between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Co-operation with other ministries is among the major setbacks hampering government efforts towards realisation of benefits of economic diplomacy with the rest of the world.

Presenting a report of the Parliamentary Committee for Foreign Affairs, Defence and Security yesterday for the period from February 2022 and January 2023, the Committee's chairman, Vita Kawawa said the Foreign Ministry has been not receiving deserved collaboration from relevant ministries that are directly linked to the economic sector.

Kawawa said that as of today the country has no proper approach to diaspora registration, as a result, the government is missing out on important details about diaspora.

"The challenge is affecting the process of collecting and keeping accurate information about diasporas' contribution to the country's economy and in setting up future economic plans," said Kawawa.

He said the Committee has learnt that the majority of government officials especially at the region and district levels have little knowledge on economic diplomacy.

The problem has led to the foreign business community and investors not receiving deserved treatment when they are in need of various assistance.

"The Committee has learnt that there is poor engagement of different stakeholders from the private sector in endorsing issues related to business and investment;

However, the majority of citizens are not aware of Afro-products market opportunities in the East African Community," said Kawawa.

According to him, the Committee recommends for bold linkage between the foreign ministry and

other ministerial strategic sectors for the country to benefit more from the regional and global economic diplomacy.

He said the Committee has learnt that export of cattle should be stopped and instead it should export processed meat as it denies the government foreign revenues. Almost 4,000 cattle and goats were exported during the period under review.

Kosato Chuma, Mafinga Urban legislator, blamed that the Agriculture ministry is one of the ministries that are not extending deserved support to the Foreign Affairs ministry.

"The Foreign Affairs ministry has for several years now been organizing scholarships for 100 graduates from Sokoine University of Agriculture to pursue further studies in Egypt for eleven months every year;

But, the agriculture ministry has been doing nothing with these experts in educating the public on productive agriculture," said Chuma.

Condester Sichalwe, Momba legislator, advised the government to complete the review of the Foreign Affairs policy that the government had promised to work on since the past two years.

"Everybody knows the government's position on dual citizenship. If we really need diasporas' contribution in the national economy then the review of the policy should consider special status," she said.

According to her, the delay in having the new policy in place is also contributing to the government not being aware of the diaspora whereabouts.

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Seaweed earns Lindi farmers 1.56 billion/-

By Guardian Correspondent, Lindi

SEAWEED farming has been cited as a fast growing occupation in Lindi Region, after it earned 1.56bn/- from 2.6 million kgs of the crop sold in the last two years.

This is according to the report by Region's fisheries Officer, Kawambwa Abdallah Jumbe submitted at a fisheries stakeholders meeting held at Kilwa Masoko Town, Kilwa District in Lindi Region.

Kawambwa elaborated that in the 2020/21 season earnings from seaweed farming totalled 640,782,400/- from 993,064 kgs sold while in the 2021/2022 season 1,608,770 kgs valued 927,066,508/- of seaweed was sold.

Kawambwa said despite these achievements, there are various challenges facing seaweed farming, including not attaining the required quality due to lack of special areas for drying.

He said in order to increase seaweed production and improve its quality, the Ministry for Livestock and Fisheries as well as development factors are expected to improve infrastructures for drying the crop by constructing modern racks for drying seaweed in big production areas especially in Songosongo Ward, Mchinga and Mtama Districts.

He said this will help to increase production, employment and therefore incomes to the local residents.

He said through the stakeholders, Lindi region has put in place strategies in providing training to seaweed farmers as a way to increase the crop's value to various groups engaged in seaweed farming.

Lindi Regional Commissioner, Zainab Telak called upon seaweed farmers to change, including the construction of racks for drying the crop to ensure its quality to attract both local and foreign markets.



Agriculture deputy minister Anthony Mavunde (gesturing) has a word with Tanzania Engineering and Manufacturing Design Organisation (TEMDO) director general Prof Frederick Kahimba (R) when he visited the Arusha-based agency at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Woinde Shizza

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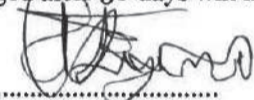
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Minazini Primary School receives 200 desks from Dar Rotary Club

By Guardian Reporter

ROTARY Club of Dar es Salaam has donated 200 desks to Minazini Primary School in Dar es Salaam which will help 600 children at any one given time.

Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam has already donated over 2,000 desks worth about 300million/- and has committed to continue providing more desks to needy schools across the country.

Speaking during the hand-over ceremony recently, Nikki Aggarwal, President of Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam, said that the club's goal is to invest in the future of Tanzania by empowering children through education.

According to Nikki, Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam has already donated

2,070 desks to primary schools around Dar es Salaam and it comes together in times of need and adversity and this project will have a huge impact on the literacy rate in the country.

She said numerous studies have shown that a conducive learning environment is important for a child's academic progress and the donation is part of the efforts to support the need to end the shortage of desks in public schools.

Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam targets a donation of desks in six months across numerous primary schools in Dar es Salaam and beyond.

To make the desks more durable they are made with a steel frame and treated with hardwood to allow

them to last longer and serve more students for several years.

Kinondoni District Commissioner Saad Mtambule said during the event that the government recognises the efforts made by Rotary and other partners in serving the community.

"I am delighted that you have decided to support us in education by providing one of the most needed facilities for our schools. The shortage of desks has been a serious problem to most of our public schools and especially after our recent decision to increase the number of classrooms as well as the enrolment of pupils," he said.

The desk project goes hand in hand with a tree-planting drive. The Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam, together with the students, teachers, and parents of the school plant two trees for every desk donated to neutralize the environmental impact of the donated desk.

Exim Bank announces winners of paid trip to Dubai, Turkey and SA

By Guardian Reporter

EXIM Bank Tanzania has successfully concluded its "ChanjaKijanja, KimastaZaidi" campaign by announcing the winners of the campaign's grand draw. The three lucky winners will enjoy all-expenses paid vacation trips to Dubai, Turkey and South Africa accompanied by their beloved ones.

The three-month campaign aimed to entice the bank's MasterCard holders to use their card instead of cash for payment of goods and services at merchant's Point of Sales (POS) or ecommerce sites.

The winners who are John Ren, Hanza Ngilini and Ntemi Ezekiel were announced during the campaign's grand draw held at the bank's headquarters in Dar es Salaam yesterday under the supervision of the

Tanzania Gaming Board.

Andrew Lyimo, Head of Retail Banking at Exim Bank Tanzania, said apart from the three lucky winners of the campaign, a total of 300 other winners who use Exim MasterCard cards to make transactions won various prizes including cash, Smart Phones through weekly and monthly draws held throughout the campaign.

"I would like to use this opportunity to congratulate all the weekly and monthly winners of the campaign and in a very special way, let me congratulate the three winners of the grand draw. As we mentioned earlier the top winners will be rewarded with a five (5) day vacation trip to the mentioned destinations along with their beloved ones.

The trips that will be covered by Exim bank in all aspects that include visas, plane tickets

and accommodation while in their vacations."

"So, the first winner, John Ren, will go to Dubai with his partner and while there they will have the opportunity to visit various centers including the 'Museum Of The Future' and the Safari Desert. The second winner, Hanza Ngilini will go to Turkey with his partner and while there they will have the opportunity to visit several attractions including the famous Blue Mosque located in the city of Istanbul," he said.

The third winner, Ntemi Ezekiel, will travel to South Africa with the same package as well, according to Lyimo.

Speaking more about the success of the campaign, the bank's Head of the Alternative Banking and Customer Service, Silas Matoi said that since its inception it has succeeded in enticing more customers of the bank to use their Exim Bank MasterCard, a step which he said is helping the bank move towards offering services that are compatible with its major technological improvements in the provision of its financial services.

"It should be well known that the underlying mission of the bank is to promote a cashless society where the world is heading while using these kind of campaigns to entice more to join a formalized economy and hence deepening financial inclusion," he mentioned.

The just concluded campaign involved weekly draws where 15 lucky customers had the chance to win cash prizes of 100,000/- each every week while also every month there was a draw where customers had a chance to win a new iPhone 14 Pro smartphone.



ETHIOPIAN MARITIME AUTHORITY AND SOMALILAND MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND ROADS DEVELOPMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

TENDER TITLE: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE CONSULTANCY SERVICE FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY, INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND PRELIMINARY DESIGN, DETAILED ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING DESIGNS, AND THE PREPARATION OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS FOR THE BORDER POST AT TOG WAJAALE, SOMALILAND AND ETHIOPIA

TENDER NUMBER: PRQ20210894

TradeMark Africa (TMA), formerly TradeMark East Africa, is an Aid-for-Trade organisation that was established in 2010, with the aim of growing prosperity through increased trade. TMA operates on a not-for-profit basis and is funded by: Belgium, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Canada, Denmark, the European Union, Finland, France, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, the United Kingdom and the United States of America. TMA works closely with regional intergovernmental organisations, including the African Union (AU), the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat, the East Africa Community (EAC), the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), the Common Market for East and Southern Africa (COMESA), the Southern Africa Customs Union (SACU), national Governments, the private sector and civil society organisations. The Ethiopian Maritime Authority and Somaliland Ministry of Transport and Roads Development have been allocated grant funds from TradeMark Africa which are administered by TradeMark Africa. TMA intends to apply the funds to eligible direct payments under the contract for which this request for proposal is issued. TMA seeks to engage the services of qualified consultancy firms/consortiums to provide Consultancy Services for the above-mentioned consultancy services.

Terms of reference for this consultancy and the Request for Proposals (RFP) document can be obtained at <http://www.trademarkea.com/get-involved/procurement/>. All queries quoting the above Tender Title and Number should be emailed to procurement@trademarkea.com. You are further advised that only applications from registered firms/consortiums shall be accepted. Interested, qualified and registered consultancy firms/consortiums should submit bids in line with the bidding instructions in the tender document. The closing date for applications is **7 March 2023 at 11.00 am (Addis Ababa time)**. TMA cannot answer any query relating to this tender seven days or less prior to the submission deadline.



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Physics, Geography, Mathematics	-	(PGM)
Physics, Mathematics, Computer Science	-	(PMC)
Chemistry, Biology, Geography	-	(CBG)
Economics, Commerce, Accountancy	-	(ECA)
Economics, Geography, Mathematics	-	(EGM)
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TANZANIA-ZAMBIA RAILWAY AUTHORITY
HEAD OFFICE
INVITATION FOR TENDERS

TENDER NO. TZR/HQ/CTC/2022/2023/02
FOR
THE SUPPLY OF WAGON SPARES AND BOLT SPIKES FOR PERMANENT WAY MAINTENANCE

1. The Tanzania-Zambia Railway Authority (TAZARA) has set aside funds for its operations during the financial year 2022/2023. It is intended that part of the proceeds of the fund be used to cover eligible payments under the contract for the Supply of Wagon maintenance material.
2. TAZARA now invites sealed tenders from eligible Suppliers for the supply of Wagons spares and bolt spikes for permanent way maintenance.
3. Tendering will be conducted through the open International Competitive Method of bidding, as per tendering procedures specified in the TAZARA Procurement & Supplies Manual.
4. Interested and eligible Tenderers may inspect tendering documents and obtain further information at the office of The Secretary to the Central Tender Committee, TAZARA Head Office, Nyerere/Mandela Roads Junction, P. O. Box 2834, Dar-es-Salaam Tanzania or the office of Lusaka Area Manager, TAZARA House, Independence/Dedan Kimathi Road Junction, P. O. Box 31784 Lusaka Zambia from 08.00 to 16.30 hours C.A.T or E.A.T from Monday to Friday except on public holidays.
5. A complete set of Tendering Document(s) in English and additional sets may be purchased by interested tenderers upon the submission of a written application to the address given in paragraph 4 above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of US\$200 (United States Dollar Two Hundred) only. Payment should either be by Cash or Telegraphic Transfer, payable to Tanzania-Zambia Railway Authority.
6. All Tenders must be accompanied by a Tender Securing Declaration in the format provided in the Tendering Documents.
7. All tenders in one original plus 2 (two) copies properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes marked "TENDER NO. TZR/HQ/CTC/2022/2023/02 for Supply of Wagons Spares and Bolt Spikes for Permanent Way Maintenance" must be addressed to "The Secretary to the Central Tender Committee, Office No. 210, TAZARA Head Office, Nyerere/Mandela Road Junction, Dar-es-Salaam - Tanzania or the Office of "the Lusaka Area Manager, 2nd Floor Room 202, TAZARA House, Independence/Dedan Kimathi Road Junctions, Lusaka - Zambia" and be delivered on or before **10th March 2023** at or before 10.00 hours C.A.T or 11.00hours E.A.T from Monday to Friday, except on public holidays. Tenders will be opened promptly thereafter in public and in the presence of Tenderers' representatives who choose to attend the opening ceremony at TAZARA, Head Office, Board Room, in Dar es Salaam - Tanzania or TAZARA Lusaka Area office, Board Room, in Lusaka - Zambia.
8. Late Tenders, Portion of Tenders, Electronic Tenders, Tenders not received, Tenders not opened and not read out in public at the tender opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation, irrespective of the circumstances.

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JICA PROGRAM FOR JAPANESE STUDIES AT UDSM

-Japan - Tanzania Innovation Forum-

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in collaboration with the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM), are organizing a "Japan-Tanzania Innovation Forum" under the JICA PROGRAM FOR JAPANESE STUDIES AT UDSM.

The two-day event will be conducted on February 9 and 10, 2023 at the UDSM, seeing experts from Tanzania and Japan are exchanging their knowledge and experiences on the Innovation sector through panel discussion and lectures.

Lecturers from Japan include Prof. HASEGAWA Mariko, President of the Graduate University for Advanced Studies, SOKENDAI, and Dr. TOGAMI Takashi, e-kakashi Business Director of Softbank corp.. From Tanzania are Prof. Hannibal BWIRE, Director of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (UDSM) and Dr. Amos NUNGU, the Director General of the Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH).

About 300 participants drawn from the public and private sectors are expected to attend the Forum physically while others will join online.

Honorable Minister for Education, Science and Technology Prof. Adolf MKENDA is expected to be the guest of honor. The Ambassador of Japan to Tanzania MISAWA Yasushi, Chief Representative of JICA Mr. YAMAMURA Naofumi and UDSM Vice Chancellor Prof. William-Andey ANANGISYE will also attend.

While JICA Tanzania celebrated the 60th anniversary of its activities in Tanzania, the University of Dar es salaam also celebrated its 60th anniversary of its

establishment at the same time. To commemorate both anniversaries, JICA and UDSM decided to organize this forum on the theme "Innovation for National Growth and Sustainable Development".

The theme was chosen after taking into account the central role "innovation" plays in today's development agenda and after extensive consultations with the Government and the academia.

BACKGROUND

Tanzania and Japan have a very long history of friendship and cooperation. It is widely acknowledged that Japan is the first country that has modernized from a non - Western background.

By sharing its experiences and lessons learned through its modernization and development experience, Japan can lead development studies globally and thereby contribute to sustainable development in the world.

Using its own extensive experience of development cooperation, Japan has extended its Official Development Assistance (ODA) to several Asian countries and most of them have achieved remarkable socio-economic progress. Tanzania has in that sense a lot to learn from Japan.

In Tanzania, Japan's ODA activities commenced in 1962 through its development cooperation agency, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), when Government Officials were accepted for technical training in Japan. In implementing its activities, JICA has been working very closely with the Government and other institutions such as Universities

including the UDSM.

In 2018, JICA introduced a Development Studies Program aimed at nurturing future leaders of the developing countries including Tanzania. The Program provides opportunities of studies at Japanese Universities for concerned scholars, to explore Japan's modernization and development cooperation experiences in light of

its unique historical and cultural background.

The Program also includes short intensive lectures by Japanese lecturers on Japan's development experiences in various fields and the provision of reference materials etc.

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JAPAN-TANZANIA INNOVATION FORUM

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Theme: Innovation for national growth and sustainable development

Link for the application Programme: <https://forms.office.com/r/Nk3pu9HgfW>

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Sharik Choughule (2nd-R, foreground) councillor for Dar es Salaam's Kivukoni ward, Dar es Salaam Regional CCM chairman Abbas Mtemvu (C), Ilala District CCM chairman Said Side, Ilala District CCM secretary Iddi Mkowa, and National Assembly deputy Speaker and Ilala constituency legislator Mussa Hassan Zungu (L, in green shirt and black cap) move to cut a cake at a function held in the city on Sunday (Feb 5) to celebrate the party's 46th anniversary. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

RUWASA signs 15 contracts for distribution of water to 14 villages in Manyara Region

By Guardian Correspondent, Babati

A TOTAL of 24,129 residents from 14 villages in Manyara Region expect to benefit from safe and clean water supply after the Rural and Urban Water and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA) signed 15 contract agreements with contractors for the construction of the water supply infrastructures.

Makongoro Nyerere, Manyara Regional Commissioner said the implementation of the projects will initially start with the 14 selected villages.

The RC revealed this here at the weekend as he was addressing the Region's district commissioners, RUWASA workers and staff and contractors for construction of the water infrastructures and others for the supply of construction materials.

"In FY 2022/23 our region was allocated with 15,404bn/- from various sources to be spent in the completion of 28 ongoing projects, seven new projects, increasing the network for eight others, digging of 26 water wells and refurbishing of 53 water projects.

"The projects will bring water supply service to 40 new villages,

hence by December this year, the number of villages that will be without reliable water service will drop from 91 to 51 villages.

"Contractors awarded the contract construction materials for the projects should make sure the materials supplied are of high quality," said RC Makongoro.

Earlier, Walter Kirita, Manyara Region RUWASA Manager said beginning July 1 last year to January 31 this year, RUWASA headquarters was coordinating the purchase of all pipes from factories.

He added that for Manyara region, the projects for which water pipes are being purchased include those of Mdunga-Utwari, Einoth-Losinyai, Kiperesa, Esungu, Aicho, Titiwi, Naberera-Losokono-Lorbeno, Orkesumet-Lerumo, Komolo-Olembele and various other projects for this year, their purchases are being coordinated by RUWASA headquarters.

Meanwhile, Loserian Molle, the Managing director of Genuine Limited, one of the firms awarded the contracts pledged that they will finalise the contract within the time shown in the contract agreement.

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

More than 3,000 Std VII students to join VETA colleges in Mbeya Region

MORE than 3,000 students who failed their STD VII examinations last year in Mbeya Region are expected to enrol in various Vocational Education Training Authority (VETA) colleges in the region.

Mbeya Regional Commissioner, Juma Homera made the remarks at the weekend as he addressed reporters regarding the region's education sector.

He said the government in

the region has embarked on a procedure that focuses on reducing youth unemployment due to lack of skills.

He said the students will join various VETA colleges, including community development colleges, while others will join adult

education according to their preferences.

Homera said the aim of the government is to produce as many youths with various skills as possible that can be assimilated in the region's various development projects.

He added that the training will be of low cost according to the college preferred by the students.

"He said fees to be paid by parents will not be tuition fees but to meet cost of meals including purchase of some teaching items, and this is the idea conceived by ourselves in the

region," he said.

Homera further said after graduation the youth will form groups to be qualified for the local council loans for vulnerable groups from the 10 per cent of their internal revenues.

He called upon various officials at

district and ward level to collaborate in mobilising parents to send their children to the VETA colleges as well contributing to the costs.

Mbeya Regional Education Officer, Ernest Hinju said the students will be provided with training according to the curriculum for each college allocated and already training guidelines were ready.

He said from the skills gained, the youth will have the ability earning income to help them enhance their economic well being, that of the region and the nation in general.

BANI INVESTMENT LIMITED

SALE OF PROPERTIES BY TENDER

Pursuant to instructions given to us by our Principal, NMB BANK PLC of Ohio/Alli Hassan Mwinyi Street, P.O. Box 9213, Dar es Salaam, WE HEREBY NOTIFY the general public that, we shall sell by tender, the Bank mortgaged properties all in one Lot, the details of which is described herein below.

LOT	OWNER	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTIES	LOCATION
1.	Charles Emmanuel Akyoo	Residential properties containing 3,887 square meters on plot no. 68,69,70 and 71, Block "P" C.T No. 29787 MBYLRL.O No.502175 of right occupancy for 33 years with effect form 01/07/2014	Kinyanambo, Mafinga Urban along Iringa Mbeya Highway
2.	Charles Emmanuel Akyoo	Commercial cum residential properties containing 3,580 sq m on plot no 64,65,66 and 67 Block "P" C.T No. 29788 MBYLRL.O No.502175 of right occupancy for 33 years with effect form 01/07/2014	Kinyanambo, Mafinga Urban along Iringa Mbeya Highway
3.	Charles Emmanuel Akyoo	Commercial cum residential properties containing 1081 sq m on plot no 35, Block "P" C.T No.27615 MBYLRL.O No.501941	Kinyanambo, Mafinga Urban along Iringa Mbeya Highway
4.	Charles Emmanuel Akyoo	Commercial cum residential properties containing 1231 sq m on plot no 34, Block "P" C.T No.27533 MBYLRL.O No.501942	Kinyanambo C, Mafinga Urban along Iringa Mbeya Highway
5.	Charles Emmanuel Akyoo	Commercial cum residential properties containing 1025 sq m on plot no 38, Block "P" C.T No.30637 MBYLRL.O No.502255	Kinyanambo C, Mafinga Urban along Iringa Mbeya Highway
6.	Charles Emmanuel Akyoo	Commercial cum residential properties containing 987 sq m on plot no 39, Block "P" C.T No.30636 MBYLRL.O No.502256	Kinyanambo C, Mafinga Urban along Iringa Mbeya Highway
7.	Charles Emmanuel Akyoo	Commercial cum residential properties containing 2636 sq m on plot no 72 and 73, Block "P" C.T No.30705 MBYLRL.O No.502177	Kinyanambo C, Mafinga Urban along Iringa Mbeya Highway
8.	Charles Emmanuel Akyoo	Commercial cum residential properties containing 1986 sq m on plot no 74 and 75, Block "P" C.T No.30704 MBYLRL.O No.502224	Kinyanambo C, Mafinga Urban along Iringa Mbeya Highway
9.	Charles Emmanuel Akyoo	Commercial cum residential properties containing 2409 sq m on plot no 76 and 77, Block "P" C.T No.30707 MBYLRL.O No.502258	Kinyanambo C, Mafinga Urban along Iringa Mbeya Highway
10.	Charles Emmanuel Akyoo	Commercial cum residential properties containing 3422 sq m on plot no 78,79 and 80, Block "P" C.T No.30665 MBYLRL.O No.502257	Kinyanambo C, Mafinga Urban along Iringa Mbeya Highway

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF TENDER:

- Interested tenderers are advised to get further information of the Properties for Sale from the office of BANI Investment Limited at LIDA Building, Nkrumah Street, third floor room 0313, Dar es Salaam. Contact Telephone Nos: **0713 224 578, 0747 000038** or E-mail: **baniilimited@yahoo.com**
- Interested bidders should make their bid in one lot not as separate lot
- Inspection and search reports of the properties are to be conducted by interested tenderers before submission of the bids for purchase of the properties.
- Deadline for submission of the bid documents shall be on **Tuesday 28th day of February 2023 at 10:00 a.m.**
- Tenders shall be opened at office of BANI Investment Limited at LIDA Building, Nkrumah Street, third floor room 0313, Dar es Salaam on **Tuesday 28th, day of February, 2023 at 10:30 a.m** before all tenderers.
- All interested tenderers are highly invited to attend the tender opening committee.
- Telegraph, faxes, electronically mailed and late submission of bid documents shall not be accepted.
- The bid document should be in the plain envelope with the outer cover clearly marked **"TENDER NO.BANI/NMB/2023/01 FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTIES"** and addressed and delivered to Bani Investment Limited, Lida Building, third floor, room no. 0313, P.O. Box 71340, Dar es salaam.
- The winner of the tender shall deposit 25% of the bid price after being declared and announced as the successful winner of the tender.
- If the successful winner fails to pay the remaining 75% of the bid amount within the specified fourteen days after award from the bank, the initial deposited amount will be forfeited and the properties resold by new tender after fresh notification.

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FOR MORE DETAILS, PLEASE CALL ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CELL PHONE NUMBERS:

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VACANCIES – BOARD MEMBERS



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The Board of Directors has identified a need for individuals with knowledge and experience in banking, financial services, corporate or private business / entrepreneurship, marketing, corporate development, legal, information technology; to serve as Independent Directors on the Board in line with the requirements of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act (Corporate Governance) regulations, 2021.

Board Member Commitment:

- A commitment to regularly attend Board Meetings and related meetings
- Actively participate on the board and subcommittees of the board
- Prepare for board meetings by reading relevant meeting materials in advance
- Accept assignments and complete them thoroughly and on time
- Stay informed about matters concerning the board its subcommittees

Duties and responsibilities:

- Establish policies and objectives that will direct the activities of the bank in all areas of operations and ensure the adherence of them by senior management
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- Selecting, monitoring, and evaluating the performance of Chief Executive Officer of the Bank

Preferred Qualifications:

- Proven Leadership
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- Financial sector experience
- Experience with large and complex organizations

Mode of Application

Qualified and interested persons wishing to be considered for the position must submit an application letter, curriculum vitae and certified copies of relevant academic and professional certificates and awards through execsectt@eximbank.co.tz by 28th February 2023. Hard copy applications will not be accepted.



Andrew Lyimo (2nd-R), Exim Bank Tanzania's head of retail banking, addresses journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday while winding up the bank's promotional campaign dubbed "Chanja Kijanja, Kimasta Zaidi". The initiative was meant to entice the bank's MasterCard holders to use their cards instead of cash when paying for goods and services at merchant's points of sale or ecommerce sites. With him (from-R): the bank's head of alternative banking and customer service, Silas Matoi; the bank's head of marketing and communications, Stanley Kafu; Gaming Board of Tanzania representative Joram Mtafya; and the bank's alternative channel & digital transformation officer, Gregory Malembeka. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

2 children dead after machete attack by uncle

By Guardian Correspondent, Katavi

TWO children of one family, residents of Mnyamasi Village, Ugalla Ward, Mpanda District in Katavi Region have died after they were allegedly attacked by the younger brother of their father while they were sleeping in their house.

Majadika Salawi, the village Chairman said the incident happened on Sunday midnight and named those killed as Geoffrey Joseph (10), Std IV student and Sadiki Joseph (10) STD III student both of Mnyamasi Primary school.

He named the children's uncle who allegedly killed the two children as Mashinde Luguja.

In the incident, four other children also received bruises, two of who are elder brothers of the deceased and the other two are their father's grandchildren.

Salawi said before the suspect had health problems, of which he was referred to Katavi region Referral Hospital where he was found to be suffering from diabetes and blood

pressure (BP).

After treatment he returned to his home in the village and at midnight Sunday he went out of his house with a machete and broke down his elder brother's front door, went inside and started attacking the children, two of whom died on the spot.

The father of the deceased said after his young brother entered the house with a machete and started attacking the children, he screamed and neighbours rushed in only to find the suspect had already killed the two children and injured four others.

The villagers then started attacking Mashinde Luguja with traditional weapons, killing him in the process.

Katavi Regional Police Commander Ali Makame confirmed the incidents and death of the two children.

He said the killing stems from traditional beliefs whereby Mashinde Luguja was accusing his elder brother as the one responsible for his health condition.

DC orders stern legal measures to curb farming near source of water

By Guardian Correspondent, Karatu

DADI Kolimba, Karatu District Commissioner in Arusha Region has instructed the management of the Central Water Basin to take stern legal measures against people engaged in farming activities near water sources as they degrade the environment in doing so.

Kolimba issued the directives here at the weekend during the tree planting event along the

banks of Baray River in Lake Eyasi area.

"For all those wanting to farm near the banks of the Eyasi River and engage in cutting down trees, I instruct environmental and Central Water Basin officials to take stern legal steps against them," said DC kolimba.

He said they have decided to plant 1,000 trees surrounding the basin to protect the water source.

He said they have done so as to

support efforts of President Samia Suluhu Hassan in stressing the issue of environmental conservation with Vice President Dr Philip Mpango stressing for all districts to plant 1.5 million trees per year.

"We have planted the trees to prevent environmental destruction in the Lake Eyasi water basin and the responsibility for the upkeep of the trees has been entrusted to the water consumers' community," DC Kolimba added.

Meanwhile, Director of the Central Basin Water Board, Danford Samson said in order for the water source to become sustainable, they decided to plant trees within 60 metres from the banks.

"We at the Central Water Basin Board have mobilised to plant trees at main and medium water sources, as well as along Lake Eyasi shores to save the essential water resource," he said.

He said they have been providing

education to the water consumers community on the importance of the protection of water resources.

He said that according to the law,

legal steps must be taken against any person who invades a water source area or vandalizes water sources infrastructures.



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TERMS OF REFERENCE

Consultancy to assess CSO and community's capacity in improving socio-economic conditions to the adjacent communities participating in FLR initiatives in Pugu-Kazimzumbwi & Ruvu south forest reserves

Background of the project & assignment
Despite the ecological, social and economic importance of the Water Tower Landscape (WTL), deforestation and forest degradation are among major environmental problems affecting its forests and people. WWF Tanzania, through support from WWF Switzerland, has been working with the Government of Tanzania (GoT) and other partners to support the establishment and management of an enabling policy and political environment in efforts to reduce biodiversity loss and restoration of water flow in selected rivers through policy advocacy and other strategies.

Forest landscape restoration (FLR) has been proposed as a way to counteract deforestation and reconcile the production of ecosystem services and goods with conservation and development goals. Socio-economic conditions are one of the key focus areas for development in Tanzania and WWF Tanzania is therefore commissioning a socio-economic assessment of CSOs and communities participating in FLRs initiatives in the WTL.

Objective of the consultancy
The main objective is to assess CSOs capacity to improve socio-economic conditions of communities adjacent to the FLR initiative areas (Pugu, Kazimzumbwi and Ruvu South Forest Reserves in Kisarawe, Kibaha and Mkuranga districts).

This information will be used to not only to improve effective application of conservation initiatives of the project, but also to advocate for better ways to improve livelihoods while conserving nature.

Specific objectives

1. To undertake household socio-economic survey to identify, assess and evaluate existing livelihood options. The scope includes household population characteristics and socio-economic relationships, household income and expenditure, household benefits from FLR interventions and propose household income generation activities that can either be improved or diversified by project to bridge the gap between determined household income and expenditure.
2. To assess the number of people (gender segregated) benefiting from the FLR interventions (Conduct a community assessment survey (opinion polls to find out the number of people benefitting from forest resources)
3. To assess socio-economic welfare communities adjacent in Pugu-Kazimzumbwi, Vikindu and Ruvu-South Forest Reserves.
4. To determine the role of CSOs in supporting socio-economic welfare of communities adjacent to Pugu-Kazimzumbwi, Vikindu and Ruvu-South Forest reserves.
5. To identify the capacity of the CSOs in improving socio-economic welfare of communities adjacent to Pugu-Kazimzumbwi, Vikindu and Ruvu-South Forest reserves.
6. Identify and assess climate change impacts on existing socio-economic services acquired/obtained by communities adjacent to the forest reserves and propose viable climate smart socioeconomic services to be scaled up as incentives for communities to value forest reserves protection, management and conservation.
7. Use of spatial technology to produce a detailed and high-quality socio-economic/livelihood options maps for the 3 Forest Reserves.

Scope of the assignment
The specific work of this assignment will focus on two CSOs operating in the communities adjacent to the Pugu-Kazimzumbwi, Vikindu and Ruvu South Forest reserves.

Required profile of the consultancy
The consultant(s) may comprise of a highly qualified specialist with extensive experience in conducting assessments - ideally in the subject matter in question as well - as well as experience and understanding of implementation arrangements for CSOs.

Contract duration
This assignment will last for approximately seven weeks.

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Consultancy to conduct Final Evaluation of WWF CH Forest Landscape Restoration Project in Water Towers Landscape

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WWF Tanzania is therefore commissioning a final evaluation of the WWF CH Forest Landscape Restoration Project, implemented in Kibaha, Kisarawe, Ilala and Mkuranga.

Objective of the consultancy
The purpose of this End of Term/Final Evaluation is to assess the performance of the programme and capture its achievements, strengths, challenges, lessons and best practices to inform and strengthen future programming.

Specific objectives

1. To assess the progress made towards the desired results (as per the approved results framework) at the outcome and output levels.
2. To assess the level of accountability with respect to the programme overall work plan delivery and use of programme resources to date
3. To assess the impact of the programme achieved to date
4. To assess whether the project has achieved the desired results at the intermediate results, outcome and output levels
5. To identify the best practices and key lessons learned during implementation and based upon these, draw recommendations for future project interventions.

Scope of the assignment
The Final Evaluation will review the relevance of design, effectiveness, efficiency of planning and implementation, impact, adaptive capacity, development effectiveness and civic space and potential for sustainability and replication. It will also assess the project performance in terms of progress towards the end targets and the factors affecting successful implementation and achievement of results.

Methodology
Best approach for desired results should be provided, this is important and forms part of the evaluation

Required profile of the consultancy
The consultant(s) may comprise of a highly qualified senior evaluation/review specialist with extensive experience in conducting evaluations - ideally in the subject matter in question as well - as well as experience and understanding of implementation arrangements for CSOs.

Contract duration
This assignment will last for one month (30 days). Applications should include a brief, complete, combined technical and financial proposal that is fully signed and includes the consultant profile, specific evidences of experience with similar work, the proposed approach and methods, and the work plan and schedule for the process. The consultant's CV should also be included, 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.

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Visit by Pan-America travel agents is welcome boost to tourism efforts

DESTINATION Tanzania is now seemingly on the take off stage to better global appreciation, a situation that has been on the cards for a while and is now taking root. Tanzania always had the potential, recognized in evaluations of tourism attractions the world over, with a Russian magazine ranking Tanzania as second only to Brazil in tourism attractions the world over. It has taken time to make an impact, and after an American travel documentary obtained high level participation here, the issue was sealed. Now Tanzania is increasingly appreciated, sought after.

Top officials in the tourism industry in the country have plenty on their hands at present, being host to more than 20 travel agents, tour operators and journalists from the northern and southern parts of the American hemisphere, arriving on Sunday for a week-long familiarization trip. The group includes key opinion makers in the travel industry in the zone, and it is the hope of the Tanzania Tourist Board (TTB) and its Zanzibar alter ego, the Zanzibar Commission for Tourism (ZCT) that the trip will bring about changes in how the Americas view Destination Tanzania. As they say, 'seeing is believing' and there is a lot to show the visitors.

The northern zone circuit and its heritage sites auxiliary attractions will almost take the lion's share of their 'sampling' of local attractions, as well as equally coveted 'scenes and sites' in the Zanzibar archipelago. There were other travel news over the weekend showing heightened interest in Destination Tanzania, for instance a French community periodical, Saphirnews, which has a wide readership in French speaking North Africa and the Middle East, referred to 'Trek4Good,' an early February Kilimanjaro mountain climbing effort for solidarity to help with women's

education. The climbing is meant to collect funds for vulnerable women in France and Morocco, some of whom will be included in climbing the mountain.

That means other countries can organise culturally important events for their diverse population groups and needy communities, and set one or other attraction in Tanzania as the venue for that event, as in 'Trek4Good.' All it needs is that the diversity of attractions and what they offer - for instance Kilimanjaro is the highest free standing mountain in the world and the highest peak in Africa, and doesn't pose onerous hardships to climb. Practically any healthy person may try to climb.

The range of areas to be visited by the travel experts from the Americas is another source of expectation that each of them will create a specific impression that is relevant for particular groups of stakeholders. They will also have personalized conversations with their travel sector counterparts as well as conservation authorities, their hosts as they arrived for the tour. Direct meetings widen the scope of potential destinations, as for instance tourism hunting may not have featured intensely at the reception stage but is on the cards. The list could be prolonged.

Even with these developments, there is still some work to do for strategic ambitions of receiving upwards of 2.5m tourists by 2025 to be realized, or at least two visitors now that we have just three years before end of 2025. Official projections even talk of five million visitors by that time, but it uncertain, apart from promotion tours or exhibitions, how much travel sector reform they have in mind to boost travel agency interest or take up. The current team of visitors may help to give a clearer picture of what travel agents wish for and definitely expect.

DNA screening in cancer therapy diagnosis will alleviate suffering

PROGRESS in available medical care both at higher levels and in routine diagnosis is visible time and again, where an initiative by the Government Chemist Laboratory Authority (GCLA) to test for DNA characteristics before advising on cancer therapy for a patient is a moment of change. Health ministry authorities believe that this preliminary test will help to avoid severe side effects or fatalities in the course of treatment. It has been a dark secret experts don't always concede.

These observations were being put across in an open briefing for members of the Social Services and Development standing committee of the National Assembly after Health deputy minister Dr Godwin Mollel visited premises of the laboratory agency. The method will give medical practitioners a wider choice in therapies, and especially in relation of auxiliary medication needed with particular therapies. It promises a significant reduction in the pain and suffering of cancer patients, and singularly experts at the briefing acknowledged substantial suffering and fatalities.

The basic difference is that up to now there is a non-discriminatory method of cancer treatment, whether it is chemotherapy or radiotherapy, shifting to more personalised care suited to the DNA character of a particular patient. The change likely to come up with this innovation makes enthusiastic imagination come close to mind, and hindrances as well. It is entirely possible that many of the therapies are inherently unfriendly to the body especially when the cancer is well advanced, but knowledge of DNA trappings can improve the method, quality of application.

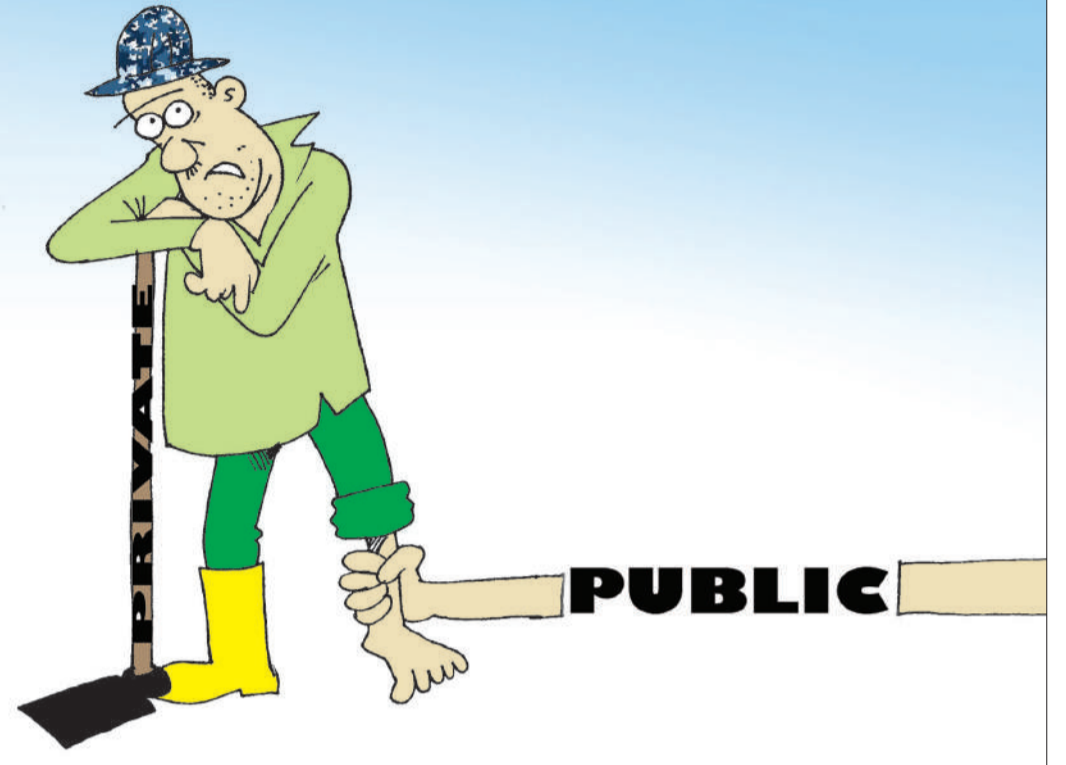
Take for instance the observation

that the tests are designed to show if a patient's body is able to produce sufficient amounts of enzymes to break down certain drugs in chemotherapy procedure, which stops them building up to toxic levels. Without a minimum of research background it isn't easy to say what sort of patient will have the best sort of DNA mix, as there are numerous variations between people for each of the 26 main compounds in the DNA double helix. There are other spheres of medical characterization which can amplify the range of care options, for instance if all patients would have zero blood characteristics as it fights disease.

The critical aspect of this shift is really the scientific part, that until now the body of a person was only being diagnosed for the potential cancer it may be holding, not in the manner it was likely to react to disease. The latter aspect is however not new, as prescription drugs always have an aspect of exceptions, where patients with certain allergies or other complications are hindered from specific drugs completely. Now the method is being sharpened to DNA itself and its potential resistance or facilitating capacity for taking up drugs, not monitoring allergies, etc.

What would be more interesting at the level of community medicine rather than hospital diagnosis per se is to widen DNA tests in relation for instance to lifestyles or age, as these are two factors that are linked with cancer development by negative cell mutation in the body. Were it that members of the community are more aware of the DNA exposure to cancer even with the same lifestyle as those whose DNA components are more protective, it would propel personalised cancer prevention to an extent. That would in effect make it more effective, easier to sell.

Whose property is a farmer?



Open letter to members of the AU-high level panel

By Mehari Taddele Maru

I AM writing this letter to add my voice to those that have already expressed concern about the continued violation of human rights in Tigray. These violations include continued summary executions of civilians, kidnapping of young Tigrayans, looting and destruction of properties, deliberate methodical continuation of the siege in varied forms and the slow implementation of the Permanent Cessation of Hostilities Agreement (CoHA) signed in Pretoria November 02, 2022.

Like others, I greatly appreciate your continued commitment to bringing peace to the territory. Nonetheless, your continued silence in the face of apparent breaches of the agreement, including reported killings, the continued presence of Amhara and Eritrean forces, and what appears to be systematic obstruction of humanitarian access, is likely to cause confusion concerning your precise position. It is hurtful, to read Olusegun Obasanjo recent statement in the financial times that the Eritrean forces have withdrawn to the Eritrean border, while they are still committing extensive atrocities in many towns in Tigray.

It has been almost three months since the government of Ethiopia and the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) signed the CoHA (the 'Pretoria deal') and its addendum declarations of Nairobi, which together form an agreement to end Ethiopia's war on Tigray.

At the same time, 'if the violation is not rectified within 24 hours, the AU, through its high-level panel, will convene the Joint Committee to resolve the problem'.

Under Article 3 of Deal, Eritrea's withdrawal from Ethiopia is a key step toward ending the war on Tigray. Eritrean and Amhara forces have not withdrawn. On the contrary, Eritrean forces have been reported as digging trench fortifications inside Tigray, in particular near Adigrat. Given the high number of atrocities committed by Eritrean forces, delays in this regard have already cost thousands of lives.

It would be naïve to expect the Eritrean regime to withdraw voluntarily, which in turn raises the question of exactly what the parties to the agreement, the mediators, and supporters are planning to do to ensure immediate and permanent withdrawal of these forces under the Deal.

Would it not be reasonable to allow the presence of independent international media to determine whether Amhara and Eritrean forces have withdrawn, and if not, why?

Article 10 of the agreement merely states that 'parties commit to resolving issues of contested areas in accordance with the Constitution

of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia'. What is the mediators' position if and when the Amhara forces don't withdraw to their constitutional boundaries? Recent reports of the withdrawal of Amhara forces have been dismissed as false by many independent sources. Does the Mediation and Monitoring, Verification and Compliance Mechanism, included in the Deal, aim to verify, and report on this process, which should it fail could trigger a relapse into war? Would it not be reasonable to allow the presence of independent international media to determine whether Amhara and Eritrean forces have withdrawn, and if not, why?

Although no fighting has been reported, hostile acts have not ceased. Eritrean and Amhara forces, which remain in control of most areas in Tigray, are killing and abusing civilians and plundering what remains. According to a recent report, well over 3,000 civilians in Tigray have been killed since the Deal was signed. While the focus of the Deal remains on disarmament of the Tigrayan Defense Force, its other provisions apparently are being neglected.

Despite the agreement, civilians are still being killed and abducted. As well as the number of deaths noted above, the brutality of these attacks has resulted in more than 100 kidnappings in particular of residents of Irob and Kunama, minorities that are facing extinction by the atrocity crimes of the Eritrean forces. Looting and the destruction of public and private property by Amhara and Eritrean forces have also been reported. In many parts of Ethiopia, prisoners have been killed; many are still languishing in detention centres, either official or informal in nature.

Since the Deal was signed, humanitarian access has shown some improvement. Since the Deal, humanitarian assistance now reaches some of the target population (WFP required 100 trucks per day, only 153 trucks were admitted as 12 January) and a second round of food distribution that began in 2022, is now being completed; put in simple terms, this means that Tigrayans in need have received only two months' worth of rations (30kg of food ration) over the past 13 months. Over the course of 2021, barely two months of food were distributed to the population. UN and NGO reporting and public statements on this is definitive. Furthermore, no mechanism exists to verify whether or not reported aid to Tigray distributed by the Ethiopian government is actually reaching the needy in that state.

Distribution, it seems, in many places is still being obstructed and remains conditional on the will of the Ethiopian government, not on the needs of the people on the ground. Aid trucks have been delayed, and only limited aid is trickling

through to urban dwellers, mostly to those living off the main roads. Aid and fuel convoys face many, mostly bureaucratic delays (which include a requirement to present an Ethiopian Disaster Risk Management Commission letter), to the extent that only 153 trucks were recently recorded as having arrived over two weeks. The quantity of aid delivered is too limited. For the children that have been screened in Tigray, 33 per cent suffer from Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) which is double international standards for critical and life-threatening conditions. Worse still, the 3.14 per cent found to suffer from Severely Acute Malnourished (SAM), is three times higher than global emergency thresholds.

People living in villages away from main roads (that is, the majority of Tigrayans) are still unreachable by aid programs, because most distribution is limited to the residents of, or those arriving at, settlements abutting on to main roads. Humanitarian agencies, including those of the UN and of NGOs operating in the territory, for the most part is unable to traverse territory held by armed groups; this applies particularly to movement in areas under the control of Amhara and Eritrean forces.

Although domestic flights restarted and a small number of phone connections have been restored, these services are plagued by restrictions of various kinds. Like other basic services, access to fuel is reported as 'unlimited' but this is far from accurate; there is very little fuel in Tigray and there are long queues to purchase what limited supplies there are. Fuel distribution seems to be deliberately restricted by federal and local entities.

Banking services are very limited and inaccessible even to humanitarian agencies, which consequently are forced to transport money by air - and then only the amount permitted by the Ethiopian government. Individuals are allowed a maximum withdrawal of USD 40 per day from their accounts, and then only in a limited number of branches. Hundreds of thousands federal and Tigray state government employees have not been paid their salaries in the last two years. Unable to feed their households, several had committed suicide. Still no salary has been paid.

Free movement is heavily restricted; road transport remains closed and Tigrayans are not allowed to move out of Tigray; no one has taken responsibility for imposing such restrictions on movement out Tigray for those above the age of 18. Furthermore, there are well-authenticated reports of Tigrayans being subjected to de-humanizing, discriminatory treatment at Bole International Airport.

This suffering could be alleviated simply by ending the siege through restoring banking services and lifting

barriers to free movement of persons and to aid organizations, goods, services and capital.

Moreover, Tigray remains off limits to international and independent news media.

Understandably enough, your focus and that of the African Union Monitoring, Verification and Compliance Mechanism (AU-MVCM) is on disarmament. But there is no reported progress in implementing other components of the agreement, such as preventing the murder and kidnapping of civilians, and addressing the status and condition of IDPs. To the public, the AU monitors appear to be interested more in verifying Tigray forces' disarmament than in protecting civilians, even though the disarming of Tigrayan forces does not guarantee sustainable peace.

Even more worrisome is the continued presence of Eritrean and Amhara state and non-state forces, despite the best efforts to report their withdrawal. It should come as no surprise to you that it is their very presence, and actions, alongside continued bureaucratic denial of basic services by the Government that present the greatest risk not only to the civilian population but also to lasting peace.

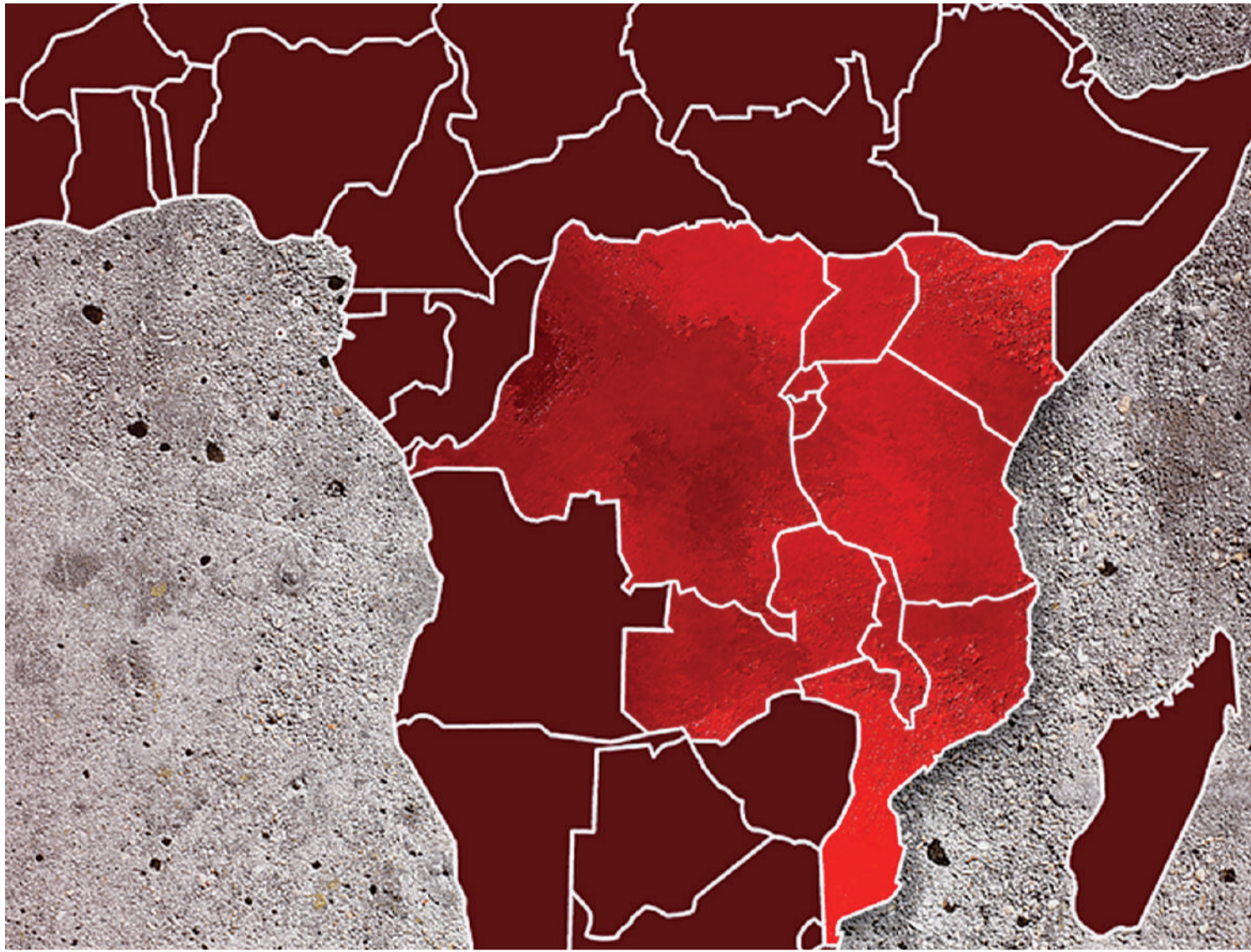
The importance of implementing the Deal can hardly be over-emphasized. As of now, the success of COHA hinges more on vague hopes for a restoration of normality, than actual progress toward a peace dividend. If widely so many touted expectations go unfulfilled the result is frustration; already the hopes placed in the Deal are starting to dissipate, and absent any real progress could soon be replaced by despair. Signs of this reaction are already emerging. What initial gains there have been are fragile and all too easily reversible.

I submit for consideration five steps that could improve the situation.

First, and essentially, you, with the backing of the international community, have the authority to demand that the Ethiopian government and the TPLF comply with the Pretoria deal and ensure the immediate withdrawal of Eritrean and Amhara forces, the protection of civilians, the provision of unimpeded humanitarian access, and an end to the siege on Tigray including the unrestricted banking and transportation services, lifting of travel restriction on the youth and access to independent international media.

Without tangible improvements on these matters, claiming the situation to be at a 'point of no return', as has been mooted, is not only to trivialize the suffering of millions but also to reveal a misunderstanding of the situation on the ground. It is vital that you explore the most appropriate measures to deal directly with these implementation problems.

Resolving political deadlock in Africa's Great Lakes region requires greater cooperation between governments



DRC and Rwanda are on a war footing following the shooting down of a military jet in Goma. (Graphic: Amelia Broodryk/ISS)

By Paul-Simon Handy

ON 23 January, the Rwandan Air Force fired at a Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) military jet in Goma, claiming it had violated Rwandan airspace. This was the tipping point in rising tensions between the two countries, which are now on a war footing.

Ten years after its defeat by the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Force Intervention Brigade, the M23 rebel movement is resurfacing in eastern DRC. This shows the inability of the DRC, its neighbouring countries, the United Nations (UN) Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the African Union (AU) to translate military victory into political success.

The East African Community's Nairobi Process aims to link political

consultations with military action in eastern DRC. However, the latter, particularly the deployment of the regional force in North and South Kivu provinces, remains more advanced than the political process, which isn't helping to demobilise armed groups.

The recent proliferation of peace initiatives in the Great Lakes region hasn't made combining political and military solutions easier. This is partly because the M23's defeat in 2013 was not accompanied by efforts to deal with the conflict's root causes. Instead, the group withdrew from Goma and cantoned its troops in Rwanda and Uganda after being expelled by regional forces and fragmented by internal divisions.

Political dynamics in the DRC and international developments added to the problem. After repeated waves of disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration, the DRC government and international partners grew reluctant to integrate M23 combatants into

the national army. When the armed group was defeated, DRC politics became dominated by other matters, and the international community adopted a reactive approach to Great Lakes problems.

The troubled region is on the agenda of the Peace and Security Council's (PSC) heads of state meeting on the margins of this month's AU summit. This is mostly a reaction to the fact that the M23 now occupies a significant part of North Kivu.

The regional dimension of the M23 issue has been exaggerated at the expense of local and national dynamics, which need more political attention. This imbalance results from evidence presented by the UN Group of Experts on the DRC in their December 2022 report, alleging support by Rwanda and Uganda for the M23 rebels.

Also, if countries are supporting rebels, that suggests regional security instruments aren't creating enough space for dialogue, which would prevent states from using proxy armed groups. Differences in threat perceptions between Kigali and Kinshasa create security dilemmas in the eastern DRC.

The UN Security Council kept surprisingly silent in the face of allegations in the Group of Experts' report. This will likely encourage several regional actors to use direct or indirect violence to settle disputes.

Despite several regional initiatives, the 2013 Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the DRC and the Region remains central to resolving the crisis. But the PSC has repeatedly called for a review of the framework, as requested by the DRC. Is this the best way to build consensus in a highly polarised region? If agreement is reached on a review, three issues must be considered: balancing national and regional commitments, managing bilateral alliances, and the crucial role of guarantors.

Some Congolese decision-makers criticise the fact that the agreement identifies national commitments for the DRC only. Observers say resolving the problem of foreign armed groups operating in eastern DRC also requires political reforms in the countries in-

involved. Such reforms are unlikely under the current regimes in Uganda, Burundi and Rwanda, but the next PSC summit should consider this dimension.

The trust deficit between the DRC and some of its neighbours is at the heart of the current crisis. Some observers note that the trigger for escalating tensions between Rwanda and the DRC was the latter's rapprochement with Uganda and Burundi to fight their respective rebel enemies inside the DRC.

The DRC's attempt to create a regional military command against armed groups in 2021 was stymied by mistrust between Rwanda on the one hand, and Burundi and Uganda on the other. The region's political culture is dominated by short-term alliances that conflict with Tshisekedi's vision of cooperative security.

Finally, security in the Great Lakes, as outlined by the 2013 peace framework, requires individual states' commitment and the strong involvement of guarantors. Some observers suggest the East African Community be a guarantor along with the UN, AU, International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) and SADC. But guarantors should only be added if their role in rigorously ensuring that states implement their commitments is clear.

The competition between SADC, the East African Community and the ICGLR over peace initiatives – and through them Kenya, South Africa and Angola – isn't conducive to productive joint monitoring of member states' commitments. Also, divisions in the UN Security Council and the AU's silence on recurrent violations of the 2013 peace framework raise questions about their willingness to ensure signatory states respect their obligations.

Stability in the Great Lakes depends on a rigorous and shared diagnosis of threats and existing peace efforts. Countries in the region must also renew their agreement on resolving the challenges of insecurity and poverty. The AU should demonstrate more leadership and involvement in one of Africa's most unstable regions. **DM**

Raising pigeons on rooftop remains unique hobby and business in Egypt

CAIRO

WHEN walking around the Egyptian capital of Cairo, it is hard to ignore the scaffold-like wooden structures perching on top of some buildings, as they have altered the skyline of the most populous city in the Arab world.

These are the pigeon lofts, the rickety wood homes for Cairenes' beloved birds. Pigeon breeding has been a long tradition in the Middle East, especially in Egypt. Some ancient Egyptian reliefs depicted flocks of pigeons being released from their cages to fly and then return.

For many Egyptians, now it remains both a passion and a business to raise these birds. Raising pigeons is a way to make living for some Egyptians because the bird has been a delicacy on the local menu for thousands of years.

A popular way for the Egyptians to cook the pigeons is to stuff them with a mix of rice, onion, chicken or pigeon liver, and cinnamon.

Despite the recent price hikes in Egypt, which have also affected the pigeon feed, Egyptian pigeon breeders are unlikely to give up their hobby or business. Ahmed Kamal, an employee at a private company, turns the whole rooftop of his house in the Giza province near Cairo into a big breeding ground for some types of birds, particularly pigeons.

The 48-year-old man said he has been a pigeon breeder for about 35 years. "I started this hobby when I was 12 or 13. I had the passion but not the experience. But in time, I learned a lot through practice and I gradually started a trade," Kamal told Xinhua on his rooftop. "The main passion of a fancier is to see his birds flying and returning to him again," the veteran pigeon breeder said.

Kamal, who could tell the age of a pigeon from the growth of wing feathers, noted that he takes all precautions to keep his birds healthy, including keeping his birds in spacious cages with good ventilation.

Most pigeon breeders buy and

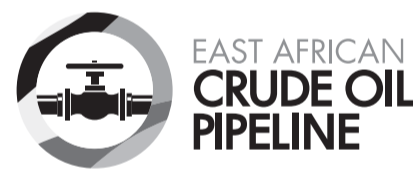
sell their birds on a special street in Cairo's famous weekly Friday Market, where several stalls display various local and imported breeds, including racing, carrier and fancy pigeons. Tens of Egyptian pigeon breeders and traders were busy at the crowded pigeon marketplace going back and forth, some of them holding small cages in their hands.

Even though living in the northern coastal province of Alexandria, Megahed El-Barbari, one of the best-known pigeon traders in the market, travels to Cairo every week despite the geographical distance. "Pigeon fanciers are on the rise. It's an addictive hobby like fishing.

But not all pigeon traders are necessarily fanciers. Some just do it for business," El-Barbari explained, noting he's been a pigeon trader for about 25 years. Another veteran pigeon trader, Hussein Abdullah, said that the rising price of pigeon feed has impacted the local market since last year, forcing some Egyptian pigeon sellers to lower prices to promote sales.



This Photo taken on Jan. 27, 2023 shows pigeons for sale at a market in Cairo, Egypt. (Xinhua/Ahmed Gomaa)



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES IN TANZANIA REFERENCE NO. 0000068

East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Ltd, an Oil and Gas company, invites experienced and reputable companies or organizations to express their interest in the provision of Legal Services in Tanzania to the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project.

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- Criminal
- Labour and Immigration

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Companies or organizations expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:
- Proof of registration with relevant authorities, including Business License and Practicing Certificates for leading team members.
 - Proof of experience of providing similar services to related projects or companies, including recommendation letters from three current clients.
 - Proposed experience and qualified personnel.
 - Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
 - Proof of registration or an approved application for registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest.
 - Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017.
 - Proof of Anti-corruption, Anti-bribery, Compliance and Human Rights policies.

Companies with the ability to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending the documents stated above to procurement.tz@eacop.com, (max. email size 20Mb) on, or before 17:00 hours East African Time (EAT) on 21st February 2023. Email subject should be: 0000068 (EOI-reference number mentioned in the header). Statements of EOI should be between 10-20 pages long. All Expression of Interests should be submitted in English Language.

Note: The EACOP project will review and assess the documents provided by the interested companies to derive a list of prequalified companies. Only prequalified companies will receive, subject to signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), invitation to submit bids in furtherance of the call for tender process.

How China becomes a strong buttress to UN

BEIJING

A strong buttress to the blue flag (of the UN) was how Csaba Korosi, president of the 77th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA), depicted China in late September last year.

The UN official, who took the occasion of the 73rd anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China back then to acknowledge the country's contribution to promoting development and prosperity, gave credit to China's strong support of the United Nations one more time on Thursday.

China is an important partner of the United Nations, Korosi said as he is visiting the country from Wednesday to Saturday at the invitation of Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang.

There are good reasons for Korosi's comments. China, a permanent member of the UN Security Council and the first country to put its signature on the UN Charter, has been firmly supporting the UN-centered international system and the international order underpinned by international law, and helping build a more peaceful and better world with its wisdom and solutions.

Key force for world peace

Founded at the end of World War II, the United Nations bears the expectation of all for permanent peace. Sharing its vision of maintaining peace and stability, China believes that peace is the most precious, and has practiced "harmony without uniformity" since antiquity.

Since the founding of the United Nations, China has actively participated in the political settlement of major regional hotspot issues, including the Korean Peninsula nuclear issue, the Iran nuclear issue, Afghanistan, Myanmar, and the Palestine-Israel issue.

It has been upholding the authority and unity of the UN Security Council, and supporting UN mediation in accordance with its mandate. It has also played an active role in the international arms control and disarmament process, and has acceded to dozens of international arms control treaties and mechanisms, including the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

In response to mounting conflicts and security challenges in today's world, Chinese President Xi Jinping proposed the Global Security Initiative (GSI) at the opening ceremony of the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2022.

The GSI has won wide recognition from the international community, including the United Nations. The initiative advocates that humanity is an indivisible security community. It offers Chinese wisdom to

bridge the peace deficit of mankind, and contributes Chinese solutions to address global security challenges.

Regarding the ongoing Ukraine crisis, China decides its position and policy based on the merits of the matter concerned, upholds objectivity and fairness, and actively promotes peace talks.

"China's idea of being a builder of world peace, contributor to global development, defender of the international order and provider of public goods are consistent with the ideals of the UN Charter," former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has said.

Engine of global growth

"Facing the severe shocks of COVID-19, we need to work together to steer global development toward a new stage of balanced, coordinated and inclusive growth. To this end, I would like to propose a Global Development Initiative (GDI)," Xi put forward this idea for the first time at the general debate of the 76th session of the UNGA in September 2021.

The initiative aims to stay committed to development as a priority, to a people-centered approach, to benefits for all, to innovation-driven development, to harmony between man and nature and to results-oriented actions.

The GDI has yielded preliminary results. To date, more than 100 countries and a number of international organizations, including the United Nations, have committed support to the GDI, and close to 70 countries have joined the Group of Friends of the GDI.

A Global Development Promotion Center was created, with 31 countries and regional organizations joining its network. A Global Development Project Pool was set up, with the first list of 50 projects launched. A total of 1,000 human resources training programs have been conducted, including more than 50 member countries of the Group of Friends of the GDI.

Meanwhile, the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has become a popular international platform to promote the public good and cooperation since it was proposed 10 years ago, covering two thirds of countries and a third of international organizations in the world.

China's development and contributions will benefit many countries as the world's population exceeds 8 billion, said Natalia Kanem, executive director of the UN Population Fund.

Making the world less poor

"China has met the basic living needs of its 1.3 billion-plus people and lifted over 700 million people



Chinese peacekeepers march during a medal parade ceremony in Hanniyah village, southern Lebanon, July 1, 2022. (PHOTO / XINHUA)

out of poverty, which is a significant contribution to the global cause of human rights," said Xi in his keynote speech at the UN Office at Geneva in January 2017.

In December 2020, China announced that it has accomplished its poverty alleviation target of the new era as scheduled. During eight years of sustained work, China has lifted its entire rural poor population under the current standard out of poverty.

Poverty is a chronic problem in human society. China is ready to share its experiences with the rest of the world for the global cause of poverty alleviation.

In recent years, China has supported the development of developing countries through "six 100 projects" -- 100 poverty reduction projects, 100 agricultural cooperation projects, 100 aid for trade projects, 100 ecological conservation and climate change response projects, 100 hospitals and clinics, and 100 schools and vocational training centers.

In Asia, China carried out the East Asia Poverty Reduction Demonstration Cooperation Technical Assistance program in the rural communities of Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar.

In Africa, China has helped African countries build water conservancy infrastructure, set up demonstration zones for agricultural cooperation, and carried out China-Africa cooperation projects involving a Chinese-invented technology using grass to grow mushrooms.

In the South Pacific region, China has carried out technical cooperation assistance projects in infrastructure construction, agriculture and medical care.

In Latin America, China has built agricultural technology demonstration centers to help local people in recipient countries shake off poverty.

Commenting on China's poverty reduction drive, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said those achievements are "the biggest contribution for dramatic reduction of poverty."

Fighting COVID together

"People of different countries have come together. With courage, resolve and compassion which lit the dark hour, we have confronted the disaster head on. The virus will be defeated. Humanity will win this battle," Xi said in a statement at the general debate of the 75th session of the UNGA in September 2020, when the world was ravaged by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since the outbreak of COVID-19, China has been sharing with the world its experience in fighting against the virus in a timely manner, assisting other countries with much-needed supplies, and actively engaging in global anti-pandemic cooperation.

So far, it has provided anti-pandemic supplies to 153 countries and 15 international organizations, and co-hosted more than 300 exchange activities on epidemic prevention and control and medical treatment with over 180 countries and regions and more

than 10 international organizations.

China is also the first country to propose COVID-19 vaccines as a global public good, support vaccine intellectual property rights exemption, and champion cooperation on vaccine production with developing countries, which has injected strong impetus into bridging the global immunization gap. Applying Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) for the treatment of COVID-19 infections, the country has introduced TCM techniques to more than 150 countries and regions, and offered ready-for-use TCM to those in need.

Lauding China's help for developing countries in their fight against the pandemic, Romina Sudack, a member of the Study Group on China and Argentina of the National University of Rosario, said China has been implementing the vision of a community with a shared future for mankind with concrete actions.

Champion of global climate governance

Championing the vision of ecological conservation, China has become a solid contributor to tackling climate change and the betterment of global climate governance.

And the Chinese president has on multiple occasions elaborated on China's propositions on jointly building a clean and beautiful world for all countries.

"Clear waters and green mountains are as good as mountains of gold and silver. We must maintain harmony between man and nature and pursue sustainable development," Xi said at the UN Office at Geneva in 2017.

In the past decade, China made historic contributions to the conclusion and quick implementation of the Paris Agreement, was among the first to adopt and release the country's National Plan on Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and implement the obligations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

China also announced 1+N policies for peaking carbon emissions and achieving carbon neutrality with clear timetables and roadmaps. The country has become a world leading player in renewable energy, and is mounting consistent efforts to tap the potential of a green BRI.

As the largest developing country, China is striving to build a community of life for man and nature with unprecedented ambition and action to help achieve sustainable development worldwide.

UNFCCC Executive Secretary Simon Stiell spoke highly of China's firm and consistent stand on actively tackling climate change, as well as its moves to turn climate commitments into concrete actions.

At a time when the world is facing an energy crisis, China continues to make solid progress in dealing with climate change and plays an important role in advancing the global response to climate change, Stiell said.

Xinhua



A staff member unloads vaccines donated by China at a Philippine Air Force base in Manila, the Philippines. File photo

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Mining company presents two classrooms valued at 42m/- to primary school based in Geita

By Guardian Reporter

IN support of the government's efforts to improve education and raise the next generation that will help the nation achieve its economic and developmental goals, Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML) has built and handed over two classrooms to Kiziba primary school located at Mwenegeza village in Geita District, Geita Region.

The two classes, worth 42m/-, aim to help provide a good learning environment for students whose performance is affected by a difficult learning environment.

Speaking at the handover ceremony at the end of the week in Geita on behalf of the General Director of GGML, Terry Strong, the company's Relations Officer, Dorine Denis said that education is an important pillar of society, so without it, there can be no advancement, "education can change people's lives and is a focus for our community investment projects."

She said Geita Gold Mining Limited believes that the people of Tanzania are the company's greatest asset and has always supported the government's efforts to improve education and nurture the future generation that will help the nation of Tanzania achieve its ambitious economic and development goals.

She added that GGML is committed to the sustainable development of the communi-

ties surrounding the mine and has consistently demonstrated that by actively working with the government to improve social services, including education, health, water and roads, as well as other economic activities for the communities surrounding the mine.

"We intend to create a legacy to build a sustainable local economy that can outlast the mining activities in Geita," Denis Said and add:

"I am therefore especially pleased that the building of these classrooms is as a result of a collaborative effort between the government, the host community, and Geita Gold Mining Limited.

She has promised to continue collaborating with the Tanzanian government and other stakeholders to achieve the mining sector's goal of contributing 10% to Tanzania's GDP by 2025.

Kiziba Primary School head teacher Beatus Mwandu thanked GGML for the construction of the classrooms, especially considering that the school is still facing a shortage of classrooms while others are dilapidated.

Nyakagomba Ward Executive, Christoph Amos also thanked GGML for the support and promised to convey other challenges to the Director of Geita District Council so that he can work on them.



Geita Gold Mining Limited public relations Officer Dorine Denis (right) cuts the ribbon to launch two classrooms built by the company at Kizimbani Primary School at Mwenegeza village, Geita District. She represented her managing director, Terry Strong. Left is Nyakagomba ward executive officer Christoph Amos. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Casting stone leading to presidential campaigns in Nigeria

By Bolaji Adebiji

EXCHANGE of aspersions by leading presidential campaigns suggests deliberate avoidance of issues, writes Bolaji Adebiji

FYet the PDP drew first blood when last year it renovated virtually worn out alleged past misdeeds of Bola Tinubu, the presidential candidate of the APC. Apparently running on a negative campaign, the main opposition party dug up a past case of alleged implication in a US illicit drug ring, leading to the forfeiture of some money by Tinubu. They also renewed references to gaps in his personal records relating to his parentage and academic history.

Expectedly, the Tinubu camp dismissed them as refurbished perennial dirt that is dug up for want of fresh mud to fling at him. Maybe. But the fact of the matter is that there is nothing new in those issues the main

opposition party raised. Shortly after Tinubu became governor in 1999 on the platform of the Alliance for Democracy, the remnants of his foes in the bitter struggle for the party's ticket could not be assuaged.

They were the ones that raked up the gaps in his academic records. Not much was achieved until the stormy petrel of the bar, Gani Fawehinmi, now of blessed memory, joined the fray. So stormy was the dust raised that the state House of Assembly was forced to institute an inquiry, which Tinubu as a sitting governor had to attend upon a summons.

In the end, he was exonerated as Tokunbo Afikuyomi, a senator of the Federal Republic, accepted responsibility for the inconsistencies in his academic records. Fawehinmi took a further step. He approached the courts asking them to compel the police to investigate and

prosecute the alleged falsification of the academic records.

He went all the way to the Supreme Court, which met him halfway, ruling that though a sitting president or governor could be investigated for a crime, he could, however, not be prosecuted because of the immunity clause in Section 308 of the 1999 Constitution as altered.

Blocked by the House of Assembly and the courts, Tinubu's traducers did not relent. As the electioneering for his second term neared in 2003, they introduced another filth: the alleged illicit drug and money laundering case in the US.

It was an extremely strenuous time for him as he laboured to dust off the potent impact of the massive public interest in the allegation, on his return bid electioneering. Not particularly denying the substance of the allegation, Tinubu sweated profusely to explain the circum-

stances surrounding the eventual outcome of the case: forfeiture of some amounts in one of his bank accounts. Admitting that some of his accounts were compromised, he explained that he needed a plea bargain in order to protect the balance of his hard-earned savings from his commodity trading investments.

If his traducers hoped that the heat from the storm generated by their allegation would secure his defeat, they were disappointed as he not only went ahead to win that election, but his victory was also spectacular because he was the only one of the six AD governors that survived the testy poll. That outcome plus the fact that he has not been personally involved in any competitive electioneering would, however, seem to have only put in abeyance his controversial past.

So, Tinubu's political strate-

gists would have been naïve to think that his opponents would not have recourse to those past the moment he opted for the presidential race. Obviously, they were not, hence their rebound last week as they latched on to the expose of Michael Achimugu, an erstwhile aide of Atiku Abubakar, who revealed an intimate conversation in which the PDP presidential candidate admitted to creating a special purpose vehicle that was used to liberate money from the federal government for the use of the party while he was vice-president between 1999 and 2007. At a joint press conference by its spokesmen, addressed by Festus Keyamo, who is the junior labour minister as well as silk, in Abuja, the APC presidential campaign sought to make a political gain from the Achimugu scandalous revelation, contending that it smacked of official corruption, which

must be probed by the anti-corruption agencies, including the Independent Corrupt Practices Commission and the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission.

In fact, Keyamo has approached the court for an order compelling the agencies to invite, investigate and prosecute Atiku for official corruption. Without a doubt, the rebound jolted the PDP camp as its spokesmen laboured to find a response.

First, they denied the relationship between Achimugu and Atiku. When the former doubled down with evidence of his intimacy with his former boss and family, they resorted to name-calling. Next, they held their own joint press conference to counter allege, repeating their earlier allegations, and now calling for Tinubu's prosecution. Really? For What? Ever heard about double jeopardy?

Obviously, the resort to the negative campaign by the two front runners in the presidential race is symptomatic of their lack of capacity or ability to run on the strength of their records. This is strange because all the front runners have public office records of not less than eight years each.

In fact, at least three of them, Atiku, Tinubu, and Rabiu Kwankwaso of the New Nigerian Peoples Party have been part of the nation's political landscape since the ill-fated Third Republic. So, what is the problem? It might be that having been part of the political processes that have brought the nation to its current sorry state, it might be difficult to lay claim to fresh ideas about how to bring the country out of the woods. In 2015 Nigerians were told by the APC that the preceding 16 years of the PDP were a disaster.

Clerics propel campaign for better health services

By Guardian Reporter

RELIGIOUS leaders in the country have been at the forefront in pushing for the campaign on health social security since 2017 so as to ensure that everyone in the country regardless of economic status, has access to quality health services.

In 2018, they conducted a research dubbed "Make it Possible: How tax commitments can move Tanzanians towards universal health coverage (2018)" and one billion dollar question revisited (2017). The reports were aimed at showcasing how much Tanzania is losing in potential tax revenue and provided recommendations to improve tax collections to finance social services delivery including realizing Universal Health Coverage (UHC) for all.

Universal health coverage ensures that all people have access to the full range of quality health services they need, when and where they need them, without financial hardship.

The studies recommended that the health financing should be an investment for human development and not a cost. Therefore, the government should subsidize access to health insurance for the poorest Tanzanians as well as ensure other Tanzanians are enrolled into community health funds.

The interfaith standing committee on economic justice and integrity of creation (ISCEJIC), is the national interfaith platform that represents major faith communities in Tanzania. The platform which is jointly

owned by the National Muslim Council of Tanzania (BAKWATA), Tanzania Episcopal Conference (TEC) and the Christian Council of Tanzania (CCT), is taking a lead role in national advocacy for universal health insurance for all.

Now, the UHC has become among the government agenda as July last year, President Samia Suluhu Hassan proclaimed the tabling of UHC Bill while officiating a national Catholic women forum.

In September last year the bill was officially tabled in the parliament for first reading and then it is also scheduled to be tabled for second and third reading during the ongoing parliamentary meeting.

Edmund Matotay, coordinator of ISCEJIC Secretariat, Tanzania Episcopal Conference (TEC) said: "Religious Leaders are happy that their voices have been heard after more than five years of advocating. So, the faith leaders would like to see that their recommendations on the bill are taken within the revised bill."

Sheikh Khamis Mataka, the executive committee chairman said the study revealed that there are many Tanzanians who are unable to access health care due to extreme poverty.

"We realized that there is a great need for every Tanzanian to be enrolled into a health fund in order to save their lives, because many are sick but they fail to access health care due to poverty", Sheikh Mataka explained.

According to the 2018 study, 6.4 per cent



of Tanzanians (15 mil people) are poor and recommended that the government should subsidize access to health insurance for the poorest Tanzanians, should also expand tax base and allocate special funds on health as well as strengthening public-private partnerships on health.

Sheikh Mataka added: "We commend the government for working on the faith actors' recommendation on the UHC, this will guarantee the access to quality health care services for all people."

Bishop Nelson Kisare of Mennonite Church said: "We are very happy to see that universal health coverage (UHC) has become the top agenda. The government has shown us that it is ready to work collaboratively with religious leaders in various matters for the development and welfare of the nation."

In 2018 NCA supported the Faith Based

Organization (FBO) partners to conduct the research titled 'Make It Possible: How tax commitments can move Tanzania towards universal health coverage'.

"As development partners, we have appreciated the government's policy decision to make the UHC possible, that all Tanzanians should be able to access health services," NCA country director, Berte Marie Ulveseter said.

The Director however underscored the need for increased public awareness on the agenda so as to enable people know the importance of the scheme.

Gloria Mafole, policy analyst of CCT has said religious leaders are also service providers so they understand the magnitude of the problem and how it affects society that's why they were tirelessly pushing for UHC.

"One of the important groups who will greatly benefit from UHC are women, espe-

cially pregnant women who have been victims for a long time. UHC is also provides the guarantee of access to health care at all times regardless of whether you have money or not," she noted

However, over the years faith actors have conducted a social protection campaign on health mobilisation for enrolment into community health fund - strengthened efforts on mobilization for enrolment into community health fund for more people to access basic health service.

Among others, the religious leaders have recommended that the government should create awareness on the understanding of the aspect of health insurance to the people so they can see the relevance of enrolling.

Mobilisation efforts into health insurance should include other actors including religious leaders to increase insurance pool and to enable broader and affordable provision of services.

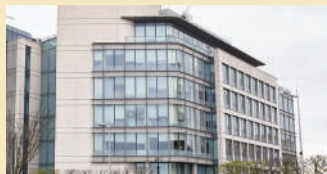
The government should also identify tax ring-fencing mechanisms from various sources such as extractive industries tax resources to finance health insurance for Tanzania, including subsidization for the poorest people who can't afford annual insurance costs.

Faith actors also urged the local community to support the government's initiative by enrolling into health insurance and participate in giving opinions to improve community health.



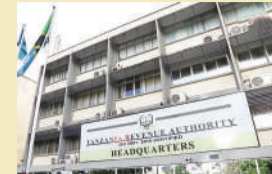
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African startups double down on peer acquisitions

By Guardian Correspondent

ESTABLISHED African startups, looking for new avenues for profitability, are increasingly searching for competitors they can acquire to enter new markets, expand product lines or access innovative technologies.

Consolidation is accelerating in the African tech scene amid a cooling venture capital market, a frantic search for profitability, and a search for new growth opportunities, according to “The State of Tech in Africa Q4 2022 Report” published by TechCabal Insights last week.

According to the report, African startups made 48 acquisition deals on the continent in 2022, up 33 percent compared to the 32 deals made in 2021.

Fintech startups accounted for 25 percent of those deals, against 10 percent for B2B marketplaces and 8 percent for e-commerce startups.

The report indicates that acquisitions between African startups are expected to increase in 2023, with established startups buying up struggling startups whose valuations have fallen, to expand their product range, enter new markets, or get their hands on innovative technology.

This consolidation will be helped by drying venture financing due to macroeconomic uncertainties that weigh on

investors’ ability to plan for the medium and long term, as evidenced by the decline in fundraising by startups on the continent in the second half of last year.

Four countries account for 75 percent of fundraisings

TechCabal Insights also reveals that African startups raised US\$4.84 billion from venture capital funds in 2022 in 875 deals.

In 2021, they raised US\$4.6 billion in 847 deals.

Fintech companies accounted for 37 percent of the funds raised (US\$1.81 billion) while in 2021, they accounted for 53 percent.

Next in line are startups operating in the fields of energy and water (US\$874.1 million), logistics & transportation (US\$620.5 million), e-commerce (US\$455.2 million), agriculture & food (US\$246.8 million), and telecoms, media & entertainment (US\$246 million).

Eight mega funding rounds (over US\$100 million per deal) were recorded in 2022, including the rounds by Nigerian fintech company Flutterwave (US\$250 million), Kenya’s Sun King (US\$260 million), and Algeria’s VTC Yassir (US\$150 million).

Four countries accounted for about 75 percent of the overall VC financing raised on the continent in 2022.

They are namely Nigeria (US\$1.2 billion) Kenya (US\$1.06 billion), Egypt



Kenya, Nigeria, Egypt and South Africa accounted for about 75 percent of the overall VC financing raised on the African continent in 2022. Photo by Agencies

(US\$822 million), and South Africa (US\$555 million).

The report also indicates that the continent’s startups laid off 1,264 employees last year, mainly due to funding scarcity after funding increased eighteenfold between 2015 and 2021.

The African startups that laid off staff in-

cluding Egyptian mobility start-up SWVL (400 layoffs), the Senegalese unicorn Wave (300 layoffs), and the Kenyanagritech Twiga (211 layoffs).

“In spite of global pressures, 2022 was another outstanding year for the African tech space. Who knows what the future holds, and wheth-

er the sector will now enter a more fallow period, but for now the space can reflect on a very good 12 months work,” said Disrupt Africa co-founder Gabriella Mulligan.

Disrupt Africa is the one-stop-shop for all news, information and commentary pertaining to the continent’s tech startup - and investment - ecosystem.

In 2022, despite a global economic crisis and a dramatic slowdown in the venture capital landscape, African startups attracted \$6.5 billion in funding, their highest ever recorded, according to the 2022 Partech African tech VC report.

Beyond this staggering \$6.5 billion figure, a closer look at the different components that make up this figure reveals insights on Africa’s fundraising parade, the performance of different markets and sectors.

However, investment in the fintech sector dropped by whopping 40 percent from \$3.2 billion in 2021 to \$1.9 billion in 2022.

“As you go one layer down into each of these data, you find fascinating insights about the ecosystem. People can miss a lot by just focusing on the headlines,” Tidjane Dème, a general partner at Partech.

“We expect 2023 to be better in terms of the number of transactions. I don’t know what it will look like in terms of the amount of funding; this is impacted mostly by downturns. We say, among investors, that this is a very good environment to deploy capital because the companies are cheaper,” he added.

China banks start offering cheaper consumer loans

BEIJING

CHINESE banks are touting a wide variety of retail lending products as authorities need a pickup in consumer spending to create a more solid foundation for the world’s second largest economy.

Lenders including Bank of China Ltd. and China Construction Bank Corp. are offering preferential interest rates and incentives such as gift cards on e-commerce platforms to lure customers to their retail loan offerings.

While banks typically front-load their credit issuance early in the year, the latest lending push comes as Beijing exited its stringent Covid Zero policy that’s bruised businesses and dragged economic growth down the second slowest pace since 1970s. Chinese President Xi Jinping last week called for expanding consumer demand order to realize a virtuous economic cycle.

The lending promotions also coincided with the Lunar New Year, seeking to capture consumer demand during the nation’s most important annual holiday.

The Jiangsu branch of BOC is offering annualized rates as low as 3.6 percent on a consumer loan product until the

end of March, according to an ad. China Guangfa Bank Co. is granting rates as low as 3.65 percent on retail loans, down from 4.35 percent earlier, according to its website and local media. China’s one-year loan prime rate, a benchmark for lending rates, was 3.65 percent in January.

China Merchants Bank Co., known as the nation’s king of retail banking, gave out 34 percent rate discount vouchers on a consumer loan in a campaign that ended Jan. 31, according to information on its mobile app. New users in February will be given a 30 percent rate discount instead and eligible for rewards such as Dyson hairdryers.

Policy makers have signaled they’ll prioritize economic growth this year with a key focus on boosting consumption and investment, signaling more fiscal and monetary stimulus could be on the way. China’s bank lending in January is expected to exceed 4 trillion yuan (\$593 billion), a monthly record, the Securities Daily reported Wednesday citing analyst estimates.

The consumer banking business will mainly help drive growth at Chinese banks in 2023 because it had fallen so much the year before in comparison, ac-



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According to Winnie Wu, chief China equity strategist at Bank of America Corp.

While consumer retail loans made up about half of all new loans every year before the pandemic, they only comprised about a fifth of new loans last year, she said.

Still, policy makers are likely to keep a close eye on borrowing. Beijing has over the past years sought to reduce leverage in the economy, primarily through crack-

down on shadow banking that has rocked the nation’s real estate market.

“So this year and next year, if the economy were to recover and the property market were to somewhat recover, mortgage loan growth has to come back,” she said. Increased mobility will also boost credit card spending, she added, but cautioned that from “the top-down government policy guidance perspective, they don’t want

household sector to over-lever up.”

Wu said the household loan mix at banks probably will not go “back to the good old days of 50 percent, or more than 50 percent, of new loans.”

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has revised China’s growth outlook sharply higher, to 5.2 percent from a 4.4 percent forecast in October.

Zero-COVID policies in 2022 slashed China’s growth rate to 3.0 percent, putting it below the global average for the first time in more than 40 years.

China’s economic activity swung back to growth in January, after a wave of COVID-19 infections passed through the country faster than expected following Beijing’s abandoning of pandemic controls.

The official PMI rose to 50.1 in January from 47.0 in December, as domestic orders and consumption drove manufacturing output higher.

Real estate developer builds skills for young women engineers, architects

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA’S real estate developer CPS has unveiled inspiring program that offers practical learning, skills and career development opportunities to female engineering graduates.

The program targets to support female graduate interns, as well as closing the gender gap in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

“The purpose of this program is to provide a platform to nurture and empower female graduates to achieve higher female representation in the engineering industry,” said Katrin Dietzold, Chief Operations Officer - CPS.

When welcoming the first batch of four graduate interns from the University of Dar

es Salaam (UDSM) and Ardhi University, Katrin noted that Fumba Town offers unique, practical learning opportunities for female engineering and architecture graduates.

The four graduate interns are architecture student Emelda Mkarios Mashell (25) and engineering graduates Doreen Damian Saru, Sultana Mohammed Nassor and Debora Erick Baruta, all aged 24 years.

“There is a lot of development and construction work in Fumba Town. Our interns will therefore get ample opportunity to receive high-level and practical skills in their chosen career fields,” she noted.

“We have sold over 1,000 residential homes, which means we look forward to receiving more residents as



Katrin Dietzold, Chief Operations Officer - CPS

more units get handed over to their owners, and our town grows. We already have over

350 individuals and family residents living permanently in Fumba Town and enjoying

all the special services.”

The Coordinator and initiator of the Female STEM sup-

port program, CPS Surveyor - Mary Kimonge, said that CPS believes in empowering and sustainably developing communities by providing a platform for skills and career development for youth.

“The Fumba Town project has also been a big boon to the country’s economic development, pumping over \$60 million into the economy and offering building and service contracts to local companies, which in turn offer jobs to hundreds of local residents living around the project,” she added.

Fumba Town is East Africa’s first eco-city that offers ultra-modern residential and holiday homes for any budget and style. The seaside development is master-planned across 150 acres.

It offers state-of-the-art

residential and commercial spaces in a sustainable environment with permaculture landscaping, 94 percent waste recycling, incredible service packages and 24/7 security.

With the Burj Zanzibar - an architectural landmark and the world’s tallest timber apartment structure - , Fumba town offers distinct, beautiful living options with sophisticated layouts that are trendy, practical, functional and elegant.

Fumba Town gives discerning homeowners from all over the world the space to live, work and evolves in a safe, sustainable, multinational, multi-cultural and multi-generational environment.

The iconic town already hosts buyers from over 50 countries, highlighting its extensive global appeal.

Digital marketing; the swift strategy

BY ALLEY MTATYA

LET us run back to late 2022 for a minute, I like to monitor digital media trends when they happen. Last year around October 2022 a popular American musician by the name of Taylor Swift released her eagerly awaited album named, 'Midnights', well, at exactly 12 midnight. Some might not know her but in short she's an American born singer and song writer who rose from singing country music to singing pop music. Last year August 2022, the singer took to Instagram to describe her soon to be released 10th studio album, Midnights, as "the stories of 13 sleepless nights scattered throughout her life." Indeed, it was the beginning of a veer, a truly brilliant marketing move.

The album went on to be Spotify's most streamed album in a single day as well as breaking the record for the most streamed artist in a single day in Spotify's history. It didn't end there, after the release of Midnights in October 2022 at exactly midnight, Swift broke yet another record becoming the first-ever artist to occupy all 10 top spots on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. Swift's fan base is diverse and vast as the majority of her fans are younger and can be found mostly on Tik-Tok.

The Swift Social and Mainstream Strategy

Swift posted a campy series of videos on Tik-Tok titled 'Midnights mayhem with me,' during which she used a bingo cage to randomly select one song off the 13-track album and announce its title, mind you this launch



is all happening on social media for all 13 tracks. The last video she released titled 'Snow on the beach', generated 86 million views with 24 hours after being posted. Swift was also working with Spotify to release her lyrics snippets on billboards around the world. On October 17, 2022 the first billboards were released att...you guessed it, 'Midnight', in New York and London.

Just after that prolific album release she took to business with an American bank; Capital One, as you can imagine at that moment fans were geared and hyped up to hear her new album live. Well after the album launch, 2023 would see her plan for her album tour, 'the Eras Tour'. Taylor Swift took her business to the next level that was quite unique and not like any other, her partnership with Capital One Bank, specifically their Credit Card service for her tour ticket sales. Swift is and has been a Capital One brand ambassador since 2019 and she has been spotted in several Capital One product campaigns. The business duo jointly offered fans exclusive Taylor Swift merchandise, including blankets, T-shirts, album-themed bundles and even her signed CDs.

This partnership was kind of a build up to the pre-album launch, because few months to the launch Capital One had unveiled their campaign 'Multiple Taylors', starring Taylor Swift which was made in partnership with a Texas based advertising agency called GSD&M which premiered at the World Series Game 3 a few months into Swift's album launch. According to the bank, Capital One Venture X cardholders could earn both unlimited double miles on all purchases and "exclusive access to unforgettable experiences", including the tour presale premium, of which the pre-sale window was postponed due to an unprecedented demand.

The Power of Social Communities

If you look at the power of Swift's community that she has built and how some of the brands were able to leverage or were able to engage on her album launch that brought in more than 1.2 million in sales in just 2 days. When you are a brand or a business organization or producing social content, you're not just competing with others in your space, you're not competing with other brands but you're competing with content that people are consuming in social forms. Whether the

content is from their family, from friends or from creators that they follow, it has to measure up.

Referring back to Taylor Swift, not only did the album drop but it was already generating a lot of conversations on social media, to the extent that it made millions of people to run to Spotify and stream her new songs.

That became part of the "zeitgeist", there was part of the conversation, so for example if you were a marketer that wanted to capture any social media attention at that period of time, basically if you were not talking about the Taylor Swift's album you would have been struggling because people's attention was there.

The brands, the influencers or the entities that do social media best are the ones who are part of the conversation. They may be leading it or they may be contributing to it but that does not necessarily matter as you just need to be a part of that conversation.

Taylor Swift is also known for her appeal to the Instagram generation. Before, during and after her new album launch, Swift moved between Instagram, YouTube, Tumblr and Twitter to interact with fans - sending them into a frenzy. She really took the majority of socialites on that day on an immersive journey that caused a buzz. Personally, I loved most of the creative's that were used throughout the teaser campaign they ignited the hype.

Takeaways from Taylor's Technique

4 techniques for Swift's impactful social media campaign: First, she played the long game, with strong and simple creative theme that let fans know the artist is switching things up. Secondly, fan first formula - direct interaction, providing content for them to personalize - drove a greater spread of anticipation with her audience.

Thirdly, countdowns and detail-oriented teasers for what's next to feed her fan's endless appetite for more. Even paintings on the walls of scenes in her music video hinted at collaborations in songs to come.

Finally, personalization drove the feeling of closeness with fans. Celebrities live a private life, away from the public eye. This means, fans love when they get insights into their lives.

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Diageo kicks off Sh22.7bn EABL stake rise



NAIROBI

British multinational Diageo has kicked off the first phase of its plan to buy an additional 118.4 million shares in East African Breweries Plc (EABL), with priority for allocation given to investors who were on the firm's books by January 16.

The offer, which will see EABL shareholders bid to sell their shares to the multinational at the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) at a price of Sh192 per unit, is running in two phases between February 6 and February 24, and between February 24 and March 17, 2023.

Diageo said in a tender offer document published Monday that it has designated 47.5 million shares for a guaranteed allocation of up to 10,000 shares for all offers it receives, with preference given to early bidders who were on the firm's books by the record date of January 16.

In the second phase, an additional 55 million shares will be used to satisfy bidders who missed out on their full allocation in the first phase, with

the balance being taken up without restriction to cover the remaining bids.

The move by the company to prioritise early bidders is meant to encourage uptake of the offer, and also reward existing shareholders who now stand the chance to make a significant capital gain on their stock.

"The early acceptance shareholders will enjoy the benefit of having their shares included in the larger pool allocated for the first closing, and should the tender offer be oversubscribed, be likely to be able to sell a greater proportion of their shares than those shareholders who only apply later before the second closing," said Diageo in the tender document.

The offer price will see Diageo spend Sh22.7 billion to acquire the additional stake of 14.97 percent in its subsidiary EABL, presuming it nets all the shares it is targeting in the tender.

The Sh192 offer price represents a premium of 39 percent on EABL's share price of Sh138 on the last day of trading before Diageo disclosed its offer on October 14, 2022.

In the subsequent three-and-a-half months, the share has appreciated in price to trade at Sh177 on Monday morning.

The willingness by Diageo to offer a steep premium on the EABL shares indicates that the firm sees undervaluation on the stock, but also an intention to take advantage of the prevailing lower prices at the NSE to strengthen its hold on the brewer.

Diageo indirectly holds a 50.03 percent stake in EABL—representing 395.6 million shares—through its wholly-owned subsidiary Diageo Kenya.

EABL has been one of the few companies at the NSE offering a stable dividend policy due to the maturity of its business in terms of capital investments.

It reported flat growth in net income at Sh8.7 billion in the half year ended December as higher costs and increased taxation offset sales growth.

The company thus kept its interim dividend unchanged, declaring a payout of Sh3.75 per share payable to shareholders on record as of February 16.

Something should be done to regulate crypto in 2023

By Philip Middleton

IN view of their commitment to stakeholder capitalism and globalisation, it was unsurprising that delegates at the World Economic Forum gathered in Davos were not enamoured of the threat to international harmony allegedly posed by the anarchic crypto ecosystem.

It is also hardly shocking that the preferred solution was a universal, comprehensive, standardised regulatory system based on the existing financial regulatory architecture, applying to all market participants, governments and customers.

The underlying regulatory principle ought to be 'same activity, same risk, same regulation', echoing the Financial Stability Board's calls for regulatory equivalence between conventional and crypto financial instruments.

This also has the no doubt unintended consequence of cementing the existing advantages of industry incumbents. It all has interesting echoes of Britain's attempts as the owner of the world's largest navy in the mid-1800s to prevent the development and introduction of the submarine.

Clearly this would require some new regulatory agencies, more supervisors and a raft of new laws and regulations. At best, it would be a global, technocratic system that trumps the inconvenient rough edges of national borders and political preferences - something not dissimilar to the European Union's Markets in Crypto-Assets regulation due in spring, which aims to set the global standard for crypto regulation.

The Bank for International Settlements' Committee on Banking Supervision goes a step further in making crypto activity unattractive for existing regulated financial institutions. It suggests that in extreme cases the reserve asset requirements for holding cryptoassets should amount to an eye-watering 1,250%. The EU may also seek to introduce this.

At Davos, much was made of the risks posed to good order by the scale of money laundering, scams and assorted financial crime perpetrated through cryptocurrencies. Also on the charge sheet were losses incurred by investors, the risks posed to gullible retail customers, potential threats to the stability of the global financial system and a general inability to trace and bring malefactors to justice.

Estimates of the amount of money laundered globally through the use of crypto in 2022 amounted to between \$8bn and \$20bn. In January 2023, four offenders were sentenced in the UK for fraudulently obtaining and laundering around \$27m in crypto obtained from an Australian cryptocurrency exchange.

This seems egregious but is a rounding error compared with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime's estimate that \$1.7tn, or up to 5% of global gross domestic product, was laundered in 2022. The overwhelming bulk of this, despite far reaching international regulatory accords on anti-money laundering and countering terrorist financing regulation and enforcement, will have been perpetrated through the conventional financial system.

The 'crypto winter' of 2022, during which crypto markets slumped from an estimated value of \$3.1tn to \$1tn and several leading industry players such as FTX, Terra Luna and Genesis lost their shirts, has provided ammunition for both camps in the regulatory debate. For those demanding regulation, it is evidence that crypto poses a significant threat not only to investors' wealth, but also to the health of the financial system itself.

But then in 2022 most investment was unhelpful to wealth: according to Bloomberg, \$18tn was wiped off the value of global stocks. Previously stellar companies such as Meta and Tesla saw their stock prices reduced by almost two-thirds, the MSCI World Stock Index was down 20% and bond markets saw their worst returns for a century.

All of this seems to demonstrate that crypto, far from being an alternative investment as many of its proponents like to claim, is closely correlated to the conventional financial system.

Furthermore, despite the huge destruction of value, the industry limps on within its own walls and the collapse transmitted no dangerous shockwaves into the global financial system. Losses both corporate and retail have been painful for some but manageable for the system as a whole.

This may be because the sector was not big enough and insufficiently integrated into the global system to present much transmission danger. It may be that its links to conventional finance were sufficiently well-policed by both public and private actors for much harm to be done.

Or it may be that, since the 2008 financial crisis, the belts and braces of the world's financial system have been considerably tightened and the whole system is now far more resilient to shocks.

The most notorious victim of the crypto winter has been the crypto exchange FTX, once valued at \$32bn, which filed for bankruptcy in November 2022. Its founder, Sam Bankman-Fried, has been charged by several US agencies with orchestrating massive financial fraud, misusing customers' funds and defrauding equity investors.

The former billionaire has pleaded not guilty. Interestingly, these alleged crimes are being prosecuted by existing public agencies, in existing courts, under existing laws.

While the possible inattention of some of FTX's regulators might come under the spotlight, from a broader regulatory perspective, and irrespective of the outcome of the case, there is little in the FTX story to date that suggests a massive new regulatory infrastructure is needed to police the world of cryptocurrency and assets.

Some commentators have gone further and suggested that, since crypto instruments are neither currencies, commodities, securities nor units of account, they should be left to their own devices with a large 'caveat emptor/no widows and orphans' sticker prominently placed on them. It has even been suggested that, since regulating crypto instruments would in effect 'legitimise' them, efforts in that direction might do more harm than good.

Nevertheless, there are some undeniable gaps in the coverage of existing laws, regulations and institutions. One, recently addressed by the UK Law Commission (and covered in an OMFIF panel session), is the amorphous definition of property rights particularly with regard to digital assets and non-fungible tokens. In the US, the spot market in cryptos that have not been officially determined to be securities is unpoliced. The Financial Stability Oversight Council has strongly recommended that Congress legislate to close this loophole. Though bills have been proposed in Congress, we still await developments.

These gaps might be closed by the establishment of a self-regulatory agency for crypto markets. However, there is debate over whether this would have as much authority as a traditional regulatory agency, and it would involve making crypto firms responsible for regulating themselves.

From a whole spectrum of perspectives, 2023 looks set to be a defining year for cryptocurrencies, cryptoassets and central bank digital currencies. The regulatory debate surrounding this will be far-reaching and vibrant with passionate advocates for each of the main options.

These include: strangling crypto through regulation; creating a discrete regulatory regime for crypto; bringing crypto within the existing financial system; and identifying and plugging existing gaps in laws but otherwise relying on caveat emptor. Needless to say, OMFIF and its members look forward to being at the centre of that debate.

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How TRA has excelled through friendly tax collection measures

By Habib Miradji

ONE of the most vivid records set by the Sixth Phase Government of President Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan is voluntary tax compliance. This is in contrast with earlier systems whereby the modus operandi of government procedure was employing too much force in tax collection. In response to the president's call, a completely new environment has been created turning Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) into a taxpayer friend.

Without having to exert a lot of muscle, TRA has managed to break a tax revenue collection record without oppression. Thanks to President Samia's enlightened vision that has prompted her TRA commissioned team to act as catalysts of change in effectively enhancing this new government approach.

We should not harbor any reservation in congratulating the TRA and its range of scheduled departments for a job well done. In so doing, this would encourage them to put in more efforts and offer keener services. We have to appreciate the fact that this institution enables the nation to be self-reliant. There is nobody who does not understand that a country's political, economic and social welfare needs the payment and collection of tax.

Demands for higher development, in other words, translate into asking the government to consider ways of raising more tax revenues. When political parties sell their election manifestos, they know for sure that, in the event of a victory, they would levy taxes on the people for the implementation of their promised development programmes. There is no government under the sun that promises to bring about development without taxing its citizens.

Leaders who preceded President Dr. Samia insisted on tax payment in their own style, though most of them were im-

pacted by colonial practices. This is why those who paid tax were mainly civil servants and parastatal sector workers through the PAYE system. Through taxation at source, these workers - their minimal salaries notwithstanding - were responsible for 42% of the total government revenue.

Through visionary and economic changes, the TRA of President Dr. Samia has gone an extra mile to collect government revenue from all eligible taxpayers in the state, parastatal and private sectors without resorting to intimidation. Within one year, TRA has managed to make big payers change their negative attitude towards tax. These have, in effect, abandoned their traditional tax evasion and abuse of exemption practices. The Authority has even gone to the extent of instituting a programme whereby big taxpayers are, instead, pitched against one another on regional basis for better results.

TRA has made an innovation whereby officers, rather than mount a tax collection operation, visit taxpayers and educate them on this noble role of citizens. This is a pan-territorial program going on nationwide while embodying the use of the media, plugging smuggling and tax evasion chances and other revenue leakage loopholes.

TRA and the government of Dr. Samia are leading the country in the direction of a stage where everybody would be taking non-payment of due government revenue as dishonesty. Of course in some quarters this development is seen as walking in the wrong direction. A friendly and responsible environment between the TRA and the taxpayer is not something they would like to see happening. No wonder they engage in mud-slinging activities via the social media, in particular, against TRA and some of its ethical employees. Such efforts are nothing but ill-wishes against Dr. Samia's rule and, therefore, anti-nation.

Since its inception in 1996, TRA has been through very rough seas and extreme challenging circumstances. There have been some big taxpayers who abused tax exemption provisions so viciously as to give rise to far-reaching scandals, negatively impacting government revenue collection levels and TRA executives alike. The Government of Dr. Samia has distinguished itself by coming out in the open to declare that everyone who has the ability of paying tax must do so.

Needless to say, the government has a great re-

sponsibility of assisting TRA to deliver the goods. One of the areas to be addressed is the TRA's working environment in the absence of Workers Councils. Dr. Samia's government should ameliorate the system so that in the event of a TRA worker being wrongly sacking, that person has a place to go and be heard. This would also go a long way to enhance transparency in tax collection and correct public opinion whereby the people view TRA as a government weapon.

Tanzania has a big informal sector that is capable of beefing up government coffers. It is gratifying to note that TRA of Dr. Samia has already identified this big possibility of widening the tax base. Here Tanzania has a leaf to pick from the government of South Africa which has put in place a system that is friendly even to trolley and wheelbarrow itinerant street traders. Why should Tanzania fail? The beginning is difficult, particularly when considering that some big tax evaders use the itinerant street hawkers, commonly known as the Machinga.

Tanzania of every capable person paying tax is possible. It is through such ways that the government will buffer its coffers. Dr. Samia's TRA is a public institution we all can now be proud of in the quest for reducing the nation's dependency on donor funding for development. The new vision is one of ensuring businesses survive by supporting the business people. There have been big hotels and other businesses that have had to close shop for failing to meet their assessed tax liabilities. It makes better sense to let them go back to business while settling their liabilities in small, manageable and comfortable installments.

As I have raised a point earlier, there is no country that progresses without its citizens paying tax. We don't have maternal uncles to assist us in solving budget deficits. It's the right time for every Tanzanian, the indigenous in particular, irrespective of political leanings, to join hands with the TRA. This has been the reason behind Dr. Samia's government success within two years at the reins of power. Tanzanians have the ability to run national institutions with capacity to man national and international affairs so long as trained youths with innovative ideas are taken on board. Tax collection is an age-old profession.

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Oil prices edge higher on China's demand outlook

MELBOURNE

OIL prices slightly inched up on Monday after falling 8 percent last week to more than three-week lows as concerns that slower growth in major economies may limit fuel consumption outweighed signs of a demand recovery in China, the world's top oil importer.

Brent crude futures rose 19 cents, or 0.2 percent, to \$80.13 a barrel at 0502 GMT, while US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures climbed 9 cents, or 0.1 percent higher, to \$73.48 a barrel.

Last Friday, WTI and Brent slid 3 percent after strong US jobs data raised concerns that the Federal Reserve would keep raising interest rates, which in turn boosted the dollar. The stronger greenback typically reduces demand for dollar-denominated oil from buyers paying with other currencies.

While recession fears dominated the market last week, on Sunday International Energy Agency (IEA) Executive Director Fatih Birol highlighted that China's recovery remains a key driver for oil prices.

The IEA expects half of global oil demand growth this year will come from China, where Birol said jet fuel demand was surging.

He said depending on how strong that recovery is, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and allies, together called OPEC+, may have to reassess their decision to cut output by 2 million barrels per day through 2023.

"If demand goes up very strongly, if the Chinese economy rebounds, then there will be a need, in my view, for the OPEC+ countries to look at

their (output) policies," Birol told Reuters on the sidelines of a conference in India.

Higher interest rates, however, are keeping a lid on further price gains, as they are likely to curtail economic growth and increases in fuel demand, say analysts.

"We are not seeing any big evidence of a China domestic demand rebound yet, though mobility numbers are encouraging. Hence, concerns about central banks' rate hike cycles and higher for longer interest rates remains the key drag on oil prices after falling more than 7% last week," said Suvro Sakar, lead energy analyst at DBS Bank.

"It's not immediately intuitive that good jobs data would cause a crash in oil prices, but such are the vagaries of the market currently."

Price caps on Russian products also took effect on Sunday, with the Group of Seven (G7), the European Union and Australia agreeing on caps of \$100 per barrel on diesel and other products that trade at a premium to crude, and \$45 per barrel for products that trade at a discount, such as fuel oil.

"For the moment, the market expects non-EU countries will increase imports of refined Russian crude, thus creating little disruption to overall supplies," ANZ analysts said in a client note.

"Nevertheless, OPEC's continued constraint on supply should keep the market tight," they said.

Saudi Arabia's energy minister also warned over the weekend that sanctions and underinvestment in the energy sector could result in a shortage of energy supplies.



Nairobi bourse eyes REIT listing as uptake increases

NAIROBI

THE Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) expects to list a new real estate investment trust this year, highlighting the growing interest in funds as an alternative investment in the Kenyan market.

Sources say the REIT will come after the listing of the Laptrust Imara I-Reit by pension scheme Laptrust, which will hold seven properties.

Laptrust I-Reit is a close-ended fund that will list 346,231,413 units at Sh20 each placing its valuation at Sh6.9 billion and has set a minimum investment of Sh5 million for those who want to buy.

A closed-end fund's shares are traded on the exchange but no new units will be created and no fresh money will flow into the investment vehicle.

REITs are used as alternative investment avenues among gold exchange-traded funds (ETF) and derivatives, outside equities and fixed-income securities.

They allow investors with less capital to invest in large-scale commercial, residential and industrial properties without holding large sums of money.

In Kenya, they are traded at the exchange platform where Ilam Fahari-I REIT is listed and the unquoted securities platform (USP), an over-the-counter market, where Acorn Holdings' two property fund - income and development REITs are traded.

The new listings are expected to build the supply side at NSE and raise market activity and liquidity.

Registered REITs are exempted from paying income tax, in order to increase issuance at the capital markets.

The law also requires them to distribute at least 80 percent of profits to unit holders to attract investors although the incentives have failed to drive the activity of the asset at the exchange which still remains low.

Ilam I-REIT gained 4.15 percent last year to close at Sh6.52, having traded 4.75 million shares with a market cap of Sh1.179 billion. Last month, the share declined by 7.4 percent to Sh6.04, trading 74,500 shares and market capitalisation dropping to Sh1.093 billion.

NSE chief executive Geoffrey Odundo has still expressed optimism on the alternative, pointing to the possibilities of new listings and expected good performance.



Jesca Tugara (R) Diamond Trust Bank's deputy head of communication and marketing department with other participants on a charity walk organised by Jubilee Health Insurance over the weekend in Dar es Salaam to raise funds for a corporate social responsibility initiative. Photo: Correspondent Mary Kadoke

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WORLD

Pope Francis: Laws criminalising LGBT are sin and injustice

ABOARD THE PAPAL PLANE

POPE Francis said on Sunday that laws criminalizing LGBT people are a sin and an injustice because God loves and accompanies people with same-sex attraction.

Francis, who made his remarks in response to a reporter's question aboard the plane returning from a two-country trip to Africa, received full backing of his comments from two other Christian leaders on the plane with him.

"The criminalization of homosexuality is a problem that cannot be ignored," said Francis, who then cited unnamed statistics according to which 50 countries criminalize LGBT people "in one way or another" and about 10 others have laws including the death penalty

for them.

Sixty-six UN member states continue to criminalize consensual same-sex sexual relations, according to data from ILGA World - the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association. In several countries where same-sex relations are illegal, punishments can include a possible death penalty.

"This is not right. Persons with homosexual tendencies are children of God. God loves them. God accompanies them ... condemning a person like this is a sin. Criminalizing people with homosexual tendencies is an injustice," Francis said.

He noted that the Catholic Church's catechism, or book of teachings, says same-sex attraction is not a sin but homosexual acts are. It also says that LGBT



Pope Francis arrives to address the media while aboard the plane from Juba to Rome on Sunday. AFP

people should not be marginalized.

Francis mentioned his now-famous phrase from soon after he became pope in 2013 that he could not judge people with same-sex tendencies who are seeking God. He also noted that while visiting Ireland in 2018 he said that parents could not disown their LGBT children, but had to keep them in a loving family.

Support from christian leaders

The pope made the trip to South Sudan, the second country on the tour, as a peace pilgrimage with Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby and Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland Iain Greenshield.

Both Christian leaders were on the plane returning from there and participated in the pope's customary news conference with reporters, a first on any papal trip.

Both praised the pope's comments.

"I entirely agree with every word he said there," Welby said, noting that the Anglican

communion was itself divided over gay rights and that two resolutions against criminalization of LGBT people "have not really changed many people's minds".

Welby added: "I shall certainly quote the Holy Father. He said it so beautifully and accurately".

Expressing his own support of Francis, Greenshield referred to the Bible, saying:

"There is nowhere in my reading of the four Gospels where I see Jesus turning anyone away. There is nowhere in the four Gospels that I see anything other than Jesus expressing love to whoever he meets and as Christians that is the only expression that we can give to any human being in any circumstance".

Francis repeated that the Catholic Church cannot permit sacramental marriage of same-sex couples but that he supported so-called civil union legislation giving same-sex couples legal protection in issues such as pensions, inheritance and health care. **Agencies**

Lavrov to have talks with Iraqi president, PM, top diplomat

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, who has arrived on a working visit in Iraq, will meet with President Abdul Latif Rashid, Prime Minister Mohammad Shia al-Sudani, speaker of the House of Representatives (parliament) Mohamed al-Halbousi and his Iraqi counterpart, Fuad Hussein, the Russian foreign ministry said on Sunday.

"The upcoming meetings are expected to focus on key area of the progressive development of comprehensive Russian-Iraqi ties, including the expansion of political dialogue, the invigoration of trade-and-economic, military-technical and cultural-and-humanitarian cooperation," the ministry said.

"The sides will analyze the current state of and prospects for further expansion of business partnership in the energy sector. Russia's PAO Lukoil, PAO Gazprom neft, PAO Bashneft, PAO Rosneft are implementing large-scale projects in Iraq," it noted.

According to the ministry, bilateral trade grew by 2.2 times in 2021 over 2020, from 127 million US dollars to 282 million US dollars. In January-November 2022, trade grew by 47.5% as compared with the same period 2021, from 258.5 million US dollars to 381.4 million US dollars.

It is also planned to discuss ways to preserve the positive dynamics in bilateral trade, including through the implementation of the corresponding resolutions of the Russian-Iraqi commission on trade, economic and scientific cooperation, which held its ninth meeting in Moscow in August 2022.

The sides will also discuss plans for expanding mutually beneficial cooperation in such sectors as industry and agriculture.

Special attention will be focused on the situation in Iraq in the context of the formation of a new coalition government. The Russian side will express support to the efforts of the Mohammad al-Sudani government to ensure stability and security in the country.

Russia and Iraq are interested in coordinating their positions on the current regional problems, the ministry stressed. "Partner cooperation between our countries is a serious factor, which has a positive influence on the processes in the Middle East and North Africa," it noted.

The sides will exchange views on the situation in Syria with a focus on the tasks of promoting a comprehensive political settlement in conformity with the UN Security Council resolution, encouraging the country's post-conflict revival and expanding international humanitarian aid to Damascus.

"It is planned to discuss in detail the situation in the Gulf area, including in the light of Russia's concept of collective security in the Gulf," the ministry noted.

"Amid the unprecedented pressure from Western countries, the Iraqi side holds a balanced position on Russia's special military operation in Ukraine," the ministry stressed, adding that it considers Baghdad's refusal to join the illegal anti-Russian sanctions as proof that bilateral ties are staying unchanged amid the changing geopolitical situation.

"We consider Lavrov's upcoming visit to Iraq as a major part of the efforts toward promoting comprehensive cooperation with our traditional partners in the Middle East. We are convinced that it is in common long-term interests of peace, prosperity and stability of this strategically important region," the ministry added.

UN chief condemns deadly attack on peacekeepers in DR Congo

UNITED NATIONS

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has strongly condemned Sunday's attack on a helicopter of UN peacekeeping missions in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), that left a South African peacekeeper dead and another severely injured.

The helicopter of the UN Organization Stabilization Mission in the DRC came under fire while travelling from Beni to Goma in the DRC's North Kivu province, Secretary-General spokesman Stephane Dujarric said in a statement on Sunday, adding the crew managed to land the helicopter in Goma.

According to the statement, Guterres recalled that "attacks against United Nations peacekeepers may constitute a war crime under international law," and called on the Congolese authorities "to investigate this heinous attack and swiftly bring those responsible to justice."

"The Secretary-General reaffirms that the United Nations, through his Special Representative in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, will continue to support the Congolese Government and people in their efforts to bring about peace and stability in the east of the country."

British health workers stage largest strike in history

LONDON

HEALTH workers in Britain began their largest strike yesterday, as tens of thousands of nurses and ambulance workers walk out in an escalating pay dispute, putting further strain on the state-run National Health Service (NHS).

Nurses and ambulance workers have been striking separately on and off since late last year but Monday's walkout involving both, largely in England, will represent the biggest in the 75-year history of the NHS.

Nurses will also strike today, while ambulance staff will walk out on Friday and physiotherapists on Thursday, making the week probably the most disruptive in NHS history, its Medical Director Stephen Powis said.

Health workers are demanding a pay rise that reflects the worst inflation in Britain in four decades, while the government says that would be unaffordable and cause more price rises, and in turn, make interest rates and mortgage payments rise.

Around 500,000 workers, many

from the public sector, have been staging strikes since last summer, adding to pressure on Prime Minister Rishi Sunak to resolve the disputes and limit disruption to public services such as railways and schools.

The Royal College of Nursing (RCN) trade union wrote to Sunak over the weekend asking him to bring the nursing strike "to a swift close" by making "meaningful" pay offers.

"We've got one of the busiest winters we have ever had with record levels of funding going into the NHS to try and manage services," Maria Caulfield, the minister for mental health and women's health strategy, told Sky News on Monday.

"So every percent of a pay increase takes money away."

The government has urged people to continue to access emergency services and attend appointments during the strikes unless they had been cancelled but said patients would face disruption and delays.

Nurses leaving

The NHS, a source of pride for



Britain's Prime Minister Rishi Sunak

most Britons, is under extreme pressure with millions of patients on waiting lists for operations and thousands each month failing to receive prompt emergency care.

The RCN says a decade of poor pay has contributed to tens of thousands of nurses leaving the profes-

sion - 25,000 over just the last year - with the severe staffing shortages impacting patient care.

The RCN initially asked for a pay rise of 5 percent above inflation and has since said it could meet the government "half way", but both sides have failed to reach agreement despite weeks of talks.

Meanwhile, thousands of ambulance workers represented by the GMB and Unite trade unions were set to strike yesterday in their own pay dispute. Both unions have announced several more days of industrial action.

Not all ambulance workers will strike at once and emergency calls will be attended to.

In Wales, nurses and some ambulance workers have called off strikes planned for Monday as they review pay offers from the Welsh government.

Sunak said in a TalkTV interview last week he would "love to give the nurses a massive pay rise" but said the government faced tough choices and that it was funding the NHS in other areas such as by providing medical equipment and ambulances. **Agencies**

China makes serious demarches to US over forceful downing of civilian airship

VICE-FOREIGN Minister Xie Feng has made serious demarches to the US embassy in China over the US' use of force to bring down an unmanned Chinese civilian airship on Sunday.

Xie (pictured) expressed China's resolute opposition and strong protest toward the incident on behalf of the Chinese government.

According to a statement issued by the ministry on Monday, Xie said that the unintended entry of a Chinese unmanned airship into US airspace was an accidental event due to force majeure. The ins-

and outs of what happened are crystal clear and clearly allow for no distortion or smearing, he said.

However, Xie said that the US side has turned a deaf ear to all of these and overreacted by insisting on the abuse of force toward the civilian airship that was on route to exit US airspace. This has seriously violated the spirit of international law and international common practice, he said.

The vice-foreign minister emphasized that the actions taken by the US side severely impacted and undermined the efforts and process both sides have been



Mr. Xie Feng Vice Minister

engaged in toward stabilizing the China-US relationship since the two countries' leaders met in Bali, Indonesia.

China urged the US to not take further actions that will undermine China's interests or upgrade and expand tensions between the countries, Xie said.

He said that the Chinese government is closely following this latest development and will firmly safeguard the legitimate rights of Chinese companies and the interests and dignity of the Chinese side.

China reserves the right to further react over this matter if necessary, Xie added.

China makes constant efforts to open up service sector

THE State Council of China recently allowed a further six cities to launch comprehensive pilot programs for opening up the service sector, including Shenyang, Nanjing, and Hangzhou, bringing the total number to 11.

Following the pilot program's initial implementation in Beijing in 2015, it was another significant step by China to further open the service sector.

The service sector is a vital part of China's high-level opening up. In recent years, the sector has witnessed accelerated development. According to preliminary statistics, the added value of the tertiary industry accounted for 52.8 percent of China's GDP and contributed 41.8 percent to the country's economic growth in 2022.

The development of internet infor-

mation and digital technology have accelerated the division of labor in the global service sector, leading to prosperity in service trade and inspiring the passion of cross-border capital for the service sector.

China has actively joined open cooperation in the global service sector. Its service trade has maintained stable growth, and its tertiary industry has become a major attraction for foreign investors.

China has taken firm and steady steps to open up its service sector.

Over the recent years, the pilot program of opening the service sector has made constant exploration and

innovations, and relevant experiences are promoted nationwide.

Recently, China's Ministry of Commerce once again promoted a batch of exemplary cases of innovation in intellectual property services, digitalization of public services, healthcare industrial chain, and financing and rental businesses, providing systematic and comprehensive solutions for the opening up of relevant industries.

Innovation is being applied in wider areas and achieving more and more fruitful results. More replicable experiences are implemented across the country, leading the innovative development of the service sector

and releasing the productivity of the modern tertiary industry.

China enjoys enormous space for opening up its service sector.

The country is currently working to build a high-quality and efficient new system for the service sector and is promoting the in-depth integration of modern services into advanced manufacturing and modern agriculture.

This new system not only represents the emergence of new business forms in the service sector but also marks that new technologies and business forms will start upgrading other industries. China promotes in-depth reforms with high-level open-

ing up and introduces quality supply of services that are more professional, high-end, and diversified by opening the service sector, so as to boost Chinese market entities' internal impetus and innovation vitality, nurture new business forms in the service sector, promote the cross-border flow of technology, digital factors, and capital, strive for deep participation of domestic industries in the division of labor in the global value chain, and achieve the upgrading and optimization of the industrial structure.

Today, more and more overseas healthcare, financial, and elderly care services are entering the Chinese

market as Chinese services are exported to foreign destinations. China is willing to share its economic development outcomes with the rest of the world.

For instance, as the world's second largest digital economy, China actively joins international cooperation on the digital economy and aligns itself with high-standard international digital rules. The opening and integration in the sector of digital economy can bring better development to China's digital industry, promote in-depth integration between digital economy and real economy, and expand the space for industrial cooperation, thus providing new opportunities to the world with China's development.

People's Daily

Putin offers assistance to Turkey, Syria in wake of powerful earthquake

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin offered his condolences yesterday to his Turkish and Syrian counterparts, Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Bashar Assad, respectively, in the wake of a massive earthquake that left hundreds dead.

The Russian leader also said that Moscow was ready to render all necessary assistance to both Ankara and Damascus.

"Dear Mr. President, please accept my deep condolences over the numerous human casualties and widespread destruction caused by the powerful earthquake in your country," the Russian leader said in a telegram to Erdogan published on the Kremlin's website yesterday.

Putin asked Erdogan to convey his heartfelt sympathies and support to the families and friends of the victims and wished a speedy recovery to all those affected by the disaster. "We are ready to provide the necessary assistance in the wake of the earthquake," the Russian president assured.

In his telegram of condolences to the Syrian leader, Putin also offered his most sincere condolences to those who lost those near and dear to them and pledged assistance amid the aftermath of the deadly incident.

An earthquake that measured a magnitude of 7.8 on the Richter scale hit the Kahramanmaraş province in southeastern Turkey in the early hours of Monday. The latest report said 284 people were killed in the country, while the number of deaths in neighboring Syria reached 237. Turkish seismologists say the earthquake may be one of the region's most devastating on record.

Adani sell-off extends; India's opposition lawmakers protest

BENGALURU

LAWMAKERS of India's main opposition party kicked off planned protests at some state-run companies yesterday over the crisis at Adani group, whose seven listed firms saw another sell-off that drove their market loss to \$112 billion in under two weeks.

Members of the Congress party plan to protest outside several offices of state-owned insurer Life Insurance Corporation and State Bank of India, both of which have exposure to Adani group companies.

At one of the protest sites in Mumbai, people held up banners with the words "Save SBI", television footage showed.

The crisis was triggered by US-based short-seller Hindenburg Research's Jan 24 report that accused the Adani group of stock manipulation, unsustainable debt and use of tax havens.

The Adani group, one of India's top conglomerates, has rejected the criticism and denied wrongdoing in detailed rebuttals, but that has failed to arrest the unabated fall in its shares.

In the brutal fallout of Hindenburg's report, Adani group flagship company Adani Enterprises Ltd was forced to abandon a \$2.5 billion share sale last week, and group chairman Gautam Adani lost his crown as Asia's richest person and slipped down the global rankings of the wealthy.

Gautam Adani and India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi are from the same state. Adani has denied allegations by Modi's opponents that he had benefited from their close ties, and Modi's government has denied allegations of favouring Adani.

As the Adani shares spiralled lower and cast a pall over Indian markets last week, lawmakers disrupted parliament and demanded an inquiry.

Credit ratings warnings

The stock market rout triggered a series of credit ratings warnings on Friday with Moody's saying the group may struggle to raise capital, and S&P cutting its outlook on two group companies.

Even attempts by regulators and the government to calm spooked investors do not appear to be working.

The Reserve Bank of India said on Friday the country's banking system remains resilient and stable. India's market regulator said on Saturday the country's financial markets remain stable and continue to function in a transparent and efficient manner.

SBI said on Friday it was not concerned about the exposure to the Adani group, but further financing to its projects would be "evaluated on its own merit".

India's investment secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey told Reuters on Friday that LIC shareholders and customers should not be concerned about its exposure to the Adani group.

LIC has a 4.23 percent equity stake in the flagship Adani Enterprises, while its other exposures include a 9.14 percent stake in Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone.

Shares of Adani Enterprises sank 9.6 percent on Monday, taking its market capitalisation losses to nearly \$28 billion since the release of the short-seller's report.

Adani Transmission Ltd dropped 10 percent, while Adani Green Energy Ltd, Adani Total Gas Ltd, Adani Power, and Adani Wilmar fell roughly 5 percent.

Adani Ports was the only stock to buck the trend, rising 1.2 percent.



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Hundreds dead after major earthquake strikes Türkiye, Syria

DIYARBAKIR/ANKARA, TÜRKİYE

MORE than 500 people were killed and thousands injured yesterday, after a major earthquake of magnitude 7.8 struck central Türkiye and northwest Syria, collapsing buildings and triggering searches for survivors in the rubble.

The quake, which hit in the early darkness of a winter morning, was also felt in Cyprus and Lebanon.

"We were shaken like a cradle. There were nine of us at home. Two sons of mine are still in the rubble, I'm waiting for them," said a woman with a broken arm and wounds on her face, speaking in an ambulance near the wreckage of a seven-storey block where she had lived in Diyarbakir in southeast Türkiye.

"I have never felt anything like it in the 40 years I've lived," said Erdem, a resident of the Turkish city of Gaziantep, near the quake's epicenter, who declined to give his surname.

"We were shaken at least three times very strongly."

Turkish Vice-President Fuat Oktay said 284 people were killed and 2,323 injured, as authorities scrambled rescue teams and supply aircraft for the affected area, while declaring a "level 4 alarm" that calls for international assistance.

In Syria, already devastated by more than 11 years of civil war, a government health official said more than 237 people had been killed and about 600 injured, most in the provinces of Hama, Aleppo and Latakia, where numerous buildings tumbled down.

In the Syrian rebel-held northwest, a rescue service said dozens had been killed.



In this video grab from AFP TV taken yesterday, rescuers search for victims of a major earthquake that hit Diyarbakir, in southeastern Türkiye, leveling buildings across several cities and causing damages in neighboring Syria. (PHOTO / AFP / AFP)

Turkish broadcaster RTR showed rescue workers in Osmaniye province using a blanket to carry an injured man out of a collapsed four-storey building and putting him in an ambulance. He was the fifth to be pulled from the rubble, it said.

Footage on broadcaster CNN Turk showed the historic Gaziantep Castle was severely damaged.

President Tayyip Erdogan spoke by telephone with the governors of eight affected provinces to gather information on the situation and rescue efforts, his office said in a statement. "There was a huge noise and the building next to ours collapsed when the earthquake happened," said a 30-year-old in Diyarbakir.

"I rushed outside. There was screaming everywhere. I started pulling rocks away with my hands. We pulled out the injured with friends, but the screaming didn't stop. Then the (rescue) teams came."

'Totally destroyed'

In the Syrian city of Aleppo, heavily damaged during the war, health director Ziad Hage Taha told Reuters wounded people were "arriving in waves".

Syrian state television showed footage of rescue teams searching for survivors in heavy rain and sleet.

Rescue workers in rebel-held areas of Syria reported extensive damage.

In the border town of Azaz - an area held by opposition forces - a rescue worker carried a toddler from a damaged building. Another group carried a body wrapped in a white sheet as a crane pulled away concrete slabs, a Reuters wit-

ness said.

"Tens of buildings have collapsed in the city of Salqin," a member of the White Helmets rescue organization said in a video clip on Twitter, referring to another town about 5 km from the Turkish border.

President Bashar al-Assad was holding an emergency cabinet meeting to review the damage and discuss the next steps, his office said.

People in Damascus, and in the Lebanese cities of Beirut and Tripoli, ran into the street and took to their cars to get away from their buildings in case they collapsed, witnesses said.

Explosion hits gas pipeline

An explosion hit a gas pipeline in Türkiye's southern Hatay province after a series of earthquakes struck the country early Monday, according to the Ihlas News Agency.

Türkiye's state-owned energy company BOTAS announced that it has suspended natural gas flow to southern Gaziantep, Hatay and Kahramanmaraş provinces.

The US Geological Survey said the major magnitude 7.8 quake struck at a depth of 17.9 km. It also reported a series of earthquakes, one of 6.7 magnitude.

The region straddles seismic fault lines. It was Türkiye's most severe quake since 1999, when one of similar magnitude devastated Izmit and the heavily populated eastern Marmara Sea region near Istanbul, killing more than 17,000.

Yesterday's tremor lasted about a minute and shattered windows, according to a Reuters witness in Diyarbakir, 350

Bloc confrontation leads nowhere, mutual benefit and win-win results prevail

THE current U.S. administration has been obsessed with building "small circles" around the world in an attempt to contain China, slow and even hinder China's development.

The practices, including fueling group politics and provoking bloc confrontation, run against the trend of the times and have aroused wide concerns of the international community.

More and more U.S. allies have realized that blindly following in the footsteps to oppose China will lead them nowhere. Instead, keeping the U.S.' China policy at arm's length and strengthening strategic autonomy is in their own interests, and adopting rational and pragmatic policy toward China is the right way.

Insisting on regarding China as its imaginary enemy, the U.S. has identified China as "America's most consequential geopolitical challenge".

U.S. politicians have hyped up the so-called "China threat" all over the world and sown discord between China and relevant countries. By taking advantage of allies' traditional reliance on the U.S., it has taken a carrot-and-stick approach to persuade and even coerce its allies to choose sides.

The U.S. has concocted the so-called "democracy versus authoritarianism" narrative, attempting to create an alliance in a bid to expand its military bloc.

Such practices of the U.S. aimed at provoking bloc confrontation have posed serious challenges to the stability of international order and threatened the peace and security of the Asia-Pacific region and the world.

When it talked about "allies", "values", and "international rules", what the U.S. is truly thinking about are "America's interests", "America First", and "American hegemony".

The country has taken submarine orders worth tens of billions of U.S. dollars away from France, introduced the Inflation Reduction Act to protect and even expand its manufacturing in a way that has almost bled the European manufacturing dry and recklessly forced its allies into "decoupling" from China.

Facts have proved that the U.S. regards its allies merely as its pawns and takes for granted that the interests of its allies must give way to the selfish interests of American hegemony.

As John Menadue, former Australian Ambassador to Japan, put it bluntly, the U.S. is a "dangerous, erratic and risky ally."

America has always wanted to maintain a technological edge over other economic powers, and these days, however, it is pursuing that goal in a new way: "We have moved from a 'run faster' to a 'run faster and trip the other guy' policy," pointed out an article published on the website of British weekly magazine 'The Economist'.

History has proved time and again that confrontation only brings catastrophic consequences. The U.S.' attempt to contain and suppress China by copying the old "Cold War playbook" represents its serious misjudgment of the international situation and the trend of the times.

The world is no longer what it used to be. Today, the interests of countries are deeply entwined. As the proverb goes, "One who tries to blow out other's oil lamp will get his beard on fire."

Protectionism and unilateralism can protect no one; they ultimately hurt the interests of others as well as one's own. Even worse are the practices of hegemony and bullying, which run counter to the tide of history.

A stable international order is a global public good that is essential for every country. Deliberately provoking confrontation and creating divisions will only damage the common interests of the international community.

As a major trading partner for more than 140 countries and regions, China has been deeply integrated into the world economy and international systems. Isolating China and limiting cooperation with China serves no one's interests and will by no means become a reality.

China's development generates opportunities for world peace and development. The wishful thinking of certain people in the U.S. to contain China can find no support in the international com-

munity.

As many far-sighted personalities, including former U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Henry Paulson, pointed out, nearly two-thirds of countries trade more with China than with the U.S. Instead of decoupling or deintegrating, many countries are deepening their trade with China.

Many of the U.S.' allies have realized that the Cold War mentality is outdated and that following the U.S. in provoking a new Cold War does not conform to their interests.

French President Emmanuel Macron called on China and the U.S. to avoid confrontation and stressed that the China-U.S. power struggle poses a huge risk and challenge.

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said China is an important trading partner for Germany and for Europe as a whole, and that Germany firmly supports trade liberalization, supports economic globalization, and opposes decoupling.

Germany stands ready for closer trade and economic cooperation with China, and supports more mutual investment by Chinese and German businesses, he said, noting that a multi-polar world is needed and that Germany opposes bloc confrontation.

China does not pursue expansion, pointed out President of the European Council Charles Michel, noting that China is an important partner for upholding the purposes of the UN Charter and supporting multilateralism.

The EU is ready to become a reliable and predictable cooperation partner for China, Michel said.

Many countries in the Asia-Pacific region have also stayed vigilant to U.S.' provocation of bloc confrontation.

General Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam Central Committee (CPVCC) Nguyen Phu Trong emphasized that Vietnam will not allow any country to establish a military base in Viet-

'OPEC+ should get due recognition for constructive role'

BENGALURU

OPEC Secretary General Haitham Al Ghais said on Monday the collective decision to cut output in October was the right move and added that credit should be given to the OPEC+ alliance for its constructive role in supporting global market stability.

"Due recognition should be given for our constructive and positive role in supporting global market stability including to remind ourselves that the G20 and major consumers around the world commended us for our historical actions taken since 2020," Haitham Al Ghais told Reuters on the sidelines of the India Energy Week conference.

OPEC+, an alliance that includes members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and others including Russia, agreed last year to cut its production target by 2 million barrels a day (bpd), about 2 percent of the world demand, from November until the end of 2023 to support the market.

The October decision initially drew heavy criticism from the United States and other Western

countries but market dynamics since then have shown the cuts to be prudent with oil prices hovering near the \$85 a barrel from highs of above \$100 in 2022.

"We held the JMMC meeting on Feb 1 where we reviewed everything holistically, from a pure technical perspective, and came to the conclusion that the decision taken collectively in Oct was the correct decision," Al Ghais said.

The main message from the OPEC+ panel that met last Wednesday was that the group would stay the course until the end of the agreement in 2023.

Saudi Energy Minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman said on Saturday he remained cautious about any increase in production.

"At OPEC+ we are always closely monitoring the market, including demand, as it evolves after China opening up," Al Ghais said.

"We believe there is great confidence and trust in the OPEC+ group and its decisions where we have proven time and again that we are ready to act immediately and respond to the dynamic nature of the market," he said.

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This photo taken on Nov 16, 2022 shows Secretary General of OPEC Haitham Al Ghais speaking at the COP27 climate conference in Egypt's Red Sea resort city of Sharm el-Sheikh. File photo

SPORT



Yanga's goal-getter Kennedy Musonda (L) seeks to dispossess Namungo FC fullback Hassan Kibailo when the outfits locked horns in a 2022/23 NBC Premier League tie held in Dar es Salaam on Saturday. Namungo FC lost 2-0 to Yanga. PHOTO: COURTESY OF NAMUNGO FC

Yanga players win plaudits for downing Namungo FC

By Correspondent Shufaa Lyimo

YANGA's head coach Nasredinne Nabi has revealed he was pleased with his players' efforts in a 2022/23 NBC Premier League tie against Namungo FC that took place in Dar es Salaam on Saturday.

The match witnessed the league leaders, Yanga, commanding a 2-0 victory over Lindi-based Namungo FC.

The gaffer noted despite getting three points, the game was difficult and his outfit endured stiff opposition.

"I congratulate my players, they have followed the instructions I gave them on and off the pitch which led us to the victory," Nabi stated.

The coach said the game was part of his squad's preparations for the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup's Group D game against Tunisia's US Monastir to be held in Tunisia on February 12.

"The game is a preparation for our CAF Confederation Cup game against US Monastir

that we will play on February 12, we ask our fans to continue to support us," the coach noted.

He said his club seeks to do well in the game, stressing he knows US Monastir well.

Meanwhile, Namungo FC has traveled to Lindi to start preparations for the NBC Premier League tie against Kagera Sugar which will be played on February 18.

Speaking to The Guardian last weekend, Namungo FC head coach Denis Kitambi said that after losing their previous tie against Yanga, they are now focusing on the clash against Kagera Sugar.

"We expect to go to Ruangwa on Tuesday to prepare to come up against Kagera Sugar. Our goal is to get three points while we are at our home ground," Kitambi pointed out.

The coach said that he will work on the mistakes he saw in the previous game to avoid a repeat of the same errors in the fixture.

He said the game is expected to be difficult and competitive due to both teams' competence.

Government urged to back sports persons with disabilities

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE Wheelchair Tanzania Tennis (WTT) has appealed to the government and its cooperating partners to contribute towards efforts to improve the welfare and sporting activities involving people with disabilities in the country.

Riziki Suleiman, WTT secretary-general, issued the appeal in Dar es Salaam yesterday when he and wheelchair tennis player Rehema Suleiman were preparing to leave for Nigeria to take part in the BNP Paribas World Cup Africa qualifiers.

Another wheelchair tennis player Lucy Shirima left for Nigeria last Friday while Suleiman and Rehema were expected to leave yesterday.

The coach, last week, explained that WTT failed to raise money for Lucy's accommodation in Nigeria and, it took the intervention of the Nigeria Wheelchair Tennis Association that pledged to offer accommodation for the player.

Suleiman and Lucy have headed to Nigeria on International Tennis Federation (ITF) funding.

Tanzania's quota for participating players in the tournament is six but due to financial challenges, the association is facing it failed to raise money to send all six players.

The association needed more than 17m/- to send the remaining four players to qualifiers.

Performers that have missed the Nigeria trip due to lack of finances are Pendo James, Albert Chuli, Voster Isaiyah, and Jumanne Nassoro.

Suleiman lamented that the development is counterproductive to sports among people with disabilities.

The gaffer stated: "The country's quota in the tournament is six players but only two are going, it is not WTT's wish to see only two players representing the country."

Suleiman noted: "We did our best to look for money but hit a snag, we even knocked at National Sports Council (NSC) doors where we were told that the council does not have money as the budget has been exhausted."

"It is very painful that four of our wheelchair tennis players will miss this lifetime opportunity," he said.

He also said WTT intends to increase the number of players hence the appeal to the government and its development partners to support the association's initiatives.

The WTT official commended BQ Contractors Company which, he said, has consistently provided financial and material support to his association.

The coach stated: "We commend John Bura, the owner of BQ Contractors Company, for being there for us, the company has donated the attire we will put on and the film was also the one which bankrolled our team's trip to Turkey last year."

"He is doing a lot and needs others to join him in taking wheelchair tennis in the country to another level," he said.

In last year's edition, which was held in Turkey, Tanzania was represented by Churi in the men's category while Rehema, Lucy Julius, and Pendo Zengo played in the women's category.

Tanzania's wheelchair tennis team competed in the World Team BNP Paribas which was held in Italy in 2017 and it has also competed in many regional events and performed well.

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SPORTS

The Lions of Teranga roar powerfully



Senegal national football squad's players and officials jubilate with a trophy following the team's triumph in the 2023 African Nations Championship (CHAN) with victory over Algeria in the final held at the Nelson Mandela Stadium in Algiers last weekend. PHOTO: AGENCIES

By Correspondent Lloyd Ellipoke

AFTER a pulsating few weeks of scintillating football action, the drama-filled African Nations Championship (CHAN) finals wrapped up last Saturday in a gripping final between Senegal and the hosts, Algeria.

In the do-or-die showdown between the two powerhouses, the score remained deadlocked at 0-0 even after 120 minutes of tense football action that included extra time.

As a result of this stalemate, a penalty shootout was required to decisively settle the contest and in that nail-biting shootout, Senegal came out on top 5-4.

Indeed, by their splendid triumph, Senegal now holds continental football's two most coveted trophies, which are the CHAN and the AFCON, which the Lions of Teranga so memorably won last year.

It can be expected then that the dazzling stars of Senegal's side at the CHAN finals will be rapidly snapped up by well-heeled European football clubs, who are always in the hunt for undiscovered talents.

Whatever happens on that score, few can dispute the fact that Senegal is

presently sitting comfortably in the top-most perch of African football and it will take a first-rate side to topple them. Let us now zero in on the domestic football front where our country's two most storied clubs will soon be battling it out against Africa's stellar sides in continental football's two premier club championships: the CAF Champions League and CAF Confederation Cup.

Firstly, Yanga kick-off their campaign in the CAF Confederations Cup this weekend and the Jangwani Street side has been drawn in a potentially tricky group that includes: Congolese heavyweights TP Mazembe, Tunisian outfit US Monastir and Malian side Real Bamako.

For Simba SC's part, the Msimbazi Street side has been drawn in a threatening group that consists of Moroccan champions Raja AC, Guinean club Horoya AC, and Ugandan contenders Vipers SC.

Encouragingly, it should be noted that Yanga and Simba SC have played a few friendlies in an earnest bid to thoroughly prepare themselves for the crucial task at hand.

It should be recollected though that the mindset of both Simba SC and Yanga will prove to be especially influential over their prospects in both perpetually tightly contested competitions.

Speaking of competitions, the 2023 men's Hockey World Cup ended last weekend in India with the highly touted Germans emerging as the deserved winners.

In case you were wondering, Dear Reader, Africa's lone representative at the Hockey World Cup was South Africa

and the 'Rainbow Nation' finished the tournament in an impressive 11th place, which is by far their finest-ever showing at the World Cup.

Despite that though, one wonders why no other African country apart from South Africa has made its mark on the world hockey stage in this, the 21st Century.

Indeed, the glaring lack of African teams who are up to scratch reveals some failings in the way that the African Hockey Federation (AHF) conducts its activities.

Thus, this writer would like to exhort the AHF to expeditiously pull up its socks so that more African teams can take a stab at doing well in the incredibly competitive global hockey arena.

Mhando wins TASWA Chairman post

By Correspondent Shufaa Lyimo

AMIR Mhando was last weekend elected as Tanzania Sports Writers Association (TASWA)'s Chairman in an election that took place in Dar es Salaam.

Mhando recorded 57 votes cast by the association's members, whose number did not exceed 68.

Milinde Mahona, Chairman of the Election Committee, said he was grateful that the exercise had been implemented without any complaints.

"I am grateful that our election exercise has ended safely and the candidates have won legally," Mahona pointed out.

The Election Committee Chairman said Timzoo Kalugira got 62 votes to win the association's executive committee members' position, while his opponent, Nasongelya Kilinga got 60 votes.

Mahona said that the treasurer's position went to Dina Ismail who got 65 votes, while Alfred Lucas, who got 57 votes, was elected as the association's Secretary-General.

Imani Makongoro, who collected all 68 votes of the delegates, was elected as TASWA's assistant secretary.

Mhando, on behalf of his fellow elected leaders, said that he will collaborate with sports journalists and appealed to the latter to do away with factions to develop the association.

"As for my fellow candidates who have not got votes, don't give up, I promise to cooperate with you any time," Mhando noted.

He said his goal is to do all he can so that the association can make progress and called on sports journalists to change.

National Sports Council (NSC) Sports Officer, Charles Maguzo, who is also TASWA's patron, requested the association leaders to value cooperation in various duties including finding a dignified office.

Maguzo moreover stated they should ensure that they get certificates for the members as well as amend the association's constitution.



"Journalists are the mirror of society, which will attract many people," Maguzo noted.

Kane becomes Spurs' record scorer as Man City suffer title blow

LONDON

HARRY Kane said becoming Tottenham's all-time record scorer was a "magical moment" as his 267th goal for the club sealed a 1-0 win against Manchester City that severely damaged the champions' bid to retain the Premier League title.

Kane's historic first-half strike at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium took him past Jimmy Greaves into sole possession of the hallowed record.

Greaves had held the milestone since 1970 before Kane moved level with him in his previous appearance against Fulham on January 23.

Kane's landmark moment also made him only the third player to score 200 Premier League goals after Alan Shearer (260) and Wayne Rooney (208).

"It is hard to put into words. It is just a magical moment. I was so desperate to do it with a win as well," Kane said.

"To do it in front of the home fans was a moment I will never forget."

It has been an unforgettable period for Kane, who drew level with Rooney as England's joint record scorer on 53 goals when he netted against France at the World Cup in December.

Passing Greaves had become increasingly inevitable for the prolific Kane, although ironically City could have ended his record chase if they had been successful in their attempt to sign him in 2021.

However, Kane's remarkable goal feats seemed a distant dream during a difficult start to his career that featured several failed loan spells before he finally emerged as a star.

Greaves, who died aged 81 in 2021, is regarded as one of the most natural goalscorers in football history.

For Kane to be alongside such a legendary player is a tribute to his predatory instincts and his perseverance.

"When I started playing, it was never in my imagination to score 200 Premier League goals. To be there now is just exciting," Kane said.

"Jimmy Greaves is a complete hero, one of the best strikers to play the game. To overtake him is a huge moment."

The 29-year-old's first Tottenham goal came back in 2011 against Shamrock Rovers in the Europa League.

If that was a low-key way to start an incredible career, Kane's record

strike carried far more significance.

Arsenal's shock 1-0 defeat at struggling Everton on Saturday had given City renewed hope they could overhaul the leaders.

But instead Kane's 19th goal in all competitions this season leaves second-placed City trailing five points behind Arsenal, who have a game in hand and host Pep Guardiola's men in a crucial clash on February 15.

"We started really well, but after we made a mistake they punished us," Guardiola said.

"We are not in the position to think about being champions."

- Kane makes history -

Without boss Antonio Conte after emergency surgery to remove his gallbladder, Tottenham were led by his assistant Cristian Stellini and this result lifted the recuperating Italian's spirits.

Tottenham's win moved them within one point of fourth-placed Newcastle as they chase Champions League qualification.

"I spoke to Antonio on the phone just now and he said congratulations to the team and especially Harry," Stellini said.

"Harry, in his DNA, he has football. He is a 'GOAT' in this league, in this sport. He is a great example."

It took Kane just 15 minutes to make history as Rodri's careless pass on the edge of the City area allowed Pierre-Emile Hojbjerg to rob Manuel Akanji.

Hojbjerg slipped his pass to Kane and, with immortality in his sights, the striker guided a slightly scuffed low shot past Ederson with typical efficiency.

Sprinting away to soak up the acclaim, Kane waved towards his family, who were sitting below a scoreboard emblazoned with the message "Congratulations Harry" alongside pictures of him celebrating previous goals for the club.

The England captain was serenaded by Tottenham fans chanting "Harry Kane, he's one of our own" as the product of the club's youth academy walked back to the centre circle beaming a broad grin.

Riyad Mahrez was inches away from equalising when he crashed a fierce volley against the crossbar.

In a tense finale, Tottenham had to play the last three minutes with 10 men after Cristian Romero was dismissed for a second booking as he chopped down Jack Grealish.

goal there.

After dominating possession in the early stages, City faded badly after Kane's history-making goal.

With Kevin De Bruyne left on the bench for the first hour and Phil Foden absent from the squad due to illness, City lacked the creative quality to supply Erling Haaland with the kind of chance that Kane buried.

Haaland, well marshalled by Cristian Romero before the Tottenham defender's late red card, failed to have a single attempt on goal for the first time since his move from Borussia Dortmund last season.

It was a worrying sight for Guardiola, who faced criticism for leaving out Belgium playmaker De Bruyne for what he called "tactical" reasons.

"We are not the same" -

With Joao Cancelo surprisingly allowed to join Bayern Munich on loan last week, Guardiola once again used teenager Rico Lewis at left-back.

Lewis has vast potential but his lack of experience in the role perfected by Cancelo as a defender with the licence to roam into midfield was apparent as Tottenham bypassed him with ease.

City's third successive away defeat also raised questions about Guardiola's faith in the underwhelming Jack Grealish and centre-backs Manuel Akanji and Nathan Ake - neither able to replicate the formidable presence provided by Ruben Dias and Aymeric Laporte, who were both among the unused substitutes.

Man City could lose points for breaking Premier League's financial rules more than 100 times

LONDON

MANCHESTER City have been charged by the Premier League for breaching financial rules more than 100 times in the space of nine seasons.

The charges against the reigning champions relate to financial information regarding revenue, details of manager and player remuneration, UEFA regulations, profitability and sustainability and co-operation with Premier League investigations.

A statement from the league said alleged breaches were committed from September 2009 to the 2017-18 season and will now be referred to an independent commission.

Should Man City be found guilty, they face a range of potential sanctions including a points deduction or even an expulsion - though it could take years to come to a conclusion.

The club have yet to comment but Sportsmail understands that they are prepared to 'robustly' defend themselves.

Between the dates mentioned, Man City won three Premier League titles, an FA Cup and three Carabao Cups.

The Premier League said in a statement: "In accordance with Premier League Rule W.82.1, the Premier League confirms that it has today referred a number of alleged breaches of the Premier League Rules by Manchester City Football Club to a Commission."

City have vehemently denied any breaches of financial rules but the investigation started in December 2018 after German investigative website Der Spiegel published documents from the Football Leaks cache which originated from the Portuguese computer hacker Rui Pinto.

It alleged that City had: overstated sponsorship income, with money being paid by the club's Abu Dhabi owners instead of sponsors linked to the Gulf state; effectively doubled former manager Roberto Mancini's wages via a secret contact with an Abu Dhabi club and broke rules over approaches to young players.

Back in February 2020, the club were banned from the Champions League and fined £25million after they were found to have seriously misled European footballing governing body UEFA and broken financial fair play rules.

This was then lifted by the court of arbitration for sport which also reduced the club's fine to £9m.

The panel at the time said City had shown a 'disregard' for the principle that clubs must cooperate with a governing body's investigations, and conducted an 'obstruction of the investigations'.

However, on the central finding by the CFCB's adjudicatory chamber that City's Abu Dhabi ownership had disguised its own funding as independent sponsorship by the state's commercial companies, the CAS found: "Most of the alleged breaches were either not established or time-barred."

Under Premier League rules, there is no similar restriction on the length of time since an alleged offence.

Two years after the launch of the Premier League's investigation, an arbitration tribunal ordered City to provide 'certain documents and information to the Premier League and to make enquiries of third parties', the Court of Appeal said.

In July 2021 a Court of Appeal decision revealed that City had challenged the jurisdiction of an arbitration panel set up by the Premier League and had, unsuccessfully, legally challenged demands to hand over documents and information.

One of the judges, Lord Justice Males, said in the ruling: "This is an investigation which commenced in December 2018. It is surprising, and a matter of legitimate public concern, that so little progress has been made after two and a half years - during which, it may be noted, the club has twice been crowned as Premier League cham-



Pep Guardiola

pions.'

In March 2019, the Premier League first confirmed an investigation was under way after a number of top-flight clubs raised the issue of the allegations against City.

"The statement from the Premier League added: "The proceedings before the Commission will, in accordance with Premier League Rule W.82, be confidential and heard in private. Under Premier League Rule W.82.2, the Commission's final award will be published on the Premier League's website."

This confirmation is made in accordance with Premier League Rule W.82.1. The Premier League will be making no further comment in respect of this matter until further notice.'

List of charges against Man City

Details of the Premier League Rules that the Man City is alleged to have breached are as follows:

- In respect of each of Seasons 2009/10 to 2017/18 inclusive, the Premier League Rules applicable in those seasons that required provision by a member club to the Premier League, in the utmost good faith, of accurate financial information that gives a true and fair view of the club's financial position, in particular with respect to its revenue (including sponsorship revenue), its related parties and its operating costs, namely:
 - for Season 2009/10, Premier League Rules B.13, C.71, C.72, C.75
- In respect of:
 - each of Seasons 2009/10 to 2012/13 inclusive, the Premier League Rules applicable in those Seasons requiring a member club to include full details of manager remuneration in its relevant contracts with its manager, namely:
 - for Seasons 2009/10 to 2011/12 inclusive, Premier League Rules Q.7 and Q.8; and
 - for Season 2012/13, Premier League Rules P.7 and P.8; and
 - each of Seasons 2010/11 to 2015/16 inclusive, the Premier

(amended to C.79 from 10 September 2009 for the remainder of Season 2009/10) and C.80;

(b) for Season 2010/11, Premier League Rules B.13, C.78, C.79, C.86 and C.87;

(c) for Season 2011/12, Premier League Rules B.13, E.3, 4, E.11 and E.12;

(d) for Season 2012/13, Premier League Rules 16, E.3, E.4, E.11 and E.12;

(e) for Season 2013/14, Premier League Rules 15, E.3, E.4, E.11, E.12 and E.49;

(f) for Season 2014/15, Premier League Rules 16, E.3, E.4, E.11, E.12 and E.50;

(g) for Season 2015/16, Premier League Rules 16, E.3, E.4, E.11, E.12 and E.50;

(h) for Season 2016/17, Premier League Rules 16, E.3, E.4, E.11, E.12 and E.51; and

(i) for Season 2017/18, Premier League Rules B.16, 3, E.4, E.11, E.12 and E.51.

League Rules applicable in those Seasons requiring a member club to include full details of player remuneration in its relevant contracts with its players, namely:

(1) for Seasons 2010/11 and 2011/12, Premier League Rules K.12 and K.20;

(2) for Season 2012/13, Premier League Rules T.12 and T.20;

(3) for Seasons 2013/14 and 2014/15, Premier League Rules T.12 and T.19; and

(4) for Season 2015/16, Premier League Rules T.13 and T.20.

3. In respect of each of Seasons 2013/14 to 2017/18 inclusive, the Premier League Rules applicable in those Seasons requiring a member club to comply with UEFA's regulations, including UEFA's Club Licensing and Financial Fair Play Regulations, namely:

(a) for Season 2013/14, Premier League Rule B.14.6; and

(b) for Seasons 2014/15 to 2017/18 inclusive, Premier League Rule B.15.6.

4. In respect of each of the Seasons 2015/16 to 2017/18 inclusive, the Premier League Rules applicable in those Seasons on Profitability and Sustainability, namely:

(a) for Season 2015/16, Premier League Rules E.52 to E.60; and

(b) for Seasons 2016/17 and 2017/18, Premier League Rules E.53 to E.60.

5. In respect of the period from December 2018 to date, the Premier League Rules applicable in the relevant Seasons requiring a member club to cooperate with, and assist, the Premier League in its investigations, including by providing documents and information to the Premier League in the utmost good faith, namely:

(a) for Season 2018/19, Premier League Rules B.16, B.19, W.1, W.2, W.12 and W.13;

(b) for Season 2019/20, Premier League Rules B.16, B.19, W.1, W.2, W.12 and W.13;

(c) for Season 2020/21, Premier League Rules B.16, B.19, W.1, W.2, W.12 and W.13;

(d) for Season 2021/22, Premier League Rules B.15, B.18, W.1, W.2, W.15 and W.16; and

(e) for Season 2022/23, Premier League Rules B.15, B.18, W.1, W.2, W.15 and W.16.

(Daily Mail)

Guardiola rues missed opportunity as Kane dents Man City's title bid

LONDON

PEP Guardiola admitted Manchester City's Premier League title defence had suffered a major blow after Harry Kane's record-breaking goal gave Tottenham a 1-0 win over the champions on Sunday.

Guardiola's side would have moved within two points of leaders Arsenal with a victory in north London, but Kane's first-half strike - which made him Tottenham's all-time leading scorer on 267 goals - left the Gunners firmly in control of the title race.

Second-placed City are five points behind Arsenal, who have a game in hand and host Guardiola's men on February 15.

That will be a must-win clash for City if they are to have any hope of overhauling Mikel Arteta's team, who had slipped up themselves on Saturday when struggling Everton snatched a shock 1-0 win against the Gunners.

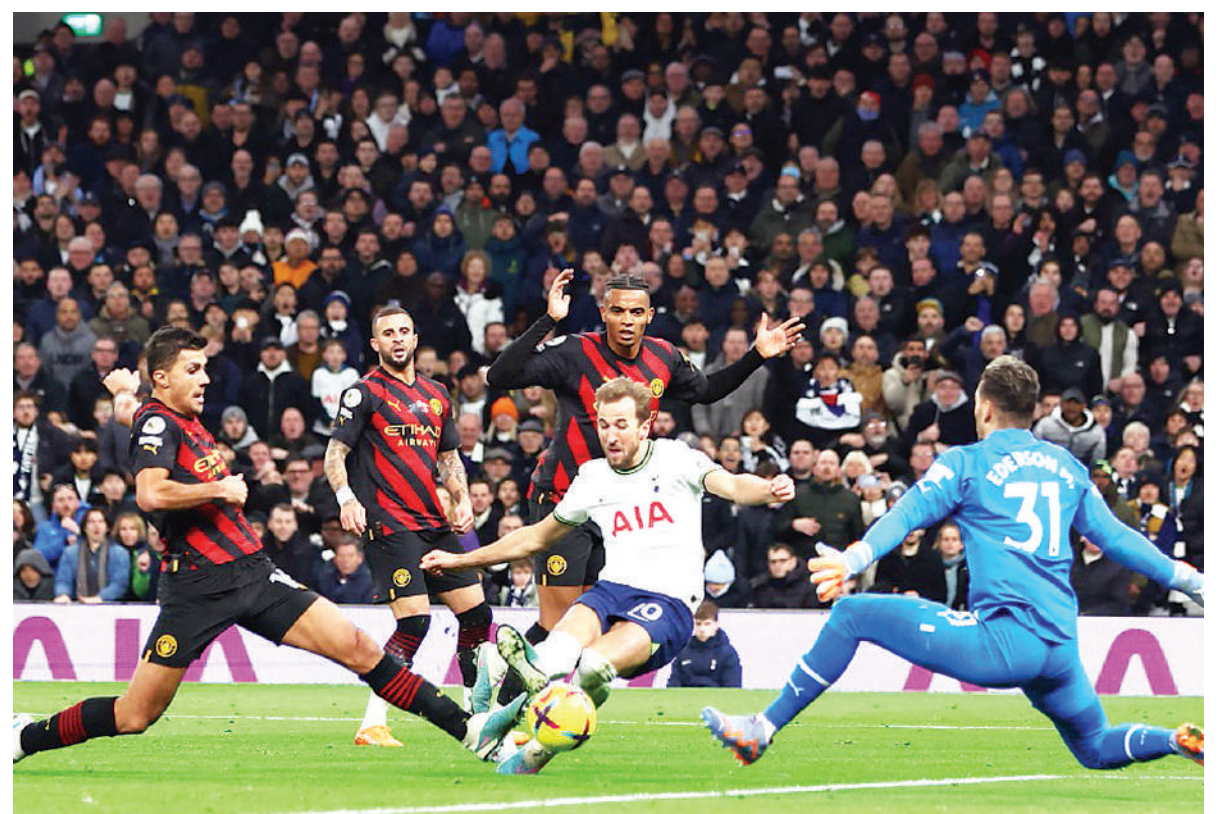
Asked how frustrating it was to miss the chance to close the gap on Arsenal, Guardiola said: "Yes, of course, Arsenal have dropped few, few points so far and of course there was an opportunity."

"It was important to be close to Arsenal and leave the fifth place in the table, that Tottenham is right now, far away."

"We are not in the position to think about being champions."

Tottenham's plush new stadium has been a house of horrors for City since it opened in 2019.

They have lost on all five of their visits and are yet to score a single



Tottenham Hotspur's Harry Kane, centre, shoots at goal against Manchester City at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in London, Britain, February 5 2023. REUTERS

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Bruno Gomes

Midfielder denies transfer to Yanga in 2023/24 season

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SINGIDA Big Stars' midfielder Bruno Gomes has denied ongoing rumours that he is destined to sign for Yanga at the end of the season following his stellar performance.

The midfielder has been widely mentioned to be in the plan to move to Yanga at the end of this season, as he has showcased impressive showing since he joined Singida Big Stars.

He disclosed the information to The Guardian after the 2022/23 NBC Premier League game pitting Singida Big Stars against Simba SC which took place in Dar es Salaam on Friday.

The central midfielder said he does not know anything about Yanga but he has numerous reports of his link to joining the club.

Gomes insisted that he is currently a Singida Big Stars player and is at the club based on the terms and conditions of the contract, so he cannot say anything about the move elsewhere at the end of this season.

The footballer noted: "I volunteered to come to Tanzania to play for Singida Big Stars, that's why I play with all my heart and help the team."

Gomes insisted: "I am very focused here, I don't know anything about the plan to go to another club."

The midfielder currently has netted nine goals in the 2022/23 NBC Premier League and he is the top scorer of the newly promoted team.

The performer noted: "I ignore every piece of information about me being wanted by Yanga, my focus is ensuring we play CAF inter-club competition next season, which means rumours will circulate but I do not know anything about it and I emphasize that I am here at Singida Big Stars for love of the club and I will continue to fight for this club."

After losing 3-1 to Simba SC on Friday, Singida Big Stars' head coach Hans van Pluijm said that Simba SC showed a top level of performance, which was different from other games since this season started, so it was difficult for his players to keep up with the opponents' pace.

The tactician noted: "We lost to Simba SC which was miles ahead and was very good, the side played football differently than it has played since the league started. Simba SC played the best football I have ever seen in the Mainland Premier League."

"I have no shame losing to a better side that is successful because good football makes the Premier League better," the coach noted.

Singida Big Stars remain fourth in the NBC Premier League with 43 points from 22 games, 13 wins, four draws, and five losses.

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Dar set to battle it out in international netball tourneys

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA Netball Association (Chaneta) says the country will compete in four international events which have been scheduled for this year.

Rose Mkisi, Chaneta Secretary-General, said the four international tournaments include East Africa Club Championships which will be held in Kenya in May, with Tanzania being represented by women's teams Tamisemi Queens, JKT Mweni, Nyika Stars, and Magereza Morogoro while men's teams are Smart Boys and Bandarini Veterans.

She called upon the six clubs to intensify their preparations for the East Africa tournament.

Tanzania's national netball squad 'Taifa Queens' will in July play a friendly match against Zanzibar and the same month will see Taifa Queens feature in Africa Netball Championships in Uganda.

Rose noted that in October, there will be World Club Championships in the United States of America (USA) and the Commonwealth Youth Games.

The Chaneta official revealed that the national junior netball team will in December play in the U-18 Africa Championships in Malawi.

Rose noted: "Clubs should concentrate on intensive training, especially those who will compete in May's East Africa Championships in Kenya."

"We have set a committee which is responsible for looking for partners and sponsors of national senior and junior squads, we should not miss any tournament this year," she said.

She said Chaneta's focus this year is on junior tournaments as they offer the opportunity for junior netballers to showcase their skills.

"Our calendar of activities for this year has a lot of developmental programs which include junior tournaments and coaches and umpires courses," Rose disclosed. Chaneta official pointed out: "The country has potential netballers but in the past were not given the chance to make it into the national team because there were no youths leagues to act as a platform for showcasing their skills."

"Now we are serious about youth netball, we should be participating in youths competitions to build a strong national team for the future," she said.

Both Taifa Queens and Junior Queens have in the past years been idle and recently Rose disclosed that Chaneta has lined up several activities including Junior Netball Tournament, National Championships, international friendly events, and local officials attending local and international courses for coaches, umpires, and officials.

For the past 20 years, the national junior netball squad has never competed in any international event while after more than seven years of absence, Taifa Queens participated in two international tournaments including Africa Netball World Cup Qualifiers in Pretoria from August 21-27, 2022.

Ibenge pours praise on Simba SC improvement



Al Hilal head coach, Florent Ibenge.

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SUDAN'S Al Hilal SC head coach Florent Ibenge has poured praise on Tanzania's Simba SC's transition plays in all phases of the game after the two clubs settled for a 1-1 draw in an international friendly duel which took place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Sunday.

Simba SC and Al Hilal SC played the international friendly to shape up for the 2022/23 CAF Champions League fixtures to be held later this week.

Al Hilal will confront South Africa's Mamelodi Sundowns while Simba SC is scheduled to travel to Guinea to face Horoya AC.

Ibenge pointed at attacking midfielders Pape Ousmane Sakho, Clatous Chama, and defender Henock Inonga Baka as standout performers in ball progression for Simba SC.

The DR Congo native said Sakho is a quality footballer and he has become a great help to Simba SC, and that is why he has been used on the left side to create space for other players when

the team needs good results.

"I wish to have a player like Sakho, if the leaders of my club tell me to name the players that I need at Al Hilal to have enough quality in my team at the moment, I will not hesitate to mention Inonga, Chama, and Sakho," the tactician revealed.

"Inonga is the best defender in Tanzania and DR Congo, so if I need to sign a defender, I will suggest his name so that we can sign him," Ibenge noted.

Regarding the game against Simba SC that ended in a 1-1 draw, Ibenge said: "From the first half I was not lucky enough to understand what kind of football Simba SC was playing because I did not see Simba SC play the type of football that I am used to seeing the club play."

"In the second half, I organized the squad to defend more, knowing that Simba SC will play with their trademark ball, but it was not the same."

"In the second period, I changed the system to attack Simba SC more and they made changes that showed their edge, we found ourselves being attacked more and they equalized the goal and wanted to add another goal."

"In the second half, I saw very good

football played by Simba SC, they have a very good team that can do well internationally. I believe they can finish either second or first in their group."

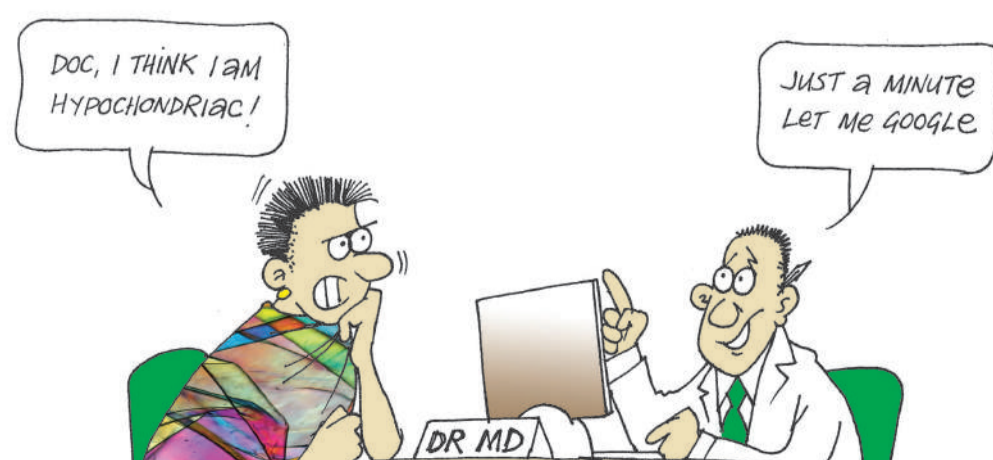
Simba SC Information and Communications Manager Ahmed Ally said considering the importance of the first game of Group C, they saw the need to prepare through a game with international status, and that's why they invited Al Hilal to Tanzania.

The official added: "After completing the schedule of our Premier League game against Singida Big Stars and the friendly game against Al Hilal, our squad continues with preparations to play Horoya AC in the CAF Champions League Group Stage game."

"Our leadership saw the need to play one international friendly game with the status of a Champions League, we have played against Al Hilal SC and our technical bench has seen the strengths and weaknesses of our team."

"We are continuing the preparations to face Horoya AC before starting the journey to take on them in Guinea, I believe that we will have good preparations under coach Roberto Oliveira and his assistants for several days before the journey," Ally noted.

Flexibles by David Chikoko



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