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US varsity hands Dewji Humane Letters citation

By Guardian Reporter

BILLIONAIRE businessman Mohammed Dewji has been awarded an honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters by the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University in Washington D.C.

A statement posted on the United States higher learning institution's website says the doctorate was presented by Georgetown University President John DeGioia (pictured) on Friday "in recognition of Dewji's significant contribution to society through his philanthropic work across Tanzania."

Popularly known by shortened form of his first name Mo, Dewji is MeTL Group chief executive officer and founder of the Mo Dewji Foundation under which he does his philanthropic work.

Dewji graduated from the McDonough School of Business in 1984 before returning home to pursue his career in business at his father's MeTL Group. "He is grateful and humbled by this distinguished honour," the notice exclaimed.

Elaborating, the citation notice profiled the winner at the moment from late 1990s, two decades ago "when Mohammed Dewji (batch of 1998) crossed the stage at Georgetown University's commencement ceremony," where at that time he had obtained a Master's degree in Business Administration, "he asked

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Second white buffalo roaming in Tarangire

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

A SECOND white buffalo has been spotted in Tarangire national park less than a week after the first one was seen in the area, with these appearances in the Tarangire-Manyara ecosystem baffling researchers and conservators.

Herman Batho, head of conservation and business development at the Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) said that this zoological phenomenon was the first of its kind, which he personally noticed while on an inspection in the outstretched plains, with the other white buffalo being slightly different from the first sighted animal.

Teams of researchers, wardens and media personnel have pitched camp in Tarangire to trace the two strange animals and pick vital data, with wardens saying they don't often roam in the open.

Sailepu Meijo, a researcher who spotted the first white buffalo in Tarangire and took photos for the Lion Project, is a camp assistant at the Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI).

"It happened by chance. My team was tracing lions in Tarangire and voila! We saw the white buffalo, at first we were awed and shocked," he stated, noting that the strange white Cape buffalos frequent the Esilalei and Looboisoret plains in northern parts of the Tarangire.

Ali Omari, the conservation ranger at the park, said that at this time of the year water

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CRDB Bank Plc board chairman Dr. Ally Laay presents the board's report at the 27th shareholders general meeting at the Arusha International Conference Centre (AICC) over the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt hails SIDA for uplifting innovation

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government has applauded the development partners for supporting creativity and innovation in the country as Tanzania lags behind in the area.

Omary Kipanga, the deputy minister for Education, Science and Technology, lauded the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) as an illustration of this spirit, as SIDA has invested over 20bn/- to identify and develop innovators across the country.

Opening a three-day capacity building workshop for winning innovators at the climax of the 2022 innovation week, tied to the science, technology and innovation competition, organised by the Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH).

The deputy minister referred to directives issued by Vice President Dr Philip Mpango when unveiling the innovation week and contest at midweek, noting that the ministry

was laying the basis for putting them into action, beginning with the three-day capacity building workshop at the Jakaya Kikwete Convention Centre starting yesterday.

Realising the importance of innovation for growth, the government has increased allocation for research and innovation from 3bn/- during fiscal 2020/21 to triple the amount two years later to a total of 9bn/- in the next fiscal year, he explained.

Dr Mpango had stated at the climax of Innovation Week 2022 marked under the theme: 'Innovation for Sustainable Development,' adding that the ministry has to ensure that there are measures in place to help students opt to pursue science, technology and innovation, to boost scientific capacity countrywide.

Tanzania was still lagging behind in innovation, with World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) 2020 statistics listing Tanzania as showing 97 innovative products while Kenya submitted 459 works, and South Africa had 7,603 innovative proposals during the period under review.

"The governments want to see the ministry collaborating with the private sector to increase the number of people in science, technology and innovation by allocating sufficient funds for researches aimed at helping the pursuit of innovation," he urged.

COSTECH Director General Dr Amos Nungu said that the capacity building workshop had 83 innovators from seven

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By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

CRDB Bank Plc shareholders have unanimously approved the Board of Directors' recommendation for the payout of 94bn/- dividends for fiscal 2021, which translates into 36/- per share.

Dr Ally Laay, the board chairman, told the 27th annual general meeting here yesterday that the dividend per share is a 64 per cent increase on the 22/- per share issued last year,

CRDB shareholders ink 94bn/- dividends payout

with total earnings per share for fiscal 2021 standing at 102.7/-.

"Once again, we are pleased to deliver sustainable value to shareholders. The bank's

performance in 2021 produced remarkable results, which is testament to our proven operating model. The group secured net profits

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Innocent Sulle, first winner at the third edition of the Startups of the Year Challenge organised by TotalEnergies, receives an award for best business creation idea with Soma Factories (T) Group. He received financial support amounting to 20m/- from Ali Gugu, the deputy permanent secretary for Industries, Trade and Investment. Others are TotalEnergies (T) managing director Jean-Francois Schoepp, and the firm's legal and public relations director Gertrude Mpangile, an event taking place in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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Georgetown University President John J. DeGioia awards Mohammed Enterprises Tanzania Limited (MeTL) Group chief executive officer (CEO) and President, Mohammed Dewji honorary doctorate degree on Friday in Washington, D.C. USA. Photo: Georgetown University

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himself an important question - is the world ready for me?"

"In many ways, the answer was yes. Dewji returned home to and transformed his father's business into the largest homegrown company in East and Central Africa, MeTL Group. He became a politician and invested personal profits into public development in support of the Tanzanian people. He founded the Mo Dewji Foundation to give back in service to others. The world, in fact, was ready for someone like Dewji."

But later in life, as he reflected on the question he posed on his graduation day, he had an important realization. "The world is never about you - but it should always concern you," Dewji said.

"Once we embrace the reality that the outcomes in our lives are truly in the hands of others, we become motivated to understand each other. We become better stewards of our community. By clearing paths for others, we find our own."

Dewji emphasized the importance of leveraging the people around you, devoting oneself to others, and building strength in the community. He also reminded the 776 undergraduates

and 330 graduates in the McDonough School of Business Class of 2022 of a phrase already ingrained into their education as a Hoya, the Jesuit value of cura personalis - sharing a profound sense of responsibility and care for one another.

He urged students to never lose sight of these important principles, as well as the broader Hoya community, as they progress through their professional careers.

"I have no doubt that each of you will follow your unique paths in service to the highest levels," said Dewji. "But know this: when you reach that level, that's when it's easiest to forget how much you need your community."

Dewji understands the power of community better than most. Four years ago, he was abducted and held captive for nine days - bound by ankles and wrists, and beaten. In a moment of immense vulnerability and struggle, people worked around the clock to plead for his release. Friends, colleagues, social media networks, and media outlets around the world helped facilitate his rescue.

His community showed up for him - so recommitted to doing the same.

Now, he urges the Class of 2022 to follow suit: find life's purpose by connecting their pursuits to the

betterment of others.

"Whose lives can you touch? Search your heart for the answer. If you combine that curiosity with the knowledge you've gained in your time here, then the world will be yours to shape," Dewji said. "May you shine bright, conquer your fears, and leave a positive legacy on your communities."

In addition to delivering the McDonough School of Business commencement address, Georgetown University President John J. DeGioia awarded him an honorary doctorate at the ceremony.

For the Class of 2022, commencement is the culmination of their time at Georgetown and a celebration of how far they have come. Over 1,100 graduates came together to reflect on their academic achievements and look ahead to the next chapter of their lives beyond the Hilltop.

"We grew and built a lot together over the past two years, so seeing it all come together today reminds me of where we started and how far we have progressed since then," said Diana Salkini (MBA'22).

For the graduates of the Master of Science in Business Analytics (MSBA) program, this is a personal accomplishment as well as a milestone for the program. The Class of 2022

marks the first cohort to earn their MSBA degrees from Georgetown McDonough.

"As the inaugural MSBA cohort, we have been through lots of highs and lows over these past 18 months with each other, from learning statistics to machine learning to coming onto campus for the first time in person to meet and network together as a group," said Pedro Voyer (MSBA'22). "We had the ability to connect as Georgetown students, make new friends, foster new experiences, and today, we graduate with the inaugural MSBA degree from the McDonough School of Business."

For Christian Terrell (MSF'22), Dewji's emphasis on community and service deeply resonated with his experience at Georgetown, and he hopes to carry those values forward in the next stage of his life.

"Georgetown is truly a special place. My time here has been transformative as this community has allowed me to build the life I have always dreamed of living," said Terrell. "I expanded my education, strengthened my faith, found my fiancé, and figured out who I truly am as a person. I will forever be grateful for the love and support that this community has provided me and I look forward to paying it forward. Hoya Saxa!"

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of 268.2bn/-, which is an increase of 62.3 percent," he said.

The bank's subsidiaries aided the group's business, with Burundi operations yielding 12.8bn/- in net profit while the insurance subsidiary returned a 859m/- profit, he stated, highlighting that subsidiaries' total contribution to the group's profitability stood at five percent.

"I am happy to report to you that we have made significant progress in obtaining the necessary licences and approvals from the authorities, here at home and in DRC. We expect to commence operations within the second half of the 2022 financial year," he affirmed, updating the shareholders on the bank's strategic expansion to DRC.

Managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela said that in fiscal 2021 operating income increased by 14.3 percent to 924bn/- from 808.7bn/- in 2020.

This increase resulted from an 11.3 percent increase in net interest income, emanating from in retail loans and advances to enable the bank to close the year with a non-performing loans ratio of 3.3 percent against the 5.0 per cent regulatory cap.

It also had a strong balance sheet growth of 23.0 percent, from 7.2trn/- in 2020 to 8.8trn/-, funded by a 19.4 percent growth in customer deposits to 6.5trn/- from 5.4tr/- reported in 2020, and a 20.6 percent growth in shareholders' funds.

"As a result of our proactive approach during the year, our group continued to capture the markets with innovative solutions, resulting in sustained growth in both our top and bottom lines. We continued to automate critical processes to optimize our service delivery and ensure a seamless experience across all services," he explained.

In future the bank shall work to strengthen the drivers of growth, and

building on the strong foundations for sustainability, citing fiscal 2022 as the final year of the bank's medium-term strategy. It played a pivotal role in anchoring the group's performance and has given it a good basis to face the future, the CEO underlined.

He expressed gratitude to the shareholders for unflinching loyalty, enabling the bank to rise to the pinnacle of the financial services industry, vowing commitment to consistently deliver superior value for their shares.

Gerald Kasato replaced Rose Metta in the board, representing shareholders with one percent to 10 percent of shares, while Roya Lyanga replaced Ellen Rwigage as representative of the DANIDA Investment Fund (DIF), an arm of the Danish development agency.

Jessica Nyachiro shall head operations in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), shifting from her position as head of strategy and investor relations, the managing director noted, informing participants that the long-serving chief commercial officer (CCO) Dr Joseph Witts attained retirement age last December but was granted a six months extension to allow for completion of the recruitment exercise.

Ernst & Young come in as the bank's external auditors for fiscal 2022, signaling mutual faith in audit firm and in the bank's good governance profile.

Abdul Ally Mohamed was re-elected to represent shareholders with less than one percent ownership, while Dr Fred Msemwa was picked to represent shareholders with one to 10 percent total ownership; Martin Warioba becomes an independent director in the board lineup.

Dr Charles Kimei (Vunjo MP and ex-CEO) said the payment of dividends by CRDB Bank was consistent while the bank's shares remain the toast of investors. The bank has never failed to pay dividends to shareholders, he added.

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groups were awarded by the VP on Thursday.

A total of 750m/- had been allocated for innovation, with 250m/- set to be

disbursed to innovators who invented an automated water meter, now partnering with the Rural and Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Authority (RUWASA) to commercialize its use, he added.

Police in Mbeya region bans scrap metal trade

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

SCRAP metal trade has become challenging in Mbeya region following claims that it spurs destruction to the infrastructure.

In the circumstances, the police in the region have banned the selling of metal items, particularly those made of copper that is mainly used in the infrastructures.

The remarks were made here at the weekend by Mbeya Regional Police Commander, Ulrich Matei as he was addressing reporters regarding destruction of infrastructures in the region.

RPC Matei said quite recently the police arrested 12 people who were found stealing metal parts from metal parts from roadside edges and bridges including power cables which they sold as scrap metal.

He said the police, in collaboration with TANESCO officials conducted a special operation in hunt of power infrastructure saboteurs and arrested eight people with some of the items belonging to the power utility.

He added that the items included power cables and other items stolen from various areas of the region.

"We also arrested four other people suspected to have stolen metal parts along Idiga-Umalila road. In the circumstances we have imposed a ban on scrap metal trade and whoever will be arrested in that connection will be severely dealt with," RPC Matei warned.

He said the government was

spending a lot of money to construct the infrastructures hence more efforts are needed to protect them for them to last long.

He also appealed to members of the public to work together with TANESCO and other institutions to protect the infrastructures by disclosing all those involved in their sabotage.

Recently uncrowned people vandalized power infrastructures in Kyela District, making away with metal items valued at 800m/-



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Deputy Commissioner of the Tanzania Insurance Regulatory Authority (TIRA) Khadija Said greets one of the orphans raised at Tosamanga Care Centre under the supervision of the Catholic Church in Iringa district, Iringa region. TIRA visited the centre and provided various foods items including milk, rice, beans and clothing. The event took place recently in the region. Photo: Correspondent Friday Simbaya

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sources outside Tarangire dry up, so the rivers and swamps inside the park attract many species of wildlife usually roaming outside, so it is easier to spot elusive animals.

David Laizer, a Maasai elder, said the

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appearance of a white animal among the mostly black species like a white buffalo has a symbolic meaning. While this is the first time there is a white buffalo in the area, a white baboon

was earlier spotted, and later a white giraffe, he recalled.

This brings tidings of peace and prosperity in as far as the local people grasp the phenomenon, he

stated, while Pascal Shelutete, head of TANAPA corporate communications, said in a social media post that the cause of colour abnormality in the two buffalos is albinism.



Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, Dr Francis Micheal greets NMB staff led by chief of retail banking Filbert Mponzi (R) and NMB head of Bancassurance Martin Massawe. NMB organised a tourism networking conference that brought over 200 stakeholders in Arusha to discuss ways of improving the vibrant tourism sector. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt pledges to empower private sector, creating eight million jobs

By Guardian Correspondent

THE government will improve the business environment to enable the private sector to create new jobs to contribute to the creation of eight million new jobs by 2025.

Minister for Investment, Industry and Trade Dr. Ashatu Kijaji, made the pledge over the weekend in Dar es Salaam when speaking during an official award ceremony of the 3rd edition of the Startupper of the Year Challenge by TotalEnergies.

She said the government will also review all trade laws and policies to further improve the working environment in the country and enable the private sector to contribute on job creation.

In a speech read on her behalf by the Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ali Gugu, Dr Kijaji said: "The private sector is the engine of the national economy, so the government will continue to improve the business environment so that small and time entrepreneurs can produce a cadre of local millionaires and billionaires who will contribute to the economy."

"As government, we'll continue to create a conducive business environment and making every effort to ensure the existing investors and their businesses without the hassle of harsh taxes. This is to ensure that they increase production to meet the domestic market and surplus exports," said Gugu.

He stressed: "Our goal is to create as many jobs as possible and for this to be achieved we must involve the private sector, creating conducive environment for them to do business."

Gugu lauded TotalEnergies for the competition, and presented prizes of more than 100m/- of which the first three winners each given a cheque worth 20m/- to improve their capital and raise them for one year and provide them with capacity building training, and highlight marketing opportunities.

TotalEnergies Tanzania CEO Jean-Francois Schoepp said the aim of the

oil company, to sponsor the designers is to build the capacity of Tanzanians. "TotalEnergy not only trades and generates profits, but also uses the profits available, empowering others and others to uplift Tanzanians and uplift the nation economically."

Director of Legal and Public Relations, Gertrude Mpagile, announce the three winners of the Startupper of the Year Challenge in Tanzania as Constantine Edward for the Award for Best Start-up under 3 years old with AgriLife Limited. AgriLife is a company which operates a zero-waste circular system to manufacture eco-friendly alternative animal feed protein and organic fertilizer using black soldier fly larvae.

Another winner is Innocent Sulle for the Award for Best Business Creation Idea with Soma Factories Tanzania Group, which produces low cost Solar powered school bags using recycled materials. These bags have the ability to charge electronic devices and provide light for students to read for up to 8 hours a day.

Hellena Sailas for the Award for Best Female Entrepreneur with Plastic Waste into Eco-Bricks. Arena Recycling Industry is a social business that is committed to offer eco-friendly building materials made from recycled plastic waste for construction of houses, pit latrines, water and septic tanks.

These young entrepreneurs will receive financial support amounting to 20m/-. They will also benefit from personalized coaching for the development of their project from Seedstars as well as benefit from increased visibility by being promoted to make them known.

In Tanzania, more than 1,000 applications were submitted, of which only 439 were complete and the top 15 finalists were selected to pitch their project before the local jury.

Each winner of this edition will have their project presented in front of a "Grand Jury" in charge of choosing, in mid-May, the three "Grand Winners" of the African continent amongst the 32 countries.

Polio vaccines are well received, says official

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE second round of Polio vaccine exercise that was going on since 18-21 this month is reported to be progressing well in many parts of the country, according to a report from the national coordination center for the campaign in Dodoma.

According to the national immunisation programme manager, Dr Florian Tinuga, by the third day of immunization 92% of targeted immunized children had been reached.

This second phase of the campaign was launched by the Minister of Health, Ummy Mwalimu for Mainland Tanzania and for Zanzibar by the Vice President, Hemed S Abdalla on 18th May this year.

The aim of the second round of

the polio vaccination campaign is to provide polio vaccines to 10 576 805 children in all 195 districts of the United Republic of Tanzania.

"We have received positive feedback from our leaders, ranging from leaders at the regional, district, to county and village levels. Because of the positive response of the people and the cooperation with the leaders we have not experienced any challenges resulting from a negative response," said Dr Tinuga.

Dr Tinuga said that on the first day of the vaccination they reached 28% of the target population and by the second day 61% of the targeted had been reached.

"We hope that by the end of the immunization today we will be able to exceed the target. The vaccination

target estimates are based on census data therefore often due to increase in population we get more than estimated, apart from the fact that in border villages children from neighboring countries may also be vaccinated," said Dr Tinuga.

The success of the exercise has also been enhanced using a digital data entry system that enables the door-to-door vaccination team to enter data into a mobile system and the data is immediately available to coordinators at the national center in Dodoma.

"The availability of timely data has enabled us to be informed in real time the movements of each vaccination team in each village and how supervisors operate. Therefore, we can respond to challenges in real time," said Dr William Mwenge Leader

of the Immunization and Vaccine Development Team at World Health Organization Office in Tanzania.

The system also enables coordinators to ensure that each immunization team operates daily, location of vaccination team, and the number of children expected in the area.

Tanzania and other countries bordering Malawi and Mozambique have launched polio immunization campaigns to ensure children are fully protected after two nations reported polio cases. Africa received a certificate for eradicating polio in 2020.

To complete lifelong protection against polio every child under the age of five should be vaccinated four times. The third and fourth phases of polio vaccination will be planned and continued later this year.

By Guardian Reporter

EAC ministers agree on the joint environment, resource protection

MINISTERS responsible for the environment and natural resources in East African Community (EAC) have agreed on collective conservation and management of environment and natural resources in the bloc.

This was stated at the weekend by Deputy Minister in the Vice President's Office Khamis Hamza Khamis who participated in the 8th Session of the East African Community Ministerial Environment and Natural Resources Council held in Arusha.

Speaking immediately after the meeting, Khamis said in addition to the various issues they had the opportunity to discuss and put in place environmental conservation strategies.

He said the East African region is facing environmental degradation so they discussed how best to work together in managing water resources together, to address the challenge of pollution from plastics.

"We've met here to discuss and agree to educate our citizens on various issues including how to better educate use of land," he said, adding: "We're currently implementing major environmental projects including carbon dioxide reduction which is beneficial to our governments and its citizens in general."

Deputy Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism Mary Masanja said the meeting was an opportunity to discuss strategies to ensure good environmental and natural resource management in the region.

Masanja added that the conference discussed strategies to address the

effects of climate change affecting social development among the people.

The Minister of Environment and Natural Resources of Kenya Keriako Tobiko, who chaired the conference, said the challenge of environmental degradation was still facing the East African region and was life-threatening.

He said that as a result it was the responsibility of the member states to work together to ensure that the challenge of environmental degradation was addressed and eliminated.

The Secretary General of the East African Community (EAC) Peter Mathuki said after the conclusion of the conference as member states

plan to implement all the agreements.

He said in the great challenge of climate change, ministers have a responsibility to ensure that citizens enjoy the benefits of what was agreed at the conference on environmental protection.

The summit was attended by countries forming the East African Community including Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, South Sudan, Burundi and Rwanda where Tanzania apart from the ministers of the Environment Sector also the Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation, Natural Resources and Livestock of Zanzibar Shamata Shame Khamis and experts from the Office of the Vice President.



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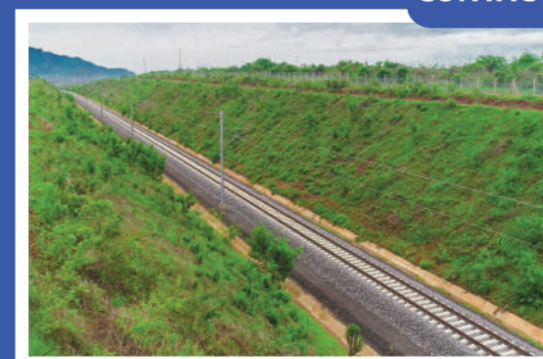


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Govt calls on stakeholders for partnerships to end malnutrition

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

DEPUTY Minister for Health Dr Edwin Mollé has decried what he termed as lack of seriousness by some stakeholders to tackle malnutrition in the country, calling on members of Parliament to spearhead the fight.

He said the problem has not been given the deserved priority even as there are several interventions, most of which do not reach the targeted groups of people.

It is estimated that the country will lose US\$20 billion by 2025 if the nutrition situation does not improve.

In contrast, by investing in nutrition and improving the population's nutritional status, the country could gain up to US\$4.7 billion by 2025.

Dr Mollé made the statement while officiating at the opening of a seminar for Parliamentary Members' champions of nutrition on the ongoing USAID funded Lishe Endelevu (Sustainable Nutrition) project.

The meeting was organized by the Partnership for Nutrition in Tanzania (PANITA), a Civil Society Alliance of over 300 CSOs comprising both local and international with geographical span covering the entire country.

PANITA is dedicated to building the political and public-will, commitment and support to end malnutrition in Tanzania.

Dr Mollé opined the need to have specific law to ensure all policy matters regarding malnutrition in the country are affected to the latter.

He admitted that despite good plans and strategies laid by the government, nutrition issues do not have enough push to help change the situation since the challenge is big in food basket regions.

The deputy minister pointed fingers to non-governmental organizations, some of which he said claim to have nutrition projects yet there are not doing much on the ground.

"It is surprising that an organization claiming to help in nutrition issues spend over 7mn/- on printing flyers and such things while the nutrition challenge needs only 700,000/- and the remaining budget goes to 'seminars', 'trainings', among others" he said.

Dr Mollé also observed that the public ought to know the difference between food and nutrition and people refrain from many seminars but direct the budget on the ground where projects are being implemented.

Chairperson, the Parliamentary Members' Champions of Nutrition, Dunstan Kitandula, also observed that

there is still challenge of dealing with nutrition issues in the country, despite noises raised by the lawmakers in the past five years.

He said it is quite ironical that school pupils, mostly in rural areas are forced to fetch water for watering flowerbeds and not vegetable gardens.

Jane Msagati from PANITA, in a presentation noted that malnutrition is still rife in many district councils due lack of little political will of leaders, adding that even budget allocation to nutrition matters are not always disbursed.

"The matter is well articulated in the ruling CCM party election manifesto but unfortunately implementation is a big challenge" she said, calling on MPs to oversee this.

Dr Joyceline Kaganda Chief of Party for USAID/Lishe Endelevu said the government has demonstrated its commitment to nutrition through the National Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Action Plan (NMNAP) complemented by sectoral and cross-cutting policies, frameworks, and structures.

Dr Kaganda added that the Lishe Endelevu programme is implanted in for regions of Dodoma, Morogoro, Iringa and Rukwa in partnership with other non-governmental organizations like Deloitte, PANITA and Save the Children.

The plan confirms the government's commitment to reduce stunting in children under age 5 from 34 to 28 percent.

It aims to reducing stunting in children under age 5 in four target regions, increasing the proportion of women of reproductive age consuming a diet with a minimum acceptable diversity of foods.

It also aims at increasing the proportion of children age 6-23 months receiving a diet with a minimum acceptable frequency of feeding and diversity of foods



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'Two new banana varieties to be launched in Arusha region today'

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

TWO new varieties of banana described to be more resilient to drop diseases and hostile to weather conditions are being introduced in Arusha today.

The improved plantains are the result of research projects by two agricultural institutes.

Agriculture minister Hussein Bashe graces the launching event in Arusha today in the foreground of the workshop which runs under the framework of the Accelerated Breeding of Better Bananas (ABBB).

International Institute of Tropical Agriculture in collaboration with Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute, have started a three-day annual project workshop for banana researchers and breeders to assess progress and plan the future activities.

But during the same event taking place at the Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology in Arusha a new variety of high yielding banana varieties are being launched.

The new 'Tariban' banana varieties cover the high yielding Matoke of Uganda and Mchare in Northern Tanzania.

Accelerated Breeding of Better Bananas, is a project which aims to expand and speed up existing breeding efforts in Tanzania and Uganda.

The Project also plans to develop and deliver to farmers higher-yielding cooking banana hybrids, which are resistant to the diseases like Black Sigatoka, Bacterial wilt and Fusarium wilt as well as pests such as weevils and nematodes.

This unique project seeks to improve

the production and productivity of bananas in Tanzania and Uganda, through the development of hybrid banana varieties that are expected to have 30 percent higher yield compared to the current varieties grown by farmers under the same conditions.

In particular, the project will strengthen the banana breeding programs in the two countries, towards developing new high-yielding hybrid banana varieties with resistance to key pests and diseases.

The project is focused primarily on building an efficient breeding platform for bananas and improving the two most popular cooking bananas in the region.

The two types of Africa highland banana (EAHB) are also known as Matoke, and Mchare.

Improvement on the varieties aims at fortifying resistance against pests and diseases but maintaining the traits enjoyed by consumers.

In close cooperation with National partners in Tanzania and Uganda, breeding activities are led by IITA but based at the Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology (NM-AIST) in Arusha, Tanzania.

They are done with close collaboration with Agriculture Research Institutes (ARI) in the banana growing areas, and at the Uganda Banana Breeding Programme of the National Agricultural Research Organization (NARO), at Kawanda and Sendusu, Kampala.

Numerous other institutes and banana breeding programs are involved with and linked to the project through various mechanisms



Barrick country manager, Georgia Mutagahywa, speaks at the first Local Content Forum, held in Mwanza over the weekend. The government has developed the local content policy primarily targeting the mining, oil and gas sectors in 2015 to ensure that mineral extraction and revenues benefit Tanzanians.

BRELA: Lack of ICT knowledge failure of business persons to utilise its services

By Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa,

Morogoro

THE Business Registration and Licensing Agency (BRELA) Chief Executive Officer, Nyaisa Godfrey has linked limited knowledge on information and communications technology (ICT) with failure by some businessmen to use its services.

Godfrey said traders, especially those in rural areas have been facing challenges in accessing BRELA services over limited skills on ICT. He said the

agency has been improving its services whereas most of it is available online.

"We have established a unit at the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) to help both local and foreign investors seeking to set-up projects in the country," he noted.

He was speaking in Morogoro recently at a just ended three days capacity building seminar to news editors from all the media houses. Organized by BRELA, the seminar was meant to inform media practitioners on the agency activities to ensure citizens are fed with the

right information.

Representing Dr Ashatu Kijaji, Minister for Investment and Trade, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Hashil Abdallah said during the training news editors shared experience on how to report well-searched stories.

"There should be specific journalists to report on our issues; we want Tanzanians to get the correct messages. This training aims at ensuring that messages are presented to the public in a simple legal language," said Abdallah.

He said some news editors were not aware of the agency activities; thus

coming up with judgmental headlines that confuses Tanzanians.

BRELA is a government executive agency established under the Government Executive Agencies Act No. 30 of 1997. It was established on the 28th of October, 1999 by Government Notice No. 294 A published on the 8th October, 1999 and it was officially inaugurated on the 3rd December, 1999.

It aimed to ensure that businesses operate in accordance with the laid down regulations and sound commercial principles.



Vodacom Tanzania Plc's director of digital and extra services, Nguvu Kamando (in a suit) talks to the company's agents located at Tivoli area in Mwanza region when the company's top executives visited their service providers to listen to the challenges facing them in the market. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

STANBIC Bank Tanzania has sponsored the African Public Relations Association (APRA) Tanzania 2022 annual conference themed: 'Africa's Resilience and Global Competitiveness: The Challenge for Public Relations, which will be taking place for the first time in Tanzania from today to Friday in Dar es Salaam.

The conference brings together key stakeholders and PR professionals across Tanzania and Africa in the aim of exploring the tenacity and agility of Africa through the pandemic and post COVID-19, while addressing Africa's competitive advantage in the global space, and how public relations can leverage Africa's rightful position on the global stage.

Stanbic Bank, PRST sponsor regional public relations meeting in Tanzania

Stanbic Bank Tanzania's head of brand and marketing, Neemarose Singo said: "We take great pride in being among the sponsors of this conference. We acknowledge the monumental role that Public Relations play as leverage in raising countries' profiles for investment opportunities, developing and shaping national and global conversations on pertinent issues. Most importantly, enabling corporations show up as their authentic selves and remain legitimate."

She said: "Our organizational purpose is 'Tanzania is our home; we drive her growth,' with platforms

like this, Stanbic is able to be part of conversations that are core to the impact of public relations that will domestically and globally endorse Tanzania."

According to the Public Relations Society of Tanzania (PRST), the PR practice is not well understood in Tanzania, leading to practitioners being placed in the wrong departments within organisations and hence their full potential not being harnessed.

PRST President Assah Mwambene said: "We're quite excited to be the host of the APRA summit and we would like to make it the most memorable one

for the Public Relations practitioners across Africa."

"This is the first time that APRA is hosting its annual conference in Tanzania, giving PR practitioners a chance to network with peers from across the continent as well as gain new knowledge on developments within the practice," he said.

As a key stakeholder, Stanbic Bank is committed to working with the Public Relations Society of Tanzania to address challenges faced by the society, including facilitating training to help create more relevance for the practice and change the current narrative.



Exim Bank's head of retail service, Andrew Lyimo addresses invited guests during a dinner event organised by the bank for its clients in Mwanza over the weekend. The event provided an opportunity for the lender to discuss business opportunities, growth plans and services offered by the bank in the region. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter, Mwanza

Exim Bank requested to expand its operations in the Lake Zone

EXIM Bank Tanzania has been urged to look at how to expand further operations in the lake zone regions especially in Mwanza region by opening more branches along with agency services so that it can reach more customers who need financial services from the lender.

Speaking on behalf of Mwanza RC, Eng. Robert Gabriel during a special dinner for the bank's customers in Mwanza region over the weekend Ukerewe DC Colonel Denis Filangali Mwila commended the bank for its excellent services in the region while asking the bank to open more branches in all districts in the region so that its services can benefit more people in the region.

"Exim existence in Mwanza has made a significant contribution to the customers especially through a number of services it offers that include business loans, staff loans and recently the lender came up with specific product for SMEs. It's my request

that the bank would see the need for further expansion in this region and the entire Lake zone so that the people can access its excellent services," said Colonel Mwila.

According to the DC, the bank's contribution to the region has not only ended with the provision of financial services but has also been a key stakeholder in the development of the region through its Corporate Social Responsibility program (CSR)

Earlier speaking at the event attended by various stakeholders of the bank including government officials, SMEs as well as employees of the bank aiming at providing opportunities to discuss business opportunities, growth plans and services offered by the bank in the region, the bank's Head of Retail Services Andrew Lyimo said they are more committed to improving service

delivery systems.

"We are also committed to enhancing the professionalism and competence of our staff as well as investing in modern technology that will enable them to reach more customers, more easily, wherever they are and thus eliminate the need to visit the bank's branches when they are in need of services."

He said the economic situation in the region offers great growth opportunities for the bank and that is why it is committed to serving large, small and medium customers to bring prosperity to key sectors of the region including trade, agriculture and livestock.

Since its inception in 1997 the bank has expanded locally and abroad where so far the bank has successfully opened its branches in Uganda, Ethiopia, Comoros and Djibouti

Govt calls upon private sector and stakeholders to help petty traders

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government has urged the private sector, development partners and other stakeholders to help support formalisation of the petty traders.

Minister of State in the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government (PORALG), Innocent Bashungwa made the state here, adding that if the development partners and private sector intervene in supporting the sub-sector, development can be realized.

He made the statement while officiating the opening of a meeting that brought together regional commissioners, district commissioners, and other officials from the local government authorities as well as those from the Federation of Hawkers Associations (SHIUMA).

The meeting that was mainly to discuss on the matter in the petty traders' sub-sector was facilitated by the Financial Sector Deepening Trust (FSDT), an organization working to develop market systems that benefit underserved individuals.

It also works to develop households and enterprises, offering them capacities and opportunities to improve their lives. Minister thanked

the organization, calling on others to emulate it.

He added that by so doing, they help support President Samia Suluhu Hassan's drive to change operations and lives of petty traders in the country.

"Private sector and other stakeholders should now consider what they can do in the process to formalize the petty traders in line with the Head of State's initiatives" said the minister.

The president recently announced that the State will dish out 10m/- to each region to facilitate their operations of the petty traders.

She phoned the Minister for Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Needs, Dr Dorothy Gwajima, who officiated training for the leaders, and spoke to the crowd through amplified volume from the minister's phone.

This made hundreds of leaders of petty traders' associations, who gathered for a symposium at Jakaya Kikwete Convention Centre in Dodoma, burst into cheers.

But yesterday Bashungwa observed that the President attached greater importance to the group, pointing out that the government had embarked on the improvement of 1,676,000 petty

traders' identification cards to boost their status.

Speaking during the meeting, Deputy Minister for Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Needs, Mwanaidi Khamis, thanked the president's gesture, adding that it will help change the sector.

She said the petty traders who are considered as special group help reduce nobleness among youth in the country.

"Our ministry is committed to working closely with the sector in effort to help bring the desired developments" she said.

For his side, Dodoma Regional Commissioner, Anthony Mtaka urged petty traders' associations to utilise the money pledged by the President as intended and avoid any misunderstandings which may arise due to availability of the funds.

"My appeal to the petty traders' associations is to use the money wisely in carrying out their activities don't allow your offices to be used negatively, each one of you should work hard to grow" he said.

He called on them to consider enrolling into social security and health insurance funds for your own safety and security.

Mbarali rice farmers call upon govt to subsidise fertiliser price

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

RICE farmers in Mbarali District, Mbeya Region have appealed to the government to subsidize farm inputs, in particular fertiliser they buy, claiming that the current prices have been discouraging them to continue cultivating the crop.

The made the appeal here at the weekend at a special training seminar on better ways regarding rice farming and the right use of fertiliser given jointly by officials from Yara fertiliser Company and the Uyole Centre of Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI-Uyole)

The training was held at one of the demonstration farms at the Matebete Irrigation Scheme that serves more than 800 farmers in Mbarali District.

The Scheme's Chairman, Daudi Mwalugamba said fertiliser price this farming season is very high than in previous seasons they have been growing the cereal, adding that many farmers have failed to cultivate using modern farming practices.

He said in the past they used to buy

fertiliser for planting at not more than 65,000/- per one 50k bag, but this year the price has shot up to more than 130,000/- while the fertiliser for growing which they previously bought at 50,000/- was now being sold at more than 120,000/-.

Mwalugamba further said the situation is cited as having been contributed by various problems including the eruption of the Covid-19 pandemic that shook the entire world and the ongoing war in Europe and appealed to the government to subsidize the essential farm input.

"In the past the government used to subsidize the price of fertiliser and that is why it rarely went up, but now the price is very high due to the absence of subsidies," he said.

For his part, Boniface Chonya, a rice farmer from the District said in addition to these challenges, they are also faced with being swindled by some middlemen through the use of unofficial measurements when buying the crop.

He appealed to the government to have in place for the buyers to

buy farmers' crops using weighing machines instead of containers.

He said they still use overweight bags (lumbesa) when buying the crop, as its use has been opposed many times with no solution in sight.

Donat Fungu, a leading agriculture officer from YARA who oversees both Tanzania and Burundi, said the company has been selling fertiliser to farmers at affordable prices compared with other fertiliser dealers.

He said fertiliser sold by YARA is produced in the country and is of high quality as it is produced by adhering to results of soil research and those YARA officials are found in every region of the country.

For his part, TARI-Uyole soil researcher Emmanuel Sege said the institute conducted research and found out that soils in farms owners by Mbarali farmers lack some of essential ingredients.

He named the ingredients as including Sulphur, zinc and potassium and that YARA Tanzania has provided a solution thereon by producing fertiliser contain these ingredients.



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USAID TUHIFADHI MALIASILI

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

Issuance Date:	May 23, 2022
Questions due Date:	June 1, 2022
Closing Date:	June 15, 2022

Dear Applicant,

USAID Tuhifadhi Maliasili "Preserve Natural Resources" Activity (hereafter referred to as the project), implemented by Research Triangle Institute (RTI) International, is seeking concept notes using innovative approaches that secure connectivity of wildlife habitats in locations that otherwise have limitations or hindrances to wildlife's movement. "Innovative approaches" can include (but are not limited to): capacity building to public and private organizations; private sector engagement or investment in those areas; improving policy frameworks related to the natural resource management (NRM) or joint land use plans (LUPs) and associated bylaws in the area/region; and the review/revision of land-use planning and/or other governance tools. The grants under this Expression of Interest (EOI) will be awarded and implemented in accordance with RTI's International Grants manual and U.S. Government regulations governing grants under contracts. The funding through this EOI shall be applicable only to Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), but NOT the Government of Tanzania (GoT) or any department, ministry, or organ of the GoT, including entities or parastatals owned in whole or part by the government.

EOI Objectives

This EOI is issued by USAID Tuhifadhi Maliasili project and seeks applications to advance conservation interventions ONLY for the following connectivity areas: Kwakuchinja, Udzungwa-Selous, Amani-Nilo, and Pemba Channel Conservation Area (PECCA). USAID Tuhifadhi Maliasili invites concept notes from CSOs; community-based organizations (CBOs); national, regional and local organizations; international NGOs; private foundations; private enterprises or firms; and business associations.

Applicants may wish to select more than one area of interest outlined below if they are interdependent to each other to achieve the desired conservation outcomes to the target areas of connectivity by protecting habitat and target species. Please note that all applications should indicate clearly how gender, youth and social inclusion will be promoted as well as climate change adaptation and resilience.

Thematic Areas

In this context, grants awarded under this EOI will support organizations to work on activities that promote connectivity in the aforementioned areas through the following main themes:

1. Institutional capacity building of conservation stakeholders,
2. Private sector engagement in biodiversity conservation, and
3. Policy, regulatory, and enabling environment for biodiversity conservation and natural resources management.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

APPLICATION PROCESS

This EOI will follow a two-tier process to select final applicants:

- a) Applicants must first submit a Concept Note in accordance with this EOI. USAID Tuhifadhi Maliasili Project will conduct a merit review of the Concept Notes.
- b) Organizations with successful Concept Notes that demonstrate an alignment with program objectives and satisfy the minimum requirements, will be invited to submit a full application. The final application will be presented in a format that will be submitted to only successful applicants on the first round.

AWARD INFORMATION

USAID Tuhifadhi Maliasili anticipates that each grant award may not exceed the local currency equivalent of USD 250,000 to non-governmental/CSOs, regional or local and international organizations, business associations etc. and USD 100,000 to US-based organizations to promote connectivity activities that fall in one or more of the three thematic areas detailed above. The final amount will be dependent upon grant activities and final negotiation. The duration of any grant award under this solicitation is expected to be 12-24 months depending on the nature of activities.

All grants will be administered according to USAID grant regulations as managed by RTI. RTI anticipates issuing Fixed Amount Awards, Standard, Simplified, and In-kind grants under this grant program.

Applications must be submitted in English.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

The full Expression of Interest, Concept Note template, and additional information can be downloaded from: <https://www.rti.org/current-opportunities>

Concept Notes will be accepted through June 15, 2022. The estimated start date of grants awarded under this solicitation is variable, depending on when grantees are selected, however, the USAID Tuhifadhi Maliasili anticipates the award date to be October 1, 2022.

Any questions concerning this opportunity should be submitted to the Tuhifadhi Maliasili Grants Unit at: grants@maliasili.rti.org

ONLY SELECTED APPLICANTS WILL BE CONTACTED

'Govt to spur digital economy through enhanced use of ICT'

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE Government has already finalised preparation for the Strategic Digital Economy that will spur the use of Information Communication Technology (ICT) in all economic sectors.

Tabling his ministry's budget estimates in Parliament here at the weekend, the Minister for Information and Information Technology Nape Nnauye said to attain that the government has finalised Digital Transformation Guideline that will guide all institutions aimed at building digital economy.

"Hon Chairman, in regard to ICT, during Fiscal Year 2021/22 the ministry finalised preparations for the Digital Economy Strategic Framework to spur the use of ICT in all economic sectors in the country," he said.

He also said in recognition that digital economy goes in tandem with reliable, quality network services, the government has prepared the National Broadband Strategy through agreement with Tanzania Electric Supply Company (TANESCO) for joint the installation of communication infrastructures via electric poles aimed at enhancing both communication and power network.

Acceding with Nape, the decision to work together with TANESCO in the installation of communication infrastructures has reduced construction cost and speeded up the project as earlier plans involved the construction of 1,880 kms of communication line but through collaboration with TANESCO 4,442 kms to bring a total of 12,761 kms of the National Communication Broad Band when completed in December this year.

He stressed that in order to build a strong digital economy that goes in tandem with the 4th Industrial Revolution, "The government will make sure that the training programme designed to enhance skill and experienced experts to satisfy current digital economy needs is implemented as planned."

He stressed that the government will continue implementing the project in order to increase and create more job opportunities from the use of ICT both within the government and those outside, as well as increase skills in service delivery through reliable

internet services at low cost.

Presenting his ministry's budget estimates for the 2022/23 fiscal estimates last Friday, Nnauye noted that under on-going Digital Communication Transformation, there has been vibrant growth of the country's on-line media, which has shot up from 711 in 2021 to 838 media outlets in 2022 equivalent to 38.9 per cent growth.

Statistics show that there are 266 traditional media in 2021, as opposite to 838 on-line media in 2022, surpassing traditional media by far.

Nnauye said that the Government has accomplished formulation of Digital Communication Guidelines, which will guide various institutions both Public and private in the Country on how best to build Digital Economy.

The Minister said his Ministry has also accomplished formulation of draft Digital Economy Strategic Framework that will speed up and promote the use of Information Communication Technologies (ICTs) in all sectors throughout the Country.

He said the Country has also continuously witnessed vibrant growth in the number of SIM Cards that have been registered biometrically, from 52,965,816 in April 2021 up to 55,365,239 in April 2022, equivalent to 4.5 increase.

The number of internet service users has increased from 29.1 million in April 2021 to 29.9 million in April 2022, equivalent to 2.7 per cent increase. He said as part of the Government's special drive towards financial inclusiveness, mostly for people in rural underserved areas, users of mobile money services have increased from 27,326,938 in April 2021 to 35,749,298 in April 2022, equivalent to 38.8 per cent.

Nnauye said Digital Communication Systems, play a central role in the 4th Industrial Revolution as key enabler of various services in the Country as Tanzania has braced for Middle Income Country.

The Minister said Digital Services speed up level of development and people's living standards and they serve time, as people are now able to pay for various services through mobile phones and on-line money services like paying for waters, purchase of power, payment for medical services and accessing various banking services, which in the past took too long, hence time consuming to get.

Z'bar rejects 308m/- tax exemption request on imported luxury cars

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR minister for Finance and Planning, Saada Mkuya Salum has said the ministry has rejected 308.5m/- tax exemption application on a luxurious vehicle imported by Turkys Mifuko Company owned by a noted businessman, Toufky Salum Turky, saying his tax exemption application lacked merit, hence against laws governing investment.

Addressing reporters in her office here at the weekend, Mkuya said tax exemption to investors is accorded during projects' implementation and not after their completion and start production.

"Our records show that the investor's application was rejected because it was submitted in violation of investment laws as the project had already started production," she added.

She said according to the law, an investor can benefit by tax exemption during the construction of the project but not after.

"One of the ministry's main tasks is to oversee the implementation of the laws, regulations and procedures, we cannot go against these especially in regard to issues involving government revenue," minister Mkuya added.

For his part, Zanzibar Deputy TRA Commissioner, Juma Hassan Hassan said following the rejection of exemption request the importer is now required to pay the demanded tax.

"We released the vehicle after the

importer executed a security bond from an insurance company while dealing with his exemption application but following its rejection, the tax remains outstanding," he added.

He added that TRA was following up the issue in collaboration with other authorities to make sure the government revenue is fully paid.

For his part, Makame Khamis Mohamed, Acting Zanzibar Revenue Board's (ZRB) Manager for Public Relations and Taxpayers Education said the vehicle was registered with Reg No. Z-1 after the importers paid 15m/- registration fee in January this year, and added that ZRB was still holding the registration card.

He added that it is against the law for the vehicle to be on the road if import duty thereon has not been paid.

For his part, the director General of Zanzibar Investment Promotion Authority (ZIPA) Shariff Ali Shariff refused to comment on the issue when asked why the authority seemed to side with the importer.

He said according to the 2018 Investment Act, ZIPA is prevented to disclose anything to the media regarding investors' issues without the consent of those concerned.

However, the owner of the importing firm, Toufky Salum Turky said the Finance Ministry's decision was not right because as investors they are supposed to benefit with tax exemption according to Zanzibar's investment laws.



Muheza district immunization officer Grace Mwaimu reads a report during the launch of the district polio vaccination campaign at Ubwari health centre in Mbaramo ward, Tanga region over the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Steven William

By Guardian Reporter

MORE than 15,000 residents from Songwe, Njombe, Mufindi and Iringa have been provided with education on the importance of buying goods whose quality has been certified by Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) that has also been mobilising traders to register their buildings selling food stuff and cosmetics.

The education campaign started May 7 this year in the districts and ended last week and involved primary and secondary schools, market places, bus stands, auctions and other open areas.

TBS education drive reaches 15,000 people in four districts

Mafinga Town Secondary Education Officer, Stephen Shemdoe lauded TBS for providing the education to students and advised for the formation of permanent clubs on issues of quality standards in secondary schools in the future.

For his part, TBS Public Relations Manager Gladness Kaseka reminded the public to understand that poor quality goods do not affect TBS alone,

but the entire nation.

She said: "In this education campaign we have been able to reach 15,865 people out of who 9,144 are primary and secondary school students and 6,721 other ordinary people."

She explained to the students and teachers the issues of standards in their daily lives and about free TBS services to small entrepreneurs.

She also called on the public to report to TBS whenever they find products with expired dates or any other suspicious products in the market.

In regard to traders, she said they should make sure they adhere to the right registration procedures of their products or buildings selling food and cosmetics by visiting TBS offices near to them.



Rorya district commissioner Juma Chihoka leads the residents to dig the foundation stone for the construction of Rabuur health centre in Mara region over the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Samson Chacha

NCT set to improve challenges in the hospitality and tourism sector

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

THE National College of Tourism (NCT) is set to improve training manual so that more courses on the sector are brought in including the introduction of a degree in tourism and hospitality management.

NCT Chief Executive Officer Dr Shogo Mlozi made the revelation on Thursday when speaking during a one-day visit of the Natural Resources and Tourism minister Dr Pindi Chana.

Dr Shogo said that one of NCT Strategic plan in the next financial year is to make sure that all services

provided by the college is improved so as to keep attracting new visitors in the country.

"We intend to introduce a degree programme of tourism and hospitality management in order to empower our workers to provide our visitors with good services so that they can have a positive experience while visiting the country.

She further added that hospitality matters because it feeds the most basic human need that we all have, to feel loved and accepted and that is not something to overlook as it allows us to nurture.

She further added that there is a surplus of beauty in providing space for others to feel important, cared for and genuinely loved whereas they will give good reviews in which it will attract more tourists which lead to more economic development.

She further noted that among other strategic plans they have is to establish their own college operating rules so that they can have full authority in operating all college activities that they are working on, as well as increasing employers incentives.

Speaking on the same, Minister Pindi Chana from the Ministry of Natural

resources and Tourism applauded NCT for doing its job and urged it to keep doing better so that it can be able to contribute to the country's economic development.

"It's good that you are thinking of starting a degree in tourism and hospitality management so that we can have our own expert who will be able to lead our tourist college and invite more tourists, so let us keep pushing for more improvement," she noted.

She further noted that statistics show that since the launching of the royal tour a number of tourists has been increasing in the country.



Standard Six pupil at Mnazi Mmoja primary school Hemed Masoud directing motor vehicles to allow his colleagues to cross the road along Lumumba Avenue in Dar es Salaam last week. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

RC urges farmers to grow coffee despite challenges

By Guardian Correspondent, Moshi

KILIMANJARO Regional Commissioner, Stephen Kigaigai has called on farmers in the region to continue growing coffee due to its importance for the growth of people's income and foreign exchange earnings for the country.

Kigaigai also called on experts from Tanzania Coffee Board (TCB) in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture to continue educating coffee farmers to replace their old coffee trees with new high quality modern seedlings that withstand plant diseases and provide higher yields.

He said as for now competition in the world market is great and called on more stakeholders to invest in coffee and pledged that the government was ready to work together with researchers including Tanzania Coffee Research Institute (TaCRI) to produce modern, high quality coffee seedlings.

"This crop earns the nation's foreign exchange as well as being the economic mainstay for Kilimanjaro region that has many educated people due to the crop but at one time farmers became discouraged due to various

challenges they faced including high production costs," he said and added that the government will do all it can to mobilise farmers to continue growing coffee.

For his part, speaking on how they are mobilised to confront the effects of climate change, TaCRI Director, Dr Deusdedit Kilambo said his institution plans to issue new coffee seeds that can withstand drought come 2023/24.

He said as for now TaCRI is collecting statistics for assessing seed quality and is collaborating with Tanzania Official Seed Certification Institute (TOSCI).

Acting TCB Director, Primus Kimaryo said the Board is well set to make sure it increases coffee production from 70,000 tonnes now to 300,000 per year by 2025.

"TCB has a great responsibility in making sure we collaborate with various stakeholders in expanding coffee market, and by making sure we empower coffee farmers to grow quality seeds that can withstand drought," he said.

He said in making sure they help coffee farmers, last year they distributed more than 100,000 high quality coffee seedlings to farmers in Moshi Rural district.

Explore available digital space opportunities, Dar SMEs urged

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

SMALL and Medium Entrepreneurs (SMEs) have been challenged to utilise the emerging positive opportunities in the digital space technologies to improve their businesses and income.

Speaking yesterday in Dar es Salaam at a one-day seminar, the director of Dira Women Organisation (DIWO) Shamsa Danga said that the use of digital platforms will help all entrepreneurs to attract more customers as well as increase audience engagement at the comfort of their home.

Themed: "Connecting women creative entrepreneurs to the digital economy for a resilient economic recovery plan amid Covid-19 crisis", the seminar brought together young women entrepreneurs from various parts in Dar es Salaam Region.

She urged them to make good use of the technology by establishing online businesses or companies that will help them earn extra income and thus fight the employment crisis.

"The main aim of digital platforms is to enhance the collaboration between end users and producers to transact with each other where they also enable users to share different information like new products and services to boost income," she noted.

She added: "Development of science and technology has made things so easy for us, it has brought a number of opportunities of which most of them are yet to be fully utilized, and I encourage you to search, read and generate more ideas that will help improve your businesses which include marketing products online."

Shamsa further noted Small entrepreneurs should consider using online platforms and see the benefit they will get from converging their traditional and digital marketing because no small business no matter how new should overlook digital channels as a way to generate leads and give interest to customers.

"We have more than 50 small scale entrepreneurs presented here today who are ready to learn from our experts who have been successfully operating their businesses through online platforms without any problems", she said.

Karibu Culture Contact (KCC) chief executive officer, Bhwai Nicodemus said that the aim of this seminar is to empower all young entrepreneurs with the ability to use digital platforms to promote their business and be able to earn income.

She further noted that many entrepreneur's businesses had collapsed during the Covid-19 pandemic because they could not physical attend their shops and business was so bad that they had to close while if they would have been using these digital platform they would still be in business like other expertise out there since you only need your smartphone to do your job.

Joyce Fadhili, a small-scale entrepreneur who deals with producing local organic products, said that the training has been fruitful to them as they have learnt how to conduct business online.

"For me this is a very big opportunity and I am going to use it well, because I have a smartphone but I wasn't aware of how to open an online account that will help boost my business," she said.



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SWISSPORT TANZANIA PLC AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Commentary

The Board of Directors of Swissport Tanzania Plc, hereby publishes audited financial results for the year ended 31 December 2021. Total revenue during the year increased by 15% from TShs 26,739 million to TShs 30,679 million, and total operating cost decreased by 7% from TShs 30,003 million to TShs 28,032 million. Consequently, the Company reports a net profit of TShs 2,146 million compared to a net loss of TShs 2,587 million reported in 2020. This performance is attributed to significant business recovery from the impact of COVID-19 and continued cost cutting measures. Implemented by the management to sustain profitability of the business.

Dividend to Shareholders

The Board is delighted to announce a final dividend of TShs 1,073 Million or TShs 29.8 per issued and fully paid share. No interim dividend was declared and paid during the year.

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the Year Ended 31 December	2021 TZS M	2020 TZS M	% Change
Revenue	30,165	26,419	14%
Other operating income	514	320	61%
Total revenue	30,679	26,739	15%
Total operating expenses	(28,032)	(30,003)	(7%)
Operating profit/(loss)	2,647	(3,264)	181%
Finance costs	(595)	(287)	107%
Profit/(loss) before income tax	2,052	(3,551)	158%
Income tax credit	94	964	(90%)
Profit/(loss) for the period	2,146	(2,587)	183%
Other comprehensive income (net of tax)	25	58	(57%)
Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the year	2,171	(2,529)	186%
Earnings per share	59.6	(71.9)	183%

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As At 31 December

	2021 TZS M	2020 TZS M	% Change
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Intangible asset	12,625	14,510	(13%)
Property and equipment	15,502	16,345	(5%)
Right of use of assets	2,098	1,930	9%
Deferred tax assets	735	1,421	(48%)
Staff receivable	171	148	16%
	31,131	34,354	(9%)
Current assets			
Inventories	404	423	(4%)
Trade and other receivables	3,922	7,720	(49%)
Income tax recoverable	1,983	1,983	0%
Cash and cash equivalents	7,688	7,735	(1%)
	13,997	17,861	(22%)
Total assets	45,128	52,215	(14%)
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity			
Share capital	360	360	0%
Retained earnings	29,422	28,021	5%
Total equity	29,782	28,381	5%
Non-current liabilities			
Retirement benefit obligations	1,666	2,567	(35%)
Lease liabilities (IFRS 16)	958	1,510	(37%)
Related party loan (Non-current portion)	371	2,574	(86%)
	2,995	6,651	(55%)
Current liabilities			
Related party loan (short term)	2,240	2,055	9%
Trade and other payables	8,937	14,605	(39%)
Lease liabilities (short term)	1,174	523	124%
	12,351	17,183	(28%)
Total equity and liabilities	45,128	52,215	(14%)

Future Outlook

Cargo volumes have fully recovered, while ground handling flight frequencies registered an impressive recovery in 2021. Our future projections indicate that cargo volumes will continue growing, and the number of flight frequencies will increase as ground handling business continues to recover and Air Tanzania (the National Carrier) implements its network growth plans. The growth of cargo volume is driven by the increased export of perishable products and transit cargo from Air Tanzania. The retention of customers, winning new customers and the introduction of new product lines will also continue fostering the growth of business going forward. An improved operational performance, investment in human resources, ground support equipment, warehouse facilities, processes, training, and technology coupled with strict cost reduction and control measures adopted by the business are expected to influence stronger financial performance in 2022.

Despite the expected improved business performance, the management carefully monitors business recovery and its strategies and is taking appropriate mitigating measures to attain its projections.

Appreciation and commitment

The Board would like to thank all customers, authorities and other stakeholders for their continued support and our employees for their hard work throughout the year. The Board is committed to implement appropriate strategies to ensure the business remains sustainable.

Dirk Goovaerts
Board Chairman

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS For the Year Ended 31 December

	2021 TZS M	2020 TZS M
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit/(loss) before income tax	2,052	(3,551)
Adjustment for:		
Depreciation of property and equipment	2,408	2,300
Amortization of intangible assets	2,637	2,410
Depreciation of right of use assets	730	665
Provision for retirement benefit obligations	283	392
Gain on disposal/write-off of equipment	(5)	(6)
Interest expense on lease liabilities	301	253
Interest expense on loan	294	34
Impairment loss in trade receivables	-	312
Write off	(2,346)	-
Rent concession	(204)	(169)
Adjustments for:		
Inventories	19	(15)
Trade and other receivables	2,104	2,938
Trade and other payables	(244)	(878)
Cash generated from operating activities	8,029	4,685
Retirement benefits paid	(1,225)	(422)
Interest paid on lease liability	(301)	(253)
Interest paid on loan	(294)	-
Income tax paid	-	(387)
Net cash from operating activities	6,209	3,623
Cash flows from investing activities		
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	5	6
Acquisition of property and equipment and intangible asset	(2,317)	(2,514)
Net cash used in investing activities	(2,312)	(2,508)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from loan	-	4,595
Repayment of Loan	(2,018)	-
Dividends paid to the Company's shareholders	(1,403)	(802)
Payment of lease liabilities	(664)	(450)
Net cash (used in) / from financing activities	(4,085)	3,343
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(188)	4,458
Movement in cash and cash equivalent		
(Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(188)	4,458
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	7,735	3,435
Effect of movements in exchange rates on cash held	141	(158)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January to 31 December	7,688	7,735



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Progress being made to end obstetric fistula as world marks commemoration

MEDICAL activists everywhere in the world are on May 23, this year falling on Monday, marking International Day to End Obstetric Fistula, a serious childbirth injury which in numerous cases arises out of unsafe abortions attempted by young women. A rapid description says the disease arises from a hole between the birth canal and bladder and/or rectum, often due to prolonged, obstructed labour without access to timely medical treatment. It leaves women with incontinence problems of uncontrolled flow of body fluids, thus depression, social isolation, impoverishment. It is clearly a depressing type of disease.

Doctors are agreed that the problem is preventable with the correct medical assistance, in which case activists add with insistence that when the malady occurs there is a violation of human rights and a reminder of gross inequities. It is part of the international agenda to make sure that childbirth mishaps leading to a state of indignity should not be the lot of any women, and if it happens, it ought to be corrected rapidly so that life becomes normal for the affected woman. It is uncertain if progress is being realized fast enough to remove obstetric fistula from the ordinary list of diseases, to stop it as a simple indignity.

Eliminating obstetric fistula is among the sustainable development goals in the health sector, also tied to ending inequities with regard to women, the importance of which was already underlined nearly 30 years ago, in the Beijing Declaration and

Platform of Action. The matter was also emphasized in the programme of action of the International Conference on Population and Development a year earlier, in 1994.

Both programmes are tied to the fight for women's rights, focusing on reproductive health at a juncture that problems in that direction also touch on human dignity, an acute sense of social exclusion.

Looking at the situation in Tanzania, there is a mixed picture of the intensity of the disease and radiant hope by a number of online reviews on the progress in combating the disease. For one thing there are scores of organisations working to battle this condition, one being the African Medical Research Foundation (AMREF), working with other global medical delivery agencies, with extensive local implantation. In the city of Dar es Salaam the CCBRT (Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania) helps without charges to make repairs on disorders leading to a state of physical disability.

It is hard to say if the data is up to date, as a medical statistical study in 2011 said that there were 2,500 to 3,000 new cases annually, which the author said was higher than was earlier being projected. But ten years later available references put the number of annual cases at the same 3,000 mark, if perhaps this time it is on the higher side. The silver lining is that medical facilities are more within reach, and quick assistance to needy mothers on mobile phone transfers adds smiles on some faces.

Quality of education should not be a dream rather than a reality

TANZANIA has made a significant efforts to improve the educational system to the extent that it has been awarded and recognised for the attainment of the millennium development goals before the time frame of 2015. This incredible job on universal primary education enrollment has been due to the eradication of school fees for primary education in 2000 and primary school enrolment expanded to 95 per cent in 2009. Pre-primary and secondary educations have also achieved steady expansions.

Even though more classrooms have been built and the enrollment number reached 100 per cent, many people claim that the quality of education in primary school is still poor and pupils are not learning fundamental skills they need to prosper in their society and contribute to the national economic development.

Tanzania is the only country in the world that needs to be recognised and is supposed to be in the Guinness book for having two thirds of primary school leavers who are unable to read and write well. They also lack basic numerical skills and 85 percent can neither construct nor speak correct English sentences. Over 80 per cent are selected to join secondary education or any other forms of further education.

Some of challenges to the education system in Tanzania include dilapidated primary schools, inadequate facilities, poor trained and under-motivated teachers, poor working environment, inadequate supplies of teaching-learning materials, and lack of libraries which undermine rather than nourishing the potential of primary education.

In the same vein, a new report has commended the fifth phase government for introducing free secondary education, describing it as a 'huge step' towards enhancing access to quality learning despite a few hiccups that need to be addressed.

But the 109-page report points out that despite the move, more than 40 per cent of Tanzanian primary school leavers are still left out of lower

secondary school education.

Dubbed 'I Had a Dream to Finish School', the report released by the international Human Rights Watch (HRW) organisation says some obstacles rooted in outmoded government policies are preventing more than 1.5 million adolescents from attending secondary school and causing many students to drop out because of poor quality education.

"Tanzania's abolition of secondary school fees and contributions has been a huge step towards improving access to secondary education, but the government should do more to address the crowded classrooms, discrimination, and abuse that undermine many adolescents' education," said HRW children's rights researcher Elin Martinez, who authored the report.

Some of the obstacles outlined in the report include a shortage of secondary schools in rural areas, primary school examination policy which limits access to secondary education, and a discriminatory government policy to expel pregnant or married female students. Others include the abolition of school fees which the report said has left significant gaps in school budgets, and sexual harassment and discrimination suffered by girl students at the hands of their teachers.

According to the report, despite the introduction of free lower secondary education, many students face significant financial barriers such as transport to school, uniforms, and additional school materials such as textbooks.

The report recommends that the government should develop concrete plans to tackle these remaining barriers over time by adopting measures - in line with national resources and international financial support - to ensure more children access free secondary education. It also recommends that the government should increase school budgets for all education matters out of its own pocket, including the construction or renovation of school buildings, teacher housing facilities, and learning and teaching facilities and materials



By Olu Fasan

SO what? That's the key question for thinking through the future consequences of any action. As a critical-thinking tool, it forces you to identify the possible implications of your action. Well, let's apply this test to the 2023 presidency.

Of course, there are many "so-what?" questions about 2023, but my focus here is on the critical issue of zoning. So, let's ask two so-what? questions about power shift.

First: So, what if another Northerner succeeds President Muhammadu Buhari next year? Second: So, what if a Southerner outside the South-East becomes president? I can hear someone saying: "Heavens will not fall."

Really? But what if Nigeria is thrown into a destabilising political crisis? This is not scare-mongering or dire catastrophising. Rather, it's a dose of realism about the consequences of riding roughshod over the principles of fairness and equity that make power shift imperative in Nigeria, a multi-national state.

Lately, I have been asking the "so what?" questions, thinking through the probable consequences of both the ruling All Progressives Congress, APC, and the main opposition Peoples Democratic Party, PDP, rejecting zoning for the 2023 presidency.

Sadly, my fear is that the ensuing political turbulence would create a cataclysmic perfect storm that, God forbid, could induce military adventurism! The problem and its root-cause stare us in the face.

Looking at how politicians are jostling in droves for the 2023 presidency, without displaying an iota of integrity, without giving a hoot about the impacts of their selfish ambitions on inter-ethnic unity and national cohesion, one must wonder whether Nigeria is not teetering on the brink of some political calamity.

It was once fashionable to say that if the military had not intervened in 1966 and terminated the six-year-old First Republic, Nigeria would have become a matured democracy. It was also often said that if the military had not intervened in 1983 and ended the nearly five-year-old Second Republic, Nigeria would have become a strong democracy. But what excuse can anyone give for the appalling state of politics and democracy in Nigeria today, despite, by next year, 24 years of uninterrupted civil rule?

Truth is, Nigeria, cobbled together by the colonialists, was a mere geographical entity, not a nation, and over 60 years after its independence, it has failed to evolve into a unified nation state; its ethnic nationalities are locked in hostile rivalry and cut-throat struggle for power; its self-aggrandising politicians exploit ethnicity for their selfish political ambitions instead

Nigeria faces deeper turbulence without power shift



of building nationhood through deliberate promotion of fairness and equity, conditions that engender a sense of inclusion and, thus, nation-building. Take the zoning issue.

PDP has zoning provisions in its constitution, but, pressured by its powerful Northern members, decided to throw its presidential ticket open, allowing for the emergence of a Northern candidate against the imperative for a Southern president in 2023.

Even stranger, APC, which was widely believed to have zoned its presidential ticket to the South, recently said, through its new chairman, Abdullahi Adamu, that it had not zoned the presidency, leaving room for the possible emergence of a Northern candidate.

Unhelpfully, the Northern Elders Forum, NEF, weighed in, saying that "zoning is retrogressive, unwanted and anti-democratic"; its leader, Ango Abdullahi, described zoning the presidency between North and South as "dead and buried". The Southern and Middle Belt Leaders Forum, SMBLF, retorted: "Bury zoning, bury Nigeria!" Arewa Consultative Forum, ACF, fired back, saying it wasn't afraid of secession, insisting the North must produce the next president.

Meanwhile, all is not well in the South. Ohaneze Ndigbo said the next president must come from the

South-East, which has not produced president since Nigeria returned to civil rule in 1999. But, emerging from their recent meeting in Lagos, Yoruba APC leaders insisted that the presidency "must come to the South-West in 2023", despite the zone having produced president for eight years and vice-president for, by next year, eight years.

And in the South-South, which produced president for five years and vice-president for three years, several aspirants, including some strange characters, want to become Nigeria's president next year. So, we have a zero-sum, non-cooperative situation in which neither the parties nor the politicians, neither the North nor the South, neither the South-West nor the South-South, care about zoning, showing utter disregard for the principles of fairness, equity and justice.

Which brings us back to the two so-what? questions. Take the first: So what if APC and PDP field Northern candidates in next year's presidential election? Well, there are two possible scenarios, neither of which bodes well. First, as Chief Edwin Clark, leader of Pan Niger Delta Forum, PANDEF, said in a recent interview, the South could boycott the election.

Surely, if the South boycotts the poll, no Northern candidate will have the requisite spread -one-quarter of the

votes cast in two-thirds of 36 states, that is 24 states - to become president. That would trigger a major crisis. Would President Buhari invoke Section 305 of the Constitution to extend his tenure until, perhaps, the South could be pacified? What could happen if he did?

Second, even if the South doesn't formally boycott the poll, the turnout could be extremely low across the South, well below 10 per cent. In such circumstances, where's the "winning" Northerner candidate's legitimacy to govern Nigeria?

Attempting to use military force to suppress the inevitable agitations could amount to riding the back of the tiger or endangering Nigeria's corporate existence. What about the second so-what? question: a Southerner outside the South-East becoming president? That presupposes that the North agreed to zone the presidency to the South, but the South refused to micro-zone it to the South-East.

Well, there would be deep and festering uneasiness in the South-East, and a Southern president, particularly a Yoruba, whose zone willfully ignored the Igbo's fairness-based claim to the presidency would struggle to contain the rising agitations. Power rotation is an imperative. To avoid escalating political instability, the presidency should be zoned to the South and micro-zoned to the South-East.

How to topple authoritarians – and avoid being a battered spouse

By Greg Mills

THE veteran Ugandan opposition leader Kizza Besigye was placed under effective house arrest on 12 May in Kampala after he attempted a protest walk in the city against skyrocketing commodity prices. It was the latest in a long history of attempts by the Ugandan regime to intimidate and coerce the opposition.

"It's very difficult," says Dr Besigye, "to topple a regime backed by its military in a democratic election. They have all the advantages, all the levers of power, and never let go."

Besigye knows better than most.

A medical doctor, he served in Yoweri Museveni's National Resistance Movement, which he joined in 1982 at the age of 25, as Museveni's personal physician.

When the National Resistance Movement (NRM) came to power in January 1986, he was appointed minister of state for internal affairs and later minister of state in the president's office and national political commissar. He had his first source of disagreement with Museveni in the latter post, over corruption.

Shifted to the Uganda People's Defence Force, as a serving colonel in 1999 he authored *An Insider's View of How the NRM Lost the Broad Base*.

"Our second source of disagreement was over the management of the 'transition,'" says Besigye.

"He was intent on perpetuating the transitional arrangement (and leadership) and manipulating the constitution-making process to achieve that."

Court-martialled, he left the army and ran against Museveni in the 2001, 2006, 2011 and 2016 presidential elections. Each of these was characterised by irregularities, with even Uganda's own courts finding rigging and disenfranchisement in the 2006 poll.

The Commonwealth Observer Mission to the 2016 election, headed by former Nigerian president Olusegun Obasanjo, noted that the process "once again" fell short of meetings democratic benchmarks.

Jailed countless times

In 2006, "I was nominated from prison and only got bail a month from voting day". Besigye has also been under house arrest for months at various times.

He was detained three times by police during the week of the February 2016 event, and spent three months in jail after the election. This perpetual harassment would wear down lesser men.

He is not alone.

Although Besigye did not contest the January 2021 poll, the popular reggae artist Bobi Wine and his National Unity Platform ran Museveni close, indubitably closer than the official results showed.

Although the Electoral Commission declared Museveni to be the winner, again, with 58.64% of the vote, the process was described by the US government as "fundamentally flawed" when "coupled with the authorities' denial of accreditation to observers".

Human Rights Watch reported the election was "characterised by widespread violence and human rights abuses", including "killings by security forces, arrests and beatings of opposition supporters and journalists, disruption of opposition rallies and a shutdown of the internet".

The European Union did not send observers to Uganda, as their recommendations on the 2016 election were not implemented, including reform of the Electoral Commission and transparency of the voting process.

Wine was arrested several times, manhandled and placed under house arrest. When his supporters took to the streets, more than 100 people died and more than 500 were injured.

Yet the US government has provided more than a \$1-billion annually in aid to Uganda, of a total of more than \$2-billion and even more if peacekeeping support to Ugandan forces in Somalia and South Sudan is included along with Kampala's share of regional humanitarian assistance.

Little wonder that when Wine was asked how the US might best support democracy in Uganda, he replied: "Don't pay our oppressor."

Besigye and I met in Lusaka. Doesn't the change of government at the polls in Zambia in August last year – from the populist Edgar Lungu to businessman-turned-politician Hakainde Hichilema – give him hope?

"Yes, but the military in Zambia was not the means by which Lungu came to power. It remains relatively neutral, which is not the case in Uganda."

The same, he points out, is the case in neighbouring Malawi, where the armed forces have routinely upheld the constitution in various changes of government, most recently from Peter Mutharika to Lazarus Chakwera after the 2020 election.

Finding the means to deepen democracy is a question for much of Africa, where the number of countries judged (by Freedom House) as "free" has fallen from 12 to just eight (of 54) over the past 15 years, with now just 7% of the continent's popu-



From left: Bobi Wine addresses the media as security forces surround his home in Kampala, Uganda on 15 January 2021. Kizza Besigye, the leader of the main opposition Forum for Democratic Change, at a news conference at his home in Kasangati, on the outskirts of Kampala, Uganda, where he remains under house arrest, on 21 February 2016. and Morgan Tsvangirai at the Clinton Global Initiative in New York on 20 September 2011.

lation living in such societies.

This trajectory is in line with global trends, as the share of the world's population living in free environments has halved to just 20% over the past 15 years as authoritarian practices proliferate.

And yet the Ugandan example applies especially to countries where national liberation movements remain in power, including Mozambique, Tanzania, Angola and Zimbabwe in southern Africa.

Of the handful of cases where challengers have unseated incumbents in African elections, there have been none among the more recent liberation movements.

How might democracy prevail?

To confront this, and ensure democracy succeeds, democrats have to deliver and win the vote between elections.

In part, this depends on leaders of opposition parties and civil society movements developing a "democracy playbook" for elections, which goes beyond the justice of simply running against the government.

Oppositions have to possess a vision that both differentiates them and provides citizens with a good reason to vote for them.

While fomenting splits in the ruling party, in part by assuaging the military, they need to build their own broad base of support.

There is a need, too, for democrats – within and outside government – to establish a narrative that transcends the boundaries of identity, particularly given the youthful nature of Africa's populations.

Ukraine's recent crisis offers some pointers as to what is possible, albeit in a different context, in establishing a clear narrative (in this case, of resistance) in the face of seemingly impossible odds, centring on a combination of patriotism, values and leadership.

Clarity and consistency of purpose and message are the key takeaways from President Volodymyr Zelensky's success.

Ukraine also emphasises the role that outsiders can play – both through negative (sanctions) and positive (aid) measures – if sufficiently motivated.

The first rule for outsiders – to take the lead of Bobi Wine – is that they should do no harm. They must avoid being played, and at the same time be cognisant at least of the trade-off between democracy and their own ideas of stability.

Similarly, they need to avoid being exploited by authoritarians with a well-developed election playbook. African observers have a particular responsibility, not least because they are often seen as more credible.

Beyond elections, donors must have a clear-eyed view that elections are a necessary but insufficient condition for democracy, and they need to focus on the conditions between elections.

In essence, donors should not allow their short-term interests to trump longer-term strategic values.

This reflects a crisis of conscience within the West, where "tribal partisanship, media polarisation, uncompetitive elections, the death of bipartisan compromise, political disengagement, economic decline, rising inequality and demographic change imperil democracy", writes Brian Klaas in *The Despot's Accomplice*.

"But the storm has also made landfall on Western foreign policy. It is causing politicians and diplomats to downgrade or eliminate the promotion of democracy in Western engagement with the rest of the world."

With Trump it was worse still, he says, "not just a lost appetite for democracy – it's an actual hunger to promote and praise ruthless authoritarian regimes".

Global power shifts

And as the West has turned inward in the promotion of such values, "the Chinese dragon and Russian bear have been more than happy to swoop or lumber into the ensuing influence vacuum, giving rise to a meaningful and rapid shift of global power".

Western donors have constantly maintained this view towards African regimes out of a cocktail of strategic interest, fear of rivals, cynicism and a predilection for stability over principle. Just like there are few governments that business does not like, there appear to be even fewer that donors can't find an excuse to aid.

This may help, for instance, to explain Washington's relationship with South Africa, where it is apparently so used to being dissed by Pretoria, that it pretends everything is fine. Disdain seemingly breeds a perverse dependency.

Voting patterns in the United Nations are one indication that South Africa has had a major problem with the US, its second-largest trade partner and largest investor, for some time.

Between 1994 and 2018, for example, the annual voting coincidence in the UN General Assembly between South Africa and the US averaged just 26%. It declined from the mid-30s under Mandela and Clinton in the 1990s to the teens under Mbeki-Bush, the low twenties during the Obama years, and 18% for 2017.

On human rights, voting overlap peaked at 62.5% in 1995 and reached its nadir at 8.3% in 2013, early in Obama's second term.

On issues of economic development, the coincidence of interest was just 8.2%. By comparison, South Africa voted with China most of the time: in the high eighties and early nineties, averaging 89.1%.

Even the most quixotic American president would have to realise that the ANC does not like them or share Washington's worldview and ideology, whatever the administration in power.

Yet for all the mutterings about Washington tiring of Pretoria's obvious dislike and disregard, the US carries on regardless, preferring to see the ANC as a schizophrenic actor, caught between political radicalism and economic rationality.

Washington behaves like a battered spouse towards Pretoria, believing somehow that relations will get better, common sense will prevail and that its love will eventually be requited.

This also poisons relations with the official opposition, with whom it maintains barely lukewarm relations, in so doing neglecting an important mechanism for domestic political accountability and Washington's own leverage.

How many votes in the UN will it take, one has to ask, until the US gets the message?

It's not just South Africa

In Uganda, Lt-Gen Muhoozi Kainerugaba, the commander of Uganda's land forces and son of Museveni, tweeted support for the Russian invasion of Ukraine: "The majority of mankind (that are non-white) support Russia's stand in Ukraine", he wrote, adding: "Putin is absolutely right!"

Opposition leaders in Uganda are now concerned about how to prevent a coronation of Kainerugaba, who recently went on a major "Team MK" political branding campaign to mark his 48th birthday.

And yet Washington remains largely publicly schtum on what amounts to a human rights foreign policy aberration. No donor is willing to explicitly calibrate African aid by democratic standards.

A failure to do so by democracies can only undermine perceptions of their power in a continent ever-willing to play to racial and other stereotypes. In so doing, long-term democratic governance is held hostage to short-term notions of stability.

If only actions had consequences

For their part, African domestic actors have to take a leaf out of the ANC's struggles in South Africa, and be more forthright in calling for external intervention, including sanctions as a tool of change.

The opposition in Zimbabwe has been reluctant to do so, for instance, given that they could then be seen to be acting against their own people's best interests, at least in the short term.

And yet in the longer term, the absence of change and the presence of a trickle of funding has ensured that the pain sim-

ply endures.

There is a similar dilemma in calling for street protests. As Tendai Biti notes, this was one of the toughest decisions Morgan Tsvangirai had to make as leader of the Movement for Democratic Change, "as it endangered people to a regime that would shoot without hesitation or remorse".

There is a further constraint, Biti notes, on popular protest as an option, along the lines of Ukraine's 2004 Orange Revolution, or the 2014 Euromaidan protests.

"These were middle-class revolutions, where people have food, have transport, have resources. Most of the African circumstances are very poor, where people don't even have the next meal.

"Africa creates the conditions of state perpetuation, where failure gives life to a failed regime."

Poverty makes political struggles that much more difficult, as does ignorance. Yet without a change of direction, the best Zimbabwe can hope for is a state of continuous reproduction of state violence, economic decay and failure itself.

This leads to a policy dualism, with the opposition calling privately for sanctions to be imposed while publicly appearing to reject such assumptions even though they are willing, at times, to call their supporters onto the streets. To do otherwise against a regime willing to unleash military force seems unrealistic.

But it is a long war – build a credible opposition, is Biti's answer. He argues that you cannot have the opposition mirror the regime, otherwise there is little motive for replacing them. And, he adds, "this is not just about money given by donors. Rather it's a question of agency of locals".

The case for democracy

Democracy is important to the West since it is the great differentiating feature in their offer to Africa from China, Russia and others.

Across the 30 countries that Afrobarometer has surveyed consistently over the past decade, democracy is also what the majority of Africans prefer as a political system.

In the most recent poll, seven in 10 Africans say that "democracy is preferable to any other kind of government".

Large and steady majorities consistently reject authoritarian alternatives, including military rule (75%), one-party rule (77%) and one-person rule (82%).

Democracy is thus not a peripheral interest to the West, "a distraction" from security, stability and economic growth, as Klaas notes, but rather its key selling point.

To support it, there should be a clearer calibration of the scale of reward – measured by access to trade, capital, technology and training – for democracies, not least since there is a clear empirical correlation between the health of African democracy and specific economic performance.

Overall, insiders need outside allies in their fight against authoritarianism. But they should learn not to be too cheap a date, and need to push back against the hypocrisy of donors in terms of their own values.

And this should not neglect, again, what insiders can do between each other.

There is a need to align tactics and strategies across Africa's opposition movements, which have been notoriously divided and thereby ruled.

Comparing notes extends to funding strategies, and in linking with democratic movements outside, particularly those engaged in the battle against authoritarianism.

Making common cause should be a default principle for oppositions, inside and outside Africa.

In sum, democrats must work even harder – and make tough choices – to win contests against authoritarians. And the West has to prioritise democracy promotion if it is to seduce African populations. DM

Nearly half of industrial enterprises above designated size in Shanghai resume work

By Xie Weiqun, Qiu Chaoyi

As the pandemic situation improves, east China's Shanghai municipality has made efforts to balance anti-pandemic responses and economic and social development to minimize the impact of a recent surge in Omicron coronavirus cases on its economy.

On May 4, flight CZ451 of China Southern Airlines, loaded with goods, flew from Shanghai Pudong International Airport to Amsterdam, the Netherlands. It was the airline's first flight since Shanghai had restarted the operation of cargo aircraft.

Two days later, SAIC Motor, China's largest automaker headquartered in Shanghai, announced that the company had sold 167,000 units of automobiles since it resumed production and work in April.

On May 11, a ro-ro ship carrying 4,700 Tesla cars sailed from Shanghai toward the Port of Koper, Slovenia.

As of May 15, over 4,400, or nearly 50 percent of the city's more than 9,000 industrial enterprises above designated size had resumed work. Over 70 percent of the key industrial enterprises in the city had restarted their business operations.

Shanghai has released two "white lists" of key foreign trade enterprises to resume work and production, covering 704 enterprises engaged in trade in goods and services, port services as well as foreign-invested enterprises headquartered in the city. The third "white list" that includes over 820 companies is expected to be issued soon.

The city began to promote the overall resumption of business and markets in stages on May 16.

Guaranteeing the production of key enterprises is one of the important tasks for Shanghai to stabilize its economy.

Since the latest COVID-19 outbreak, Shanghai's integrated circuit industry has tried all means possible to solve difficulties with supply chain, logistics and employees' return to work.

In key enterprises of the industry represented by Huahong Group, SMIC, and GTA Semiconductor, more than 15,000 employees have stuck to closed-loop production, helping maintain the industry's capacity utilization rate at over 90 percent.

Since it started the pressure test for resumption of work and production in April, SAIC Motor has seen 40,000 employees from its subsidiaries in Shanghai take part in closed-loop production and operations.

Shanghai is home to clusters of high-end manufacturing industries including integrated circuits, large passenger aircraft, new energy vehicles, artificial intelligence (AI) and biomedicine, and is a major link of international and domestic industrial and supply chains.

To ensure the sustaining operations in key industries, Shanghai has released "white lists" of key foreign industrial enterprises to restart work and production since April 16, and issued guidelines on epidemic prevention and control.

Key industries such as automobiles, integrated circuits and biomedicine have seen their industrial chains continue recovering and production capacity grow, while leading enterprises continued their stable production.



A China-made very large ethane carrier (VLEC) with the world's largest capacity of 99,000 cubic meters, which was built by Jiangnan Shipyard (Group) Co., Ltd., is delivered in Shanghai, May 16, 2022. File photo

Over 90 percent of workers have returned to their positions at a factory of Contemporary Amperex Technology Co., Ltd. (CATL) located in Lingang Special Area of China (Shanghai) Pilot Free Trade Zone.

The producer of power batteries has brought its production capacity back to the pre-outbreak level, which has not only supported electric vehicle manufacturers in resuming work and production, but driven gradual production resumption of many suppliers.

Shanghai has made it a major task to ensure smooth transportation of goods.

Due to the COVID-19 outbreaks in various regions of China, land transport has been faced with obstacles.

To effectively utilize the Port of Shanghai, an

international hub port, Shanghai International Port Group has exploited the overall advantages of the port and optimized the ways of handling containers to ensure timely arrival and shipment of containers.

Besides, it has promptly rolled out a service to shift land transport to water transportation, which has covered the Yangshan Port, Waigaoqiao Port, and ports in the Yangtze River Delta and basin, to accelerate the expansion of waterway business channels.

Wharves of the Yangshan Port, Shanghai, maintained relatively stable operations amid the latest outbreak.

The port's average daily container throughput in March and April stood at 66,000 and 59,000 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs),

respectively, 90 percent and 85 percent of the average during the first quarter, according to a report released by Shanghai's Yangshan Special Comprehensive Bonded Zone on May 9.

As international and domestic trade transactions improve, warehouses at the Yangshan Special Comprehensive Bonded Zone become busy. A total of 193, or 85 percent of the companies operating at the special comprehensive bonded zone have restarted operations.

Ding Yunwei, a director of operations at the Asia-Pacific distribution center of Mettler Toledo, a global provider of precision instruments and services for professional use, said that in April, the sales of the distribution center, which has implemented closed-loop management, reached 80 percent of that in the same period

last year.

Foreign investors are still confident about expanding their businesses in Shanghai. On May 3, United Overseas Bank (China) announced that it would open a branch in Lingang Special Area in the third quarter of this year, becoming the first foreign-funded bank to operate in the area.

L'Oréal announced on May 8 the decision to set up its first investment company in the Chinese market in Fengxian district, Shanghai, which was also the first investment project signed by a Fortune Global 500 multinational during the resumption of work and production in Shanghai.

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A young Kenyan female journalist

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MJUMITA urges government to take legal action against perpetrators of illegal logging

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

THE Community Forest Conservation Network of Tanzania (MJUMITA) has called on the government, district councils and local government authorities to support the villagers' initiatives that aim at promoting and conserving the forests on the village land.

The Forest Acts and regulations provide the legal basis for villages to own and manage forest resources on village land in ways that are both sustainable and profitable.

Speaking at stakeholders meeting that brought together members of the network, government officials and media in Morogoro over the weekend, they said despite the legal mandate and Acts that allows the village to own, manage and conserve their forest on the village land, but there are some unfaithful government officials who do not provide support instead they collude with illegal forest products harvesters for personal gains.

Sadiki Kondo said at Tununguo village, Morogoro district some leaders are not committed and honest when it comes to forest products such as logs and timbers. They don't help the villagers get the exact value for money when selling logs and timbers. Citing an example, he said recently, the leaders sold a total of 42cbm logs for 1.2m/- instead of 8.4m/-.

"I don't know what laws and guidelines used by the leaders because 1cbm is sold at 200,000/- which means for 42cbm the village should have pocketed 8.4m/- and help the village development projects, but that was not the case, he said.

When I saw this, I decided to report the case to the district forest officer and TFS who said they would make follow up but until now I have not received any feedback, he added.

He advised that the government should educate the villagers and the village natural resource committees on the laws and the guidelines of harvesting forest products and exact prices of different logs and timbers before harvesting. He said the government should keep an open eye for



Forest stakeholders meeting in Morogoro over the weekend Photo by Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

leaders who are not honest and cannot protect and conserve well public resources.

However when contacted for comments, forest conservationists from Mjumita said for valuable trees such as Mkongo and Mninga 1cbm goes up to 290,000 or less depending on the prices of that particular time, urging the villagers and the district to be keen when dealing with unfaithful buyers.

Village Natural Resources Commit-

tees should make sure that they heed forest management plans, harvesting plans, by-laws, adding that the district government supports Community-Based Forest Management practices.

Another challenge is that in the nearby village of Lulongwe, the leaders have sold a total of 2,000 acres of land to the investors who want to cultivate hot peppers. When giving out their land to the investor process and procedures were not followed.

The law requires the village leaders to

consult the district officials for advice but that did not happen.

Cosmas Lubwaza from Ndole village in Mvomero district said that there is a need for the government to issue indicative price because there is no transparency when selling forests products like logs and timbers. The buyer would go to the village with his own price, TFS with own price and the village leaders with their own price.

"Because the villagers don't know the indicative price when they sug-

gest the correct price, the buyer would refuse and end up confusing them," he said.

Kichonda ward councilor in Liwale district, Lindi region commended Mjumita for the project saying it aims at promoting ecologically sustainable harvesting of forest products including timber, fuel wood and charcoal and promote good governance including transparency, accountability and participation.

"I have visited the project at Matuli village and it is promoting equitable benefit sharing; promoting free, prior and informed consent for communities; and revenue generation for local government. This benefits the district council because instead of dishing out the money to the villagers, it is receiving some percent from the villagers with the project," he said.

Mjumita's policy and dialogue officer Elida Fundi said deforestation and desertification have accelerated despite a number of measures being taken by the government and stakeholders like Mjumita to mitigate them.

"The problem is that there is no commitment for the part of some leaders. Instead of conserving the forests they end up discouraging the local communities," she said.

She said the villagers; particularly members of the network (Mjumita) face many challenges in implementing their duties and responsibilities due to lack of cooperation from some duty bearers. She said forest conservation require committed leaders who are faithful but some duty bearers have turned perpetrators of illegal logging instead of supporting the villagers and village natural resource committee conserve the forests and get value for money for their forests product.

"Some unfaithful leaders collude with business tycoons to issue licenses and receipts that favor them. This demoralizes the villagers to conserve the forests," she said.

Elida called on responsible institutions to make regular inspections to identify unfaithful leaders and take action against them.

Executive director for Mjumita Rahima Njaidi said there is a need to protect community rights to manage their forests, including deciding on forest harvesting, as set out in the Forest Act and Village Land Act. However, there are several statements from leaders that contradict with the villagers plan.

NBC Bank meets Mbeya customers, introduces new services

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE National Bank of Commerce (NBC) has met with its small and medium customers in Mbeya to discuss business opportunities, introduce new banking services and train them on the benefits of such services. The bank also used the opportunity to discuss with its customers how it could improve its services according to their needs.

Speaking during a dinner event hosted by the bank over the weekend through its NBC Business Club program, the Bank's Head of SMEs Unit, Musa Mwinyidaho said the lender is committed to improving services so that its customers can continue to enjoy the simplified services that conform to the re-



NBC Bank's head of SMEs Unit Musa Mwinyidaho (2nd R) exchanges views with the chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Marketing (TCCIA) Mbeya region Erick Sichinga (2nd L) and other invited guests during a dinner hosted by the bank over the weekend in Mbeya region to discuss business opportunities and the bank's SMEs products. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

quirements of their customers need so that they can grow their businesses.

"Through NBC Business Club

we've a comprehensive strategy to uplift SMEs by building their business capacity through training and seminars, networking

as well as helping them formalize their businesses so that they can be trusted by financial institutions when they need loans.

This initiative has been productive not only for our customers but also for us as a bank we have been able to get feedback that has enabled us to improve our services for them," he said.

He said through the club, the bank has been able to introduce new products for SMEs including the 'Commercial Property Financing' service that enables commercial building owners to be issued with low interests loans and the 'Commercial Asset Financing' service which enables the SMEs to get loans for machinery business and contracting activities.

"Also through today's event our customers in Mbeya region will have the opportunity to be more aware of our unsecured loans product, an excit-

ing product for SMEs as part of the bank's strategy to support them to grow and support the country's industrialisation agenda. The loans, which are issued basing on creditworthiness of a borrower, cover distributors and suppliers of large companies," he mentioned.

In addition, Mwinyidaho noted that through the NBC Business Club service the bank has been able to bring together members of the club and various authorities in the business sector including government institutions such as TRA, BRELA, TBS and many others to discuss and resolve challenges and get more training on important issues including tax education.

Speaking on behalf of the customers, the Chairman of

the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Marketing (TCCIA) Mbeya Region Erick Sichinga, said businesses in the region were satisfied with the contribution of the NBC Business Club service as through the club they have been able to get business training along with being educated about new marketing and business opportunities.

"Designing a new product for customers is one thing but ensuring that the product is well understood and applied properly by the targeted customers is even better. We are very grateful to NBC as they not only create the products that touch us but also make sure we got a better understanding of those product through the NBC Business Club platform," he said.

TICTS now welcomes additional equipment

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA International Container Terminal Services (TICTS) has announced the arrival of three additional rubber-tired gantry cranes (RTGCs) and one reach-stacker.

As part of an ongoing investment programme, TICTS has invested \$12.5 billion in procuring this additional equipment.

TICTS recently had its most productive month on record handling over 61,000 TEU in March. More recently, the terminal broke its daily record handling 2,841 Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit (TEU) in May. TEU is an exact unit of measurement used to determine cargo capacity for container ships and terminals

Hutchison Ports Managing Director, Middle East and Africa Andy Tsoi, commented: "As a member of the Hutchison Ports, TICTS benefits from the access to a wide range of support from the group. We have a long history of partnership in Tanzania and are very keen to continue to support growth in Tanzania and the region."

Also commenting on the equipment arrival, Matt Cliff, Acting TICTS Chief Executive Officer said, "With continued strong economic growth, we are pleased to receive this additional equipment as it will help us meet the demand of the upcoming peak season. Our aim is to minimize waiting time and maximize productivity."



Located at Berths 8 through 11, TICTS operates 725 meters at the port with six quay cranes each with a handling capacity of 45 metric tonnes. With the arrival of the equipment, the terminal current-

ly has a fleet of 23 RTGCs which work the stacking area of 18.75 hectares.

'Significant number of malaria mosquitoes bite during day, control measures need re-evaluation'

By Special Correspondent

AFRICAN countries need 'Green Growth' to address education and health-related inequalities that hinder socio-economic development on the continent and are likely to exacerbate the negative impacts of climate change, according to a recently released report.

Green growth has the potential to address these inequalities

through the creation of decent jobs, better provision of basic services, improvement of air quality and enhancement of climate resilience, the report added.

Climate action and inclusive green growth were particularly important at the current moment, as economies around the world had been ravaged by the COVID-19 pandemic, according to the report.

Africa Green Growth Readiness Assessment was launched May 11, 2022, during a side-event at the 15th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP15) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, underway in Abidjan from May 9-20.

The report defined 'green growth' as a strategy to sustain the economy through building resilience and managing resources

efficiently. The document was co-authored by the African Development Bank (AfDB), Africa's premier multilateral development finance institution and the Global Green Growth Institute, a multilateral intergovernmental organisation.

The AfDB said green growth can have the greatest impact on Africa's most pressing challenges within focal areas – promoting

sustainable infrastructure, sustainable management of natural assets and building resilience of livelihoods. African countries can achieve sustainable growth and development if they expand access to digital and physical infrastructure such as the internet and quality roads. This will require greater support and investment, the report said.

The report also assessed the

current state of and trends in green growth in Africa, as well as green growth readiness levels of African countries. Seven countries were selected to represent the five regions of the continent—Morocco and Tunisia for North Africa, Kenya and Rwanda for east Africa, Senegal for West Africa, Gabon for central Africa and Mozambique for southern Africa

North African countries have

made the most progress towards achieving the United Nations-mandated sustainable development goals (SDG), while countries in Central Africa require the greatest support, according to the report. With the exception of Tunisia and Morocco, the greatest challenges the focus countries faced were related to access to sustainable services, such as energy and sanitation.

Youth survivors, activists will hold governments accountable to call to action on ending child labour

DURBAN

GOVERNMENTS of the world must focus on providing quality free education and prosecuting corrupt officials and people who siphon state and donor funds as crucial steps towards taking decisive action to fight child labour across the globe.

These were among the diverse opinions of child labour survivors and young activists in reaction to the Durban Call to Action to eradicate the practice at the 5th Global Conference on the Elimination of Child Labour in Durban. Hundreds of delegates, including world leaders in business, trade unions and civil society organisations, attended the conference, which ran in the city from May 15 to 20, 2022. Sessions and panel discussions highlighted topics from agriculture, climate change and global supply chains and how these sectors and issues contribute to child labour.

Speaking during the closing ceremony on Friday, International Organisation of Employers vice president for Africa, Jacqueline Mugo, highlighted the salient points of the 11-page Durban Call to Action.

"The Durban Call to Action is a comprehensive action plan. Em-

ployers fully support this plan," Mugo said.

The Durban Call to Action aims to:

- Ensure decent work for adults and youth above the minimum age for work
- End child labour in agriculture
- Prevent and eliminate child and forced labour through data-driven policy and programmatic responses
- Realise children's right to education
- Achieve universal access to social protection
- Increase financing and international cooperation.

"It is in our hearts to make this crucial turning point happen. We must not fail the children of the world. This implementation of the Durban call will largely be the work of an African who will take up leadership ILO later this year, so we have no reason to fail. We are deeply committed to work for its full implementation," Mugo said.

Togolese diplomat Gilbert Houngbo ILO Director-General (elected) takes up his new position on October 1, 2022, strategically positioning him to lead the fight against child labour globally.

"This conference is breaking new ground. Let us recall that 160 mil-



Selimatha Dzedzorm Salifu (survivor, Ghana), Divin Ishimwe (activist, Burundi), Rebekka Nghilalulwa (activist, Namibia), Rajesh Jatav (survivor, India), Esther Gomani (activist, Malawi) and Badaku Marandi (survivor, India) are optimistic and determined that this time the call to action to #EndChildLabour must succeed. Credit: Cecilia Russell/IPS

Several child labour survivors and activists who commented on the conference and the Durban Call to Action said the focus on fighting child labour should be on education, eliminating corruption and listening to children's voices.

Esther Gomani, a student from Malawi, was satisfied that the voice of some 60 children, who represented ten countries, were heard during special children's sessions, for the first time, at the global conference.

"Before now, they did things without including people (children). People come to conferences, and there is no commitment. They come to enjoy the benefits. Now children's voices have been amplified (so they will be heard) – nothing about us, without us. We need to be involved in the solutions," Gomani said.

Rajesh Jatav, a child labour survivor from India, who was rescued by the Kailash Satyarthi Foundation, said governments should focus on providing quality education.

"Education is the key. This is the only message. Look after quality basic education. Governments have lots of money for quality education. But there is corruption. They should use this money on stopping illicit flows," Jatav said.

Badaku Marandi, a survivor from India agreed vehemently.

"We are child survivors and are educated, we challenge the government and private sector to provide quality education," Marandi said.

Rebekka Nghilalulwa, a child activist, and representative of 100 million March (Namibia) said the plan needed to be put into action to achieve results.

"I want to see each and everyone's responsibilities and roles described. The Durban declaration should properly outline implementation. That way next time we will be celebrating and not deliberating on issues. It would be disappointing to include voices just for show. As such as we are young, we have the experience (of child labour)," Nghilalulwa said.

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8 letters: SCHOLARS

10 letters: NEMERTEANS

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- making a choice by voting
- said no to politics despite Weah's invitation
- unrecognised state in Africa from 1965 to 1979
- Leader
- piece of writing with rhyme
- the conduct of government
- analysar of opinion polls
- the Capital of Netherlands
- pact founded: may 14, 1955
- an abstract plan in politics
- gather people together
- the number of casualties arising from political unrest
- Ruler of the world 2000 years ago

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- administration
- Government seat of Norway
- First president in Angola
- a large tailless primate
- Tanzania's Capital
- leader emotionally well-balanced
- abilities to lead well
- a solemn promise
- an agreement signed by USA, Canada and Mexico
- Ruler
- broker, buyer
- someone who plant seeds
- assert, allege

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lion children are in child labour, half of which are involved in hazardous work that puts their physical and mental health at risk. We must not forget that behind every number there is a girl, there is a boy like any other who wants to learn, who wants to play, who wants to be cared for and to grow up and be able to get a good job as adults. They are denied the most basic rights to protection. It is intolerable and, quite frankly, morally unacceptable," Houngbo said.

According to the International Labour Organisation's (ILO) and UNICEF's latest statistics released in 2020, highlighted at the conference, at least 160 million children are now involved in child labour, a surge of 8.4 million in just four years.

Sierra Leone Labour Congress secretary-general Max Conteh blamed the Covid-19 pandemic for eroding the progress made in the fight against child labour.

"Statistics point to past achievements being fast eroded and child labour being exacerbated, no thanks to the Covid-19 pandemic. This has resulted in large numbers of children dropping out of school and falling into the labour market," Conteh said.

South Africa's Minister of Employment and Labour, Thulas Nxesi, called on countries to implement action plans to fulfil the Durban Call to Action.

"The message was very clear, governments must pass the necessary legislation, governments and business (must) accept that we need a structural change of the economy, it must not just be about profits, it must also be about people.

That message was very clear. It would be a serious oversight not to earlier in the conference, children delivered the Children's Call to Action, which highlighted the need for free access to education, social protection, the provision of safe spaces during crises such as pandemics and climate change disasters and the importance of evoking the spirit of "nothing about us without us" to democratically include children in policies and decisions that affect their lives.

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Oil market fears recession more than tight fuel inventories

LONDON

The oil market wrapped up another volatile week of hectic trading, swinging up and down in a \$5 a barrel range as it was pulled between bullish and bearish catalysts in both directions every day.

Both benchmarks hit an eight-week high early on Tuesday, only to pull back later in the day and join on Wednesday the sell-off on Wall Street triggered by renewed investor concerns about a possible recession as top retailers flagged soaring costs and supply chain bottlenecks in their quarterly earnings reports.

In the week to May 20, oil market par-

ticipants paid more attention to "recession fear" headlines than to the weekly U.S. petroleum status report, which showed another draw in gasoline inventories and higher implied domestic demand, which—despite record-high gasoline prices in America—is only set to rise further as we enter the summer driving season.

"The market is reacting to all sorts of different headlines hour to hour, and the movement in oil markets on a day-by-day basis getting even more exaggerated," Andrew Lipow, president of Lipow Oil Associates in Houston, told Reuters on Thursday, when oil settled higher after the U.S. dollar weakened,



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following a plunge in crude prices in earlier trading on the same day.

Overall, the market appeared more concerned about the rising odds of a recession rather than falling U.S. fuel inventories to multi-year low levels for this time of the year.

Investors and speculators pulled back from oil, with crude being a risk-

ier asset, as concerns about a more pronounced global economic slowdown—and even a recession—intensified and dampened risk appetite.

"The possible easing of U.S. sanctions against Venezuela could be considered another bearish factor, coming in addition to the Hungarian veto on the EU's plan to ban Russian oil,"

Sebastien Bischeri, Oil & Gas Trading Strategist at Sunshine Profits, wrote in Investing.com.

The EU is still struggling to persuade Hungary to accept an EU embargo on Russian oil imports. Adding to bearish factors were fresh COVID outbreaks in China, where Shanghai is tentatively reopening, but infections are rising in

the Beijing area.

However, while the market is focused on gloomier economic outlooks, it has ignored—at least this past week—the critically low U.S. fuel inventories.

Not that oil demand has soared so much. It's the capacity to supply, globally and in the U.S., that is now a few million barrels per day lower than it was before the pandemic.

Rising demand since economies reopened and people returned to travel, combined with lower refining capacity and very tight distillate markets have drawn down U.S. product inventories to below seasonal averages and at multi-year lows, with record-low inventories reported on the East Coast.

Total motor gasoline inventories decreased by 4.8 million barrels in the week ending May 13, and are about 8 percent below the five-year average for this time of year, the EIA said in its latest weekly inventory report on May 18. Implied gasoline demand, measured as products supplied, rose, despite record-high prices across the United States.

Gasoline inventories in the U.S. are at their lowest levels for this time of the year since 2014, with stocks on the East Coast even tighter, at their lowest since 2011 for this time of the year.

MO Dewji devotes to giving in recognition to societal powers

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIAN businessman and East Africa's only known dollar billionaire Mohammed Dewji, who was recently weekend awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters by the Georgetown University McDonough School of Business, based in Washington D.C. has urged the graduates to find life's purpose by connecting their pursuits to the betterment of others.

The Doctorate, presented by University President, John DeGioia, is in recognition of Dewji's significant contribution to society through his philanthropic work across Tanzania.

"Whose lives can you touch? Search your heart for the an-

swer. If you combine that curiosity with the knowledge you've gained in your time here, then the world will be yours to shape. May you shine bright, conquer your fears, and leave a positive legacy on your communities," Dewji said.

Dewji understands the power of community better than most. Four years ago, he was abducted and held captive for nine days - bound by ankles and wrists.

In a moment of immense vulnerability and struggle, people worked around the clock to plead for his release. Friends, colleagues, social media networks, and media outlets around the world helped facilitate his rescue.

His community showed up

for him - so recommitted to doing the same.

Dewji graduated from the Georgetown University McDonough School of Business in 1998, before launching his career as President of MeTL Group and Founder of the Mo Dewji Foundation.

Dewji emphasized the importance of leveraging the people around you, devoting oneself to others, and building strength in community.

He also reminded the 776 undergraduates and 330 graduates in the McDonough School of Business Class of 2022 of a phrase already ingrained into their education as a Hoya: the Jesuit value of cura personalis - sharing a profound sense of responsibility and care for



Mohammed Dewji speaking on the podium at McDonough School of Business, Georgetown University in Washington soon after been awarded an Honorary Doctorate degree PHOTO/FILE

one another.

He added: The world is never about you - but it should always concern you. Once we embrace the reality that the outcomes in our lives are truly in the hands of others, we become motivated to understand each other. We become better stewards of our community. By clearing paths for others, we find our own.

The degree of Doctor of Humane Letters is an honorary degree awarded to those who have distinguished themselves through humanitarian and philanthropic contributions to society.

The criteria for awarding the Doctor of Humane Letters degree differs between institutions; however, it is typically awarded to individuals who serve as keynote speakers at university events, or to individuals associated with the institution.

This flexibility has resulted in universities awarding unique variants of the Doctor of Humane Letters degree; in 1996, for example, Southampton College awarded Kermit the Frog an honorary "doctorate of Amphibious Letters" in recognition for his contribution to children's education.

HELSINKI

AS Finland braces for an expected halt in natural gas flows from its top supplier Russia, some of the largest industrial users are getting ready.

There's a "real risk" the taps will be turned off as soon as Friday, according to estimates by importer Gasum Oy, which has refused to pay in rubles.

Most of the demand comes from industry - gas makes up just 5 percent of the country's energy mix - and companies have been preparing for a shut off

Finnish industry to end Russian natural gas imports

since Russia's attack on Ukraine in late February.

They "have done all they can to prepare for the past three months, at least," said Heikki Lindfors, senior adviser at Finnish Energy, the industry's lobby.

Neste Oyj is among the country's biggest consumers of gas, using it to produce hydrogen required in its oil refining operations. The majority of its

production is now "secured with other alternatives," according to Markku Korvenranta, who runs the Oil Products unit.

"Neste can replace natural gas with other alternatives and we have already actively worked toward, for instance, the introduction of propane in hydrogen production," he said in an emailed response to questions.

Two pipelines supply gas into Finland, which has no fossil resources of its own.

The bulk of imports flows on the pipeline from Russia, while the Balticconnector brings in about a quarter to a third into the grid from the Baltic states.

Gasum said supplying all customers could be "challenging" if it only had the

Estonian connection available. Finland is also working with Estonia to rent a floating LNG terminal, targeting imports by the coming winter, and is adding a third small LNG terminal in the autumn.

Another large user is the forest industry, where the top firms have made their plans.

Stora Enso Oyj has already stopped using the fuel from Russia and replaced

it mainly with liquefied natural gas from the US, according to a spokeswoman.

UPM-Kymmene Oyj has contracted flows via the Estonian Balticconnector pipeline, and Metsa Group said it's in the process of replacing natural gas with oil and LNG.

There is a risk of "serious shortages" if maintenance is needed on the Baltic pipeline while Russian supply is cut off, according to Lindfors at Finnish Energy.

A halt of just three days for upkeep could lead to "very complex" situations for the industry, he added.

Saudi Wealth Fund takes \$1.5bn stake in Alwaleed's firm

RIYADH

SAUDI Arabia's sovereign wealth fund has bought a \$1.5 billion stake in the investment company of billionaire Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal, who previously reached an undisclosed deal with the country's government after being detained and accused of corruption.

The Public Investment Fund acquired 16.9% of Kingdom Holding Co. from Prince Alwaleed for 9.09 riyals a share, the closing price on the last trading day before the transaction was announced. Prince Alwaleed will retain a 78.1% holding, KHC said on Sunday, with the remaining 5% of the stock listed on the Saudi bourse.

The firm's shares rose as much 9.9% in early trading in Riyadh, before paring gains to 8.9% to trade at 9.90 riyals as of 11.51 a.m.

The PIF's investment brings Alwaleed, whose grandfather was the founder of modern Saudi Arabia, closer to the Saudi government after years of operating independently. The wealth fund is chaired by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the kingdom's de facto ruler, and is a key part of his plan to transform the oil dependent econo-

my by investing in other industries.

Prince Alwaleed, 67, became one of the highest profile Saudi investors after taking stakes in companies such as Citigroup and Apple. He's supported Prince Mohammed's modernization efforts, including giving women the right to drive.

His stature on the global investment stage has faded since 2017, when he was imprisoned along with hundreds of other businessmen and officials as part of the crown prince's anti-corruption drive, though no formal charges were ever presented. He was released after 83 days in Riyadh's Ritz Carlton hotel. Neither he nor the government disclosed details of their agreement, which Alwaleed described as a "confirmed understanding."

Alwaleed has made a series of deals since then. He invested about \$270 million in music streaming service Deezer. Last year, he sold a stake in his Rotana Music label to Warner Music Group Corp. More recently, he raised \$2.2 billion by selling part of his stake in the Four Seasons hotel chain to Bill Gates' Cascade Investment LLC.

Alwaleed is known for long-term investments and is a fan of Warren Buffett. He once called himself the Oracle



Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal

of Omaha's Arabian equivalent.

The prince also holds a stake in Twitter Inc., and has backed Elon Musk's attempt to buy the company.

KHC also announced on Sunday that Sarmad Zok, who has overseen its hotels business for more than two decades, is resigning as a director. He'll be replaced by

Abdulmajeed Alhagbani, head of Middle East and North Africa securities investments at the PIF.

PanAfrican Energy Tanzania says CNG for vehicles is the smart motorist choice

By Guardian Reporter

RECENT increases in the price of petrol and diesel have understandably left Tanzania's drivers concerned about the rising cost of living. Prices have increased from around 2,200/- to 3,150/- in the past 12 months.

Unlike these traditional fuels however, PanAfrican Energy Tanzania (PAET), the operator of the Songo Songo natural gas field, and supplier of Compressed Natural Gas to vehicles in Dar es Salaam, has not changed the price of its fuel for the past 11 years.

CNG for use in cars, buses and trucks is a proven, safe and increasingly affordable alternative to petrol and diesel. From its distribution station in Ubungo, PAET supplies CNG to hundreds of customers every day, alongside bulk supply to some industries and a hotel.

CNG is a far more environmentally friendly fuel than petrol or diesel. But aside from releasing less than 70% of the environmentally damaging CO2 emissions of those traditional fuels, CNG is significantly cheaper to run too. So, drivers using CNG can save

money and help protect our beautiful environment at the same time.

The smart thinking customers currently using CNG for fuel in Tanzania will typically have had their car converted to accept the fuel through one of Tanzania's increasing number of technical conversion centres.

Once converted, through the installation of a gas storage tank usually in the trunk of the car, and some simple mechanical adjustments, the car is certified and then its ready to run on CNG. But, amazingly, it can also still use the traditional fuels if required.

Based on a typical 1.3 litre Toyota IST, customers find they can run the car on CNG, saving 50 - 70% against the cost of running the same car on Petrol. Of course, any car driver will be concerned with cost, but he or she will also focus on how far his or her vehicle will travel before they have to refuel again.

The good news is that, depending on the car and how it is driven, a typical 10kg tank of CNG, that today will cost you 15,500/- to fill - exactly the same price it would have cost you in 2011 when PAET opened Tanza-



CNG filling Station PHOTO/FILE

nia's first CNG filling station - will provide around 200km of range within the city, enough for a week of commuting to and from work for most drivers.

The car should deliver even greater range on longer journeys with fewer stops and starts. Yet, at today's fuel prices the Toyota IST's 45 litre tank of petrol would cost you 142,000/- to fill.

When asked, customers currently using CNG were incredibly pleased with the savings they were making using CNG.

Many found that after a brief period, the money they had saved on fuel was far greater than the cost (currently around 2mm/-) of having the vehicle converted and certified.

Some customers did comment that

more filling stations were required around Dar es Salaam, and in other towns and cities too. But that is slowly changing as more companies start working with PAET to establish new stations, while the Government of Tanzania has also stated its intention to increase use of gas in vehicles.

So, in this world of soaring oil prices, and in the face of potential environmental

calamity, using CNG in your vehicle seems to be the smart choice. It is cleaner, cheaper, safer, and as it burns more cleanly it is less hard wearing on your engine too, reducing overall maintenance costs.

Finally, and to some industries very importantly, as a fuel it is difficult to steal. It is no wonder it is already the choice of millions of drivers around the world.



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PUBLICATION OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

REPORT OF CONDITION OF BANK ISSUED PURSUANT TO REGULATIONS 7 AND 8 OF THE BANKING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (DISCLOSURES) REGULATIONS 2014

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31ST MARCH 2022.

Amount in Tzs. ('000')

	Current Quarter 31-Mar-22 TZS	Previous Quarter 31-Dec-21 TZS
A. ASSETS		
1 Cash	773,400,659	811,284,530
2 Balances with Bank of Tanzania	35,945,090	99,362,319
3 Investment in Government securities		
4 Balances with other banks	52,610,075	27,602,387
5 Cheques and items for clearing		
6 Inter branch float items		
7 Bills negotiated		
8 Customers' liabilities for acceptances		
9 Interbank Loans Receivables		
10 Investments in other securities		
11 Loans, advances and overdrafts (net of allowances for probable losses)	12,902,347,747	13,801,091,769
12 Other assets	2,226,572,757	1,458,387,098
13 Equity Investments		
14 Receivables		
15 Property, plant and equipment (net)	1,375,912,197	1,773,501,419
16 TOTAL ASSETS	17,366,788,526	17,971,229,522
B. LIABILITIES		
17 Deposits from other banks		
18 Customer Deposits	2,618,645,637	2,274,439,496
19 Cash letters of credit		
20 Special deposits	1,284,601,479	1,418,704,594
21 Payment orders/transfers payable		
22 Bankers' cheques and draft issued		
23 Accrued taxes and expenses payable		
24 Acceptances outstanding		
25 Interbranch floats items		
26 Unearned income and other deferred charges		
27 Other liabilities	379,129,895	277,852,173
28 Borrowings	6,103,965,000	5,650,000,000
29 TOTAL LIABILITIES	10,386,342,011	9,620,996,263
30 NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	6,980,446,515	8,350,233,259
C. CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
31 Paid up share capital	6,056,496,547	6,056,496,547
32 Regulatory Reserves		
33 Statutory Reserves		
34 Retained earnings	1,226,400,000	2,439,473,000
35 Profit/(Loss) account	(354,922,914)	(207,854,619)
36 Other capital account	52,472,881	62,118,331
37 TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	6,980,446,515	8,350,233,259
38 Contingent liabilities	0	0
39 Non Performing Loans & Advances	2,339,021,961	3,194,085,725
40 Allowances for probable losses	1,081,983,192	605,675,243
41 Other non performing assets		
D. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS		
i Shareholders funds to total assets	40%	46%
ii Non performing loans to total gross loans	18.13%	23.14%
iii Gross loans and advances to total deposits	358%	390%
iv Loans and advances to total assets	74%	77%
v Earning Assets to Total Assets	81%	80%
vi Deposits Growth	15%	1%
vii Assets growth	-3%	-2%

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022.

Amount in Tzs. ('000')

	Current Quarter 31-Mar-22 TZS	Previous Quarter 31-Dec-21 TZS
I Cash Flow from Operating Activities :		
Net (loss)/Income	(854,922,914)	(207,854,619)
Adjustments for non cash items :		
-Gain/loss on Sale of Assets	-	-
-Depreciation of property and equipment	80,351,672	101,590,391
-Amortization of Refurbishment	-	-
-Amortization of Capital Grant	-	-
-Amortization of Intangible assets	-	-
(274,571,242)	(106,264,229)	
-Change in Statutory minimum reserve (SMR)	-	-
-Net change in loans and advances	898,744,022	743,323,600
-Net change in other assets	(768,185,660)	(76,724,056)
-Net change in deposits	344,206,141	119,792,964
-Others- Special deposit	(134,103,115)	(645,659,000)
-Net change in other liabilities	101,277,722	48,015,589
167,367,869	82,484,859	
-Tax paid	-	(89,080,551)
Net cash flows/(used) from operating activities	167,367,869	(6,595,692)
II Cash Flow from Investing Activities		
Dividend Received	0	0
Purchase of property, plant & equipment	(98,649,431)	62,372,122
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment	-	-
Other- Fixed deposit	-	-
Purchases of Non Dealing securities	0	0
Proceeds from sale of Non-Dealing Securities	0	0
(98,649,431)	62,372,122	
III Cash Flow from Financing Activities		
Repayment of Long term Debt	(100,000,000)	(50,000,000)
Proceeds from issuance of long term debts	-	-
Others (specific)	-	-
Proceeds from issuance of paid up capital	-	-
Payment of Cash Dividends	(45,011,850)	(46,495,249)
Others (utilization)	-	-
(145,011,850)	(96,495,249)	
IV Cash and Cash equivalents		
Net increase (decrease) in cash & cash equivalents	(76,293,412)	(40,718,819)
Cash & equivalents, beginning of the period	938,249,237	978,968,057
Cash & equivalents, end of quarter	861,955,825	938,249,237

STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN EQUITY FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022.

Amount in Tzs. ('000')

	Tzs. ('000')	Tzs. ('000')	Tzs. ('000')	Tzs. ('000')	Tzs. ('000')	Tzs. ('000')
	Share Capital	Share Application Money	General Reserve	Statutory Reserve	Capital Grants	Retained Earnings
STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN EQUITY FOR 1						
Opening Balance 01/01/2021	6,056,497	-	-	-	69,893	2,332,349
Adjustment:						
Add: Addition/(Deletion) during the period	-	-	-	-	(7,574)	(7,574)
Less: Transfer to deferred income	-	-	-	-	-	434,618
Less: Transfer to General Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	(262,797)
Deferred Tax Understated last Year	-	-	-	-	-	434,618
Total Comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	(272,551)
Balance as at 31.12.2021	6,056,497	-	-	-	62,118	2,231,618
Opening Balance as at 01.01.2022	6,056,497	-	-	-	62,118	1,226,400
Other capital account	-	-	-	-	(8,645)	(8,645)
Less: Transfer to deferred income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to General Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-
Change in accounting policy - Adoption IFRS 1	-	-	-	-	-	(354,922)
Total Comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	(354,922)
Less: Dividends paid	-	-	-	-	-	6,805,205
Balance as at 31.03.2022	6,056,497	-	-	-	52,473	671,478

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022.

Amount in Tzs. ('000')

	Current Quarter 31-Mar-22 TZS	Previous Quarter 31-Dec-21 TZS	Cumulative amount 31-Mar-22 TZS
1 Interest Income	937,819,062	1,072,410,349	937,819,062
2 Interest Expense	140,214,637	109,311,397	140,214,637
3 Net Interest Income (1 minus 2)	797,604,425	963,098,953	797,604,425
4 Bad debts written off			
5 Impairment losses on Loans and Advances	80,351,672	27,793,822	80,351,672
6 Non Interest Income	142,982,631	151,597,635	142,982,631
6.1 Foreign Currency Dealings and Translation Gains/(Loss)			
6.2 Commissions and fees	90,805,373	110,717,422	90,805,373
6.3 Dividend Income			
6.4 Other Operating Income	52,177,258	40,880,213	52,177,258
7 Non Interest Expense	1,215,158,298	1,439,425,580	1,215,158,298
7.1 Salaries and Benefits	587,707,299	636,722,799	587,707,299
7.2 Fees and Commission	6,805,205	36,436,487	6,805,205
7.3 Other Operating expenses	620,845,793	766,266,294	620,845,793
8 Operating Profit/(Loss) before Income Tax	354,922,914	296,935,170	354,922,914
9 Income Tax Provision	-	(89,080,551)	-
10 Net Income/(Loss) after Income Tax	(354,922,914)	(207,854,619)	(354,922,914)
11 Other Comprehensive Income			
12 Total comprehensive income/(Loss) for the period	(354,922,914)	(207,854,619)	(354,922,914)
13 Number of Employees	127	129	127
14 Basic Earnings Per Share	(29)	13	(29)
15 Number of Branches	3	3	3
SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS			
(i) Return on average total assets	-2%	-1%	-2%
(ii) Return on average shareholders funds	-5%	-2%	-5%
(iii) Non Interest Expense to Gross Income	66%	71%	66%
(iv) Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets	6%	7%	6%

Minimum Disclosures of bank charges and fees

FEES & CHARGES AS AT 31ST MARCH 2022			
PRODUCT TYPE	1. SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	2. LOAN	
Required minimum opening balance	5000/=	SGL Business loans	36% PA
Monthly service fee	FREE	House Improving Loan	18% PA
Account statement	FREE	Loan Processing Fees	2.5%
Balance enquiry	FREE	Insurance Fee	2%
Account closure	5000/=	Agro Asset loan	17% PA
Required minimum operation balance	5000/=	Asset Financing	24% PA
Cash Withdraw charge- Overcounter	1770/=	Farm input loan	30% PA
Cash deposit charge	FREE	Mavuno Loan	30% PA
Account maintenance charge	FREE	Staff loan	15% PA
		Maji Loan	26% PA

In preparation of the quarterly financial statements, consistent accounting policies have been used a those applicable to the previous year audited financial statements (if there were changes during the quarter, the changes be explained as per IAS 34 & IAS 8)our knowledge and belief, have been prepared in conformance with International Financial

Signed by:
 Altemius Millinga Managing Director 16th May 2022
 Theresiah Chimbwi Acting Finance Manager 16th May 2022
 Humphrey Singogo Acting Internal Auditor 16th May 2022

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the faithful representation of the above statements. We declare that the statements have been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief, have been prepared in conformance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 2006 and they present a true and fair view.

Signed by:
 Ernest K. Ndimbo Board Chairman 16th May 2022
 Happy sambega Director 16th May 2022

China's total imports & exports trade hit 39.1trn yuan in 2021

BEIJING

DURING the past decade, China has seen notable progress in boosting the high-quality development of foreign trade amid its efforts to build an open economy, with the trade volume continuously expanding and structures improving.

The total imports and exports of goods have climbed from 24.4 trillion yuan (about \$3.6 trillion) in 2012 to 39.1 trillion yuan in 2021, further consolidating China's role as the world's largest goods trading country, Wang Lingjun, deputy head of the General Administration of Customs, said at a press conference Friday.

Wang noted China has remained the world's largest goods trading country for five consecutive years since 2017. He added the country's foreign trade showed greater competitiveness, played a bigger role in driving economic growth, and established a stronger foundation for long-term sound development.

Here are some highlights of the country's efforts in sustaining the development of foreign trade and leveraging its role in advancing high-level opening-up.

In line with the steady expansion of China's foreign trade volume during the past decade, the country has also seen an improving trade structure.

The foreign trade of China's less tapped central and western regions has taken an expanded share in the country's total foreign trade volume, Sheng Qiping, the vice minister of commerce, said at the press conference.

The share of exports of the central and western regions in 2021, for instance, has expanded 5.9 percentage points from 2012, Sheng said.

Meanwhile, high-tech and high value-added products such as automobiles and ships have gradually become new growth points, with the exports of automobiles increasing by 150 percent during the 2012-2021 period.

China's economic and trade ties with countries along the Belt and Road have strengthened significant-

ly over the past decade.

From 2013 to 2021, the annual trade volume between China and countries along the Belt and Road expanded from 1.04 trillion U.S. dollars to 1.8 trillion dollars, marking an increase of 73 percent, Sheng said.

During this period, China's direct investment in countries along the Belt and Road totaled 161.3 billion dollars, while 32,000 enterprises were established in China by these countries, with a combined investment of 71.2 billion dollars, Sheng added.

China signed new contracts worth about 1.08 trillion dollars with countries along the Belt and Road in the period for engineering projects in transportation, electricity, and other areas, he said.

"Despite the protracted COVID-19 pandemic and complicated international situation, the building of the Belt and Road Initiative continues to demonstrate strong resilience and vitality, injecting strong impetus into global openness and cooperation and world economic recovery," Sheng said.

China's cross-border e-commerce has grown rapidly in recent years, with imports and exports of these platforms jumping 18.6 percent year on year to 1.92 trillion yuan last year, Sheng said.

Since 2015, the State Council, or China's cabinet, has approved the establishment of 132 cross-border e-commerce pilot zones in 30 provincial-level regions. The country's cross-border e-commerce imports and exports rose nearly tenfold in the past five years.

Relying on manufacturing and market advantages, several world-leading cross-border e-commerce platforms have emerged in China, Sheng added.

"With the help of e-commerce, many high-quality brands have taken root in China and ushered in new development opportunities," Sheng said. He called for more efforts to improve the business environment and provide better services and guidance to cross-border e-commerce companies.



Qianwan Container Terminal in Qingdao, China

Tumaini La Maisha Centre brings back smiles to children with cancer

By Mnaku Mbani

VERONICA Clement (5), a daughter of Clement Daudi (28) resident of Kahama district in Shinyanga was born in 2017 healthy.

In November 2021, she developed an inflammation on her left ear, of which later became large to a point of threatening to damage her hearing organ, but her parents were not aware of what was the problem.

In an interview with The Guardian, Clement Daudi said her daughter was crying all the time due to the inflammation and he had nothing to do, rather than sharing pains.

He said he later took her to Kahama hospital for diagnosis, and he was told that her daughter had cancer, so was then referred to Muhimbili National Hospital.

"When someone tells you that you have cancer, that is the end of it; because what you expect is death," he said. "To my daughter, I didn't have much hope for her survival, because as far as I knew, cancer has no treatment."

He then traveled from Kahama to Muhimbili National Hospital, where she was again diagnosed, before starting cancer treatment.

Two months now since she started treatment at Tumaini La Maisha (TLM) clinic at MNH, Veronica health condition is starting to improve and the inflammation is almost healing, although there are some scars.

"I see a lot of development of my child health condition and you can see how she is smiling now," he said as Veronica was playing with her fellow children admitted at TLM centre.

He said, his daughter is now attending chemotherapy treatment, and as soon as she finish that last process, she will go back home, and he expect to enroll her for standard one next year.

Veronica case is similar to that of the daughter of Nadia Gozbert (26), born in March last year healthy, without any health complication.

Nadia's daughter started to develop abnormality on one eye, which caused her to blink all the time, and sometime the eye was not opening especially when exposing to sunlight.

"We started seeing white spot on her eye, which was developing large to a point of affecting the whole retina-a thin layer of tissue that lines the back of the eye on the inside."

Nadia, resident of Rwamishenye in Bukoba said she decided to go to Zamzam health centre in Bukoba municipal, where they referred to the regional hospital.

At the regional hospital, Nadia was told that her daughter will never see again, but she was told to go to Ndolage Hospital for further treatment. However, she decided to come to Dar es Salaam at CCBRT hospital.

At CCBRT, she was told to go to Muhimbili National Hospital for referral, where her daughter was found with Retinoblastoma. The treatment was to remove the affected eye.

In October last year, she was discharged from Muhimbili and went back home in Kagera until January this year when she came back to further check-ups where she was told that cancer was developing further and there was a danger to affect the brain.

"When I came back, I started staying here at Tumaini La Maisha(TLM) clinic for chemotherapy and I do not know when we will finish the treatment," she said.

She said since treated, her daughter is not experiencing any pains or fever she use to develop before.

"I see my daughter developing well, she is not crying as she used to be before," she said while her daughter playing on her feet.

Maria Dotto (2), daughter of Anjelina James (35) was also born healthy, but after aging six months she developed a problem of urinating blood.

She was sent to the hospital for treatment and was healed, but after three months, she started to complain about abdominal pains.

"We sent her to hospital and they found that she has an inflammation in her stomach, and we were referred to Sengerema designated district hospital," Anjelina told The Guardian.

At Sengerema hospital, they were referred to Bugando Hospital where she was diagnosis with renal cell carcinoma and was treated for three weeks and returned to Sengerema.

After a while, she came back, and on April 15, this year, her daughter was removed one kidney and head of pancreas.

"Since then my child is walking and eating food, things which she had never done before," Angelina said. "First I did not realize that my child will survive, because as far as I know, cancer has no treatment."

Veronica, Nadia daughter and Maria are among of thousands of children facing the problem of cancer in Tanzania, and many end up dying due to lack of treatment and high costs of treating cancer.

There are dozens of children from different regions across the countries currently admitted at TLM to access cancer treatment.

They are lucky ones as currently, many children with cancer, especially those living in rural areas, end up dying due to inaccessibility of specialized treatment.

Apart from offering treatment, TLM also offer other associated services to children including nutrition as some children come are stunted, entertainment and education to children admitted.

The mothers who are taking care of their admitted children are also taught various skills development such as handicrafts, bags making to supplement incomes.

According to the World Health organization (WHO) at least 3,500 children are facing the problem of cancer in Tanzania each year and there were no specialized health facilities to treat children with cancer, so many ends up being mixed by older patients.

But, Tumaini La Maisha (TLM) centre, a non- profit organization decided to establish a special programme to cancer treatment to children ten years ago at Muhimbili



This file photo showing some of the children with cancer admitted at Tumaini La Maisha Centre undergoing learning processes

National Hospital.

The TLM clinic capacity is to serve 700 children per year and through donors financing, beneficiaries

are treated free of charge.

The number is only 20 percent of all children with cancer problem in Tanzania.

TLM chief of operations Lilian Ndyetabula said the centre has 70 beds and has extended its services in eleven centres countrywide, to ensure

they are reaching as many children with cancer.

"Cancer is costly to the government, parents and we did this to reduce that burden to Muhimbili National Hospital as well," she said.

"As you are aware that cancer treatment takes a long time and sometimes parents are unprepared financially," she said. Ndyetabula said the centre want to reach patients where they are.

Apart from offering treatment, TLM is also building capacity to health workers to equip them with specialized skills for cancer diagnosis, treatment and care. More than 100 workers have been trained.

She said all the services offered at the centre are free, through financing from donors, including individuals and institutions.

One of the donors of the project is Pan African Energy Tanzania, of which through its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) financed the centre for two years.

Through its CSR, mainly focusing on education and health, PAET has a special programme in Kilwa district to save the same purpose.

The financing is mostly used to buy drugs, which accounts for almost 65 percent of cost of treating cancer patients.

"As you are aware that cancer for children is curable," she said, calling for more well-wishers to support the initiative through financial supports to save lives of many Tanzanian children.

Ndetabula said the future plan is to extend the programme to nearly all regional hospitals, because by doing so, it will bring back smiles of 3,500 children each year, whose parents have no hope of their survival due to cancer.

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WORLD

WHO expects more cases of monkeypox to emerge globally

LONDON

THE World Health Organization said it expects to identify more cases of monkeypox as it expands surveillance in countries where the disease is not typically found.

As of Saturday, 92 confirmed cases and 28 suspected cases of monkeypox have been reported from 12 member states that are not endemic for the virus, the UN agency said, adding it will provide further guidance and recommendations in coming days for countries on how to mitigate the spread of monkeypox.

"Available information suggests that human-to-human transmission is occurring among people in close physical contact with cases who are symptomatic", the agency added.

Monkeypox is an infectious disease that is usually mild, and is endemic in parts of west and cen-

tral Africa. It is spread by close contact, so it can be relatively easily contained through such measures as self-isolation and hygiene.

"What seems to be happening now is that it has got into the population as a sexual form, as a genital form, and is being spread as are sexually transmitted infections, which has amplified its transmission around the world," WHO official David Heymann, an infectious disease specialist, told Reuters.

Heymann said an international committee of experts met via video conference to look at what needed to be studied about the outbreak and communicated to the public, including whether there is any asymptomatic spread, who are at most risk, and the various routes of transmission.

He said the meeting was convened "because of the urgency of the situation". The committee is not the group that would suggest declaring a public health emergency of international concern, WHO's



A woman and her child, both infected with monkeypox await treatment at the quarantine of the centre of the International medical NGO Doctors Without Borders in the Lobaya region of the Central African Republic. AFP

highest form of alert, which applies to the COVID-19 pandemic.

He said close contact was the key transmission route, as lesions typical of the disease are very infectious. For example, parents caring for sick children are at risk, as are health workers, which is why some countries have started inoculating teams treating monkeypox patients using vaccines for smallpox, a related virus.

Many of the current cases have been identified at sexual health clinics.

Early genomic sequencing of a handful of the cases in Europe has suggested a similarity with the strain that spread in a limited fashion in Britain, Israel and Singapore in 2018.

Heymann said it was "biologically plausible" the virus had been circulating outside of the countries where it is endemic, but had not led to major outbreaks as a result of COVID-19 lockdowns, social distancing and travel restrictions.

He stressed that the monkeypox outbreak did not resemble the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic because it does not transmit as easily. Those who suspect they may have been exposed or who show symptoms including bumpy rash and fever, should avoid close contact with others, he said.

"There are vaccines available, but the most important message is, you can protect yourself," he added.

Cyber aggression failure, national data defence: Putin's Security Council speech

MOSCOW

THE number of cyberattacks on Russian informational infrastructure has increased manifold in the recent years, Russian President Vladimir Putin said, opening a Security Council meeting on Friday, adding that a large-scale cyber war is being effectively waged against the country.

Although this aggression has failed, just like the 'sanctions attack' against Russia in general, the head of state ordered to develop a national data protection system and promptly develop domestic analogs for foreign-made technologies and equipment.

Here are the key statements made by the president.

The failed aggression

"The number of cyberattacks on Russian informational infrastructure has been increasing in the recent years, all recent years precisely. And once the special military operation in Donbass and Ukraine started, threats in this area have become even sharper and serious, their scale has increased," Putin said. "Effectively, a true aggression has been initiated against Russia, a war in informational space."

"The attacks are coming from different countries, and they are perfectly coordinated. Effectively, these are actions of state agencies. And both you and me know that some foreign countries have quite officially incorporated cyber forces into their armies," the president said.

According to Putin, targeted attempts were made to bring down Russia's online resources and critical informational infrastructure facilities. Mass media, financial institutions, socially significant websites and networks were the primary targets of these attacks. Severe attacks were also launched against the official websites of government institutions, Putin listed.

"Attempts of breaking into corporate networks of leading Russian companies are also being documented far more frequently," he added.

"Already today we can say that cyber aggression against us, as well as the overall sanctions attack on Russia, has failed. On the whole, we were ready for this attack," Putin said.

Reinforcing defences

Russian specialists have been seriously working on protection of the informational infrastructure, and they were able to achieve a lot, but such issues must be constantly supervised, Putin opined.

"The nature of challenges and threats is changing dynamically. The information sphere is rapidly developing," the president said. He stressed that key efforts should be focused on improving and developing mechanisms of information security of critical infrastructure facilities, adding that about one third of such facilities have no special divisions for information security.

He pointed out that enhancing the protection of cyber systems and communication networks in the bodies of government was one of the most important tasks. He remarked that checks conducted in 2021 indicated that most resources there were vulnerable to massive attacks and destructive external influences, particularly those using foreign technologies of the latest generation.

"The defences of the domestic cyberspace must be protected. There must be no weaknesses. [...] I believe it will be expedient to consider creation of a government system of information protection," Putin said.

Independence from foreign technologies

Another challenge for Russia is restriction of access to foreign informational technologies, programs and products, as well as severance of tech support for hardware by a number of Western suppliers, Putin noted.

The processes of digitalization that are actively going on currently in the state control system and in the Russian economy, must be protected from any potential negative outside influence as strongly as possible," the president believes. According to Putin, "the path to achievement of this goal is obvious - transition to domestic hardware, technologies, programs and products."

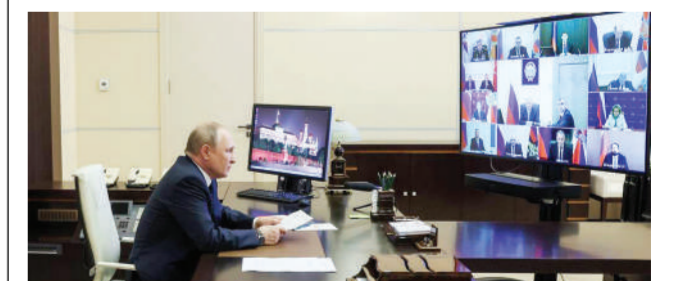
In order to reinforce Russia's technological sovereignty, the government must create a modern domestic electronic components base in the shortest term.

"We have been talking about for a long time, we work most actively on this, and I hope that the result will be achieved shortly," Putin said.

It is necessary to develop and introduce domestically-developed technological equipment, including one necessary for production of software-hardware complexes, he noted.

"It is necessary to widely engage instruments and resources of the 'Digital economy' national program here," Putin said.

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China's refusal for Taiwan's WHA participation gains support

BEIJING

CHINA'S decision not to agree with the Taiwan region's participation in this year's World Health Assembly (WHA) has received broad-based support and understanding from the international community, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said on Saturday.

Spokesperson Wang Wenbin made the remarks when answering a query regarding the international support for China's decision.

The 75th WHA takes place from May 22 to 28. Taiwan is not invited.

There is only one China in the world. The government of the People's Republic of China is the sole legal government representing the whole of China, said Wang, adding that Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory.

The Taiwan region's participation in the activities of international organizations, including the World Health Organization (WHO), must be handled under the one-China principle. This fundamental principle is con-

firmed in UNGA Resolution 2758 and WHA Resolution 25.1, said the spokesman.

He stressed that, for eight consecutive years from 2009 to 2016, China made special arrangements for the Taiwan region's participation in the WHA on the basis of adherence to the one-China principle on both sides of the Taiwan Straits.

But since the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) came to power, it has placed its political agenda over the well-being of the people in the Taiwan region, obstinately adhering to the separatist position of "Taiwan independence" and refusing to admit the 1992 Consensus embodying the one-China principle. As a result, the political foundation for the Taiwan region to participate in the WHA has ceased to exist, Wang said.

"The Chinese central government attaches great importance to the health and well-being of our compatriots in the Taiwan region and has made proper arrangements for Taiwan's participation in global health affairs on the precondition of following the one-China principle," he said.



Photo taken on July 21, 2019 from Xiangshan Mountain shows the Taipei 101 skyscraper in Taipei, Taiwan. (PHOTO / XINHUA)

The central government has given the Taiwan region about 400 updates about the pandemic situation since the start of COVID-19 and approved 47 visits by public health experts from the Taiwan region to 44 WHO technical activities over the past year. The Taiwan region received multiple notifications of COVID-19 information from the WHO Secretariat.

"The claim of a 'gap' in global anti-pandemic efforts is thus groundless," said Wang, adding that the DPP authorities, turning a blind eye to the common aspiration of

the international community to focus on anti-pandemic cooperation and the life and safety of the people in the Taiwan region, are pursuing political maneuvering under the pretext of the pandemic in violation of UNGA Resolution 2758 and WHA Resolution 25.1.

"They are bent on initiating proposals relating to the Taiwan region at the cost of disrupting the WHA proceedings and international cooperation, with the real motive of creating 'two Chinas' or 'one China, one Taiwan'," said the spokesman.

Xinhua

DPRK sees over 200,000 fever cases for 5th day amid virus wave

SEOUL / NEW DELHI

THE Democratic People's Republic of Korea on Saturday reported more than 200,000 new patients suffering from fever for a fifth consecutive day, as it fought its first confirmed coronavirus outbreak.

At least 219,030 people newly showed fever symptoms as of Friday evening, taking the total number of such cases to 2,460,640, the official KCNA news agency reported, citing data from the state emergency epidemic prevention headquarters. The death toll rose by one to 66.

In a separate report, KCNA said DPRK leader Kim Jong-un had held a meeting of the ruling Workers' Party's politburo early

on Saturday to check the COVID situation and responses made over the nine days since the outbreak emerged.

Kim praised "positive progress" in the anti-virus campaign but called for consistently adjusting and optimizing policy to "seize the chance of winning the battle against the epidemic."

India

India's COVID-19 tally rose to 43,134,145 on Saturday, as 2,323 new cases were registered during the past 24 hours across the country, showed the federal health ministry's latest data.

Besides, 25 deaths from the pandemic registered across the country since Friday morning took the death toll to 524,348.

There are still 14,996 active

COVID-19 cases in the country with a fall of 48 active cases during the past 24 hours.

So far, 42,594,801 people have been successfully cured and discharged from hospitals, of whom 2,346 were discharged during the past 24 hours.

The Republic of Korea

The Republic of Korea reported 23,462 new COVID-19 cases as of midnight Friday compared to 24 hours ago, raising the total number of infections to 17,938,399, the health authorities said on Saturday.

The daily caseload was down from 25,125 in the previous day and lower than 29,576 tallied a week earlier, according to the Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency.

The health authorities believed that the daily caseload has been on the decline following the Omicron variant-driven resurgence, which may have peaked in the middle of March.

Among the new cases, 11 were imported from overseas, lifting the total to 32,487.

The number of infected people who were in a serious condition stood at 235, down 16 from the previous day.

A total of 26 more deaths were confirmed, leaving the death toll at 23,911. The total fatality rate was 0.13 percent.

The number of people who received two doses of COVID-19 vaccines was 44,568,589 or 86.8 percent of the total population, and the figure for those getting booster jabs was 33,259,652 peo-

ple, or 64.8 percent of the population.

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Trend of stable economic performance remains unchanged in China

"The pandemic made a big impact on economic operations in April, but the impact was short-lived and external. The fundamentals sustaining the steady and long-term growth of the Chinese economy remain unchanged. The overall trends of economic transformation and upgrading and high-quality development remain unchanged," Fu Linghui, spokesperson of China's National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), said at a press conference held on May 16.

The country has many favorable conditions for stabilizing the economy and achieving the expected development goals, according to Fu.

"With various policies and mea-

sures helping effectively coordinate anti-epidemic responses and social and economic development, the Chinese economy can overcome the impact of the pandemic, gradually achieve stable growth and pick up pace, and maintain stable and sound development," Fu said.

Due to the resurgence of COVID-19 cases at home, China's value-added industrial output dropped by 2.9 percent year on year in April, while the country's index of services production declined by 6.1 percent and the total retail sales of social consumer goods fell 11.1 percent from the same period last year, according to data released by the NBS on the same day.

April witnessed frequent resurgence of local COVID-19 cases in many provinces across the country. As residents shopped in offline stores and ate out less, sales of non-essential goods and the catering sector were significantly affected. In particular, businesses above designated size in the seriously hit Yangtze River Delta region and the northeastern region of the country suffered a year-on-year reduction of more than 30 percent in their retail sales of consumer goods.

"Overall, the decline in consumption in April was mainly due to the temporary impact of the pandemic. The pent-up consumption potential will be gradually unleashed when the pandemic is

brought under control and production and life return to normal," Fu said.

Since mid-to-late April, domestically transmitted COVID-19 infections have been on the decline and the epidemic situation in northeast China's Jilin province and east China's Shanghai, two of the worst-hit regions in the latest COVID-19 outbreaks, is gradually improving, which is helpful in creating a favorable environment for consumption, according to Fu.

The country's efforts to maintain stable macroeconomic performance and strengthen assistance for enterprises to stabilize employment and create more jobs will ensure people's spending power, Fu said, adding that as policies to

promote consumption take effect, the country is expected to continue its consumption recovery.

China's industrial production was seriously affected by COVID-19 resurgence in April. Impeded transportation and logistics, among other factors, have led to a decline in industrial output, with the value-added industrial output falling by 2.9 percent year on year in the month and that of the manufacturing sector dropping by 4.6 percent.

The poor performance of the manufacturing sector was mainly the result of the impact of the pandemic on equipment manufacturing sector, including automobile industry, according to Fu,

who disclosed that the added value of automobile manufacturing fell by 31.8 percent year on year in April.

Regionally, the Yangtze River Delta region and the northeastern region of the country saw their value-added industrial output drop by 14.1 percent and 16.9 percent, respectively, on a year-on-year basis, which was mainly caused by the suspension of production and work in some enterprises affected by the pandemic.

Although China's overall industrial production slowed down in April, some industries, including energy, basic consumer goods and high-tech manufacturing, still maintained growth and showed strong resilience. **People's Daily**

Over 90% of web apps can be subject to cyberattacks and data leaks – study

MOSCOW

NEARLY all web applications (98%) can be subject to cyberattacks, with data leaks revealed in 91% of apps, according to a Positive Technologies study released at the Positive Hack Days practical cybersecurity forum on Friday.

"According to a Positive Technologies study, criminals had a possibility to stage attacks on users in 98% of web apps under study."

And unauthorized access and data leaks have been exposed in 84 and 91% of apps," it said.

Threats of unauthorized access to users' data were detected in 84% of applications under study. In 72% of web apps, hackers can obtain access to software or content that are supposed to be inaccessible, such as user profiles of other users or a possibility to change the try-it-for-free period.

Such attacks may result in proliferating malware, readdressing to the hackers' resources or even data stealing with the use of the methods of social engineering, the study says. The most dangerous vulnerabilities are the drawback in user authorization and identification mechanisms.

"The results of protection analysis suggest that personal data may be exposed in 60% of applications, and user login details - in 47%, which is by 13 and 16 pp higher than in 2019.

Personal and user data are the targets for hackers, which is confirmed by the data of the analysis of cyberthreats in

2021," Fyodor Chunizhekov of Positive Technologies explained.

According to the study, high-risks vulnerabilities have been detected in the industrial sector apps.

Expert, however, notes positive dynamics in terms of the protection of industrial companies' web apps, with the share of pass with a low level of protection going down by more than three times on 2019.

Around a half of IT sector apps have a low level of protection too, the study indicates.

The study also revealed that the protection of e-trade websites has been enhanced, with no app with low protection level being found.

Nevertheless, 67% of productive apps of government institutions were assessed as having low protection level, with the figure being about the same as in previous years.

Web apps with high-risk vulnerabilities accounted for 66% of apps in 2020, and 62% in 2021. Improper user authorization and the use of user-defined keys to bypass authorization account for the majority of high-risk vulnerabilities.

Seventy-two percent of exposed vulnerabilities in the past two years stemmed from errors in web app codes.

The study covered the results of the 2020-2021 analysis of the protection of web apps, whose owners gave their consent for the use their data for the purposes of the study.

Vaccination after infection may curb long COVID-19 - study

LONDON / ADDIS ABABA

VACCINATION after infection with SARS-CoV-2 may contribute to a reduction in the burden of long COVID-19 symptoms, a new study suggests.

Researchers tracked 6,729 volunteers ages 18 to 69, who got two shots of either AstraZeneca's viral vector vaccine or an mRNA vaccine from Pfizer/BioNTech or Moderna after recovering from an infection with the coronavirus and who reported long COVID-19 symptoms of any severity at least once between February and September 2021.

The odds of reporting long COVID-19 - symptoms lasting at least 12 weeks - fell by an average of 13 percent after a first vaccine dose, the researchers reported on Wednesday in *The BMJ*.

The second dose, given 12 weeks after the first, was associated with a further 9 percent decrease in the odds of long COVID-19 that persisted for at least 9 weeks, on average, the researchers said. The odds of reporting long COVID-19 severe enough to result in functional impairment were similarly reduced, researchers reported.

Outcomes were similar regardless of vaccine type, interval from infection to first vaccine dose, underlying health status, or severity of COVID-19. However, the study was not designed to detect such differences, nor can it definitively prove that vaccines lower the odds of long COVID-19.

Africa

There is a possibility that a new COVID-19 variant would emerge in Africa in a foreseeable future, Ahmed Ogwell, the acting director of the Africa Center for Disease Control and Prevention, has warned.

"The increase is a clear sign that there is (a) high possibility a new variant, which is more transmissible, is to appear," Ogwell said during a weekly briefing Thursday.

According to figures from the Africa CDC, the African continent has seen a 36 percent average increase of new COVID-19 cases over the past four weeks,



A ten year old child high fives Pharmacist Colleen Teevan after he received the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for kids at Hartford Hospital in Hartford, Connecticut on Nov 2, 2021. File photo

with Central and Eastern Africa regions reporting increasing new COVID-19 cases by 113 and 54 percent, respectively.

The Africa CDC, the specialized healthcare agency of the African Union, called for increased testing to locate which part of the continent the new variant would be appearing in.

"We need to do more testing and sequencing so that we can be able to understand where the outbreaks are and identify what variant is emerging," Ogwell said.

UK

Britain's vaccine advisers on Thursday said that an anticipated autumn COVID-19 booster campaign would be aimed at people aged over 65, care home residents, frontline health and social care workers and all adults in a clinical risk group.

Britain is offering a spring booster to the over-75s, care home residents and immunosuppressed people, and ministers have spoken openly of plans for a further booster campaign in the autumn.

In interim advice, the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation stopped short of recommending another shot for all adults, though said the advice would be reviewed and updated.

"The JCVI's current view is that in au-

umn 2022, a COVID-19 vaccine should be offered to: Residents in a care home for older adults and staff; Frontline health and social care workers; All those 65 years of age and over; Adults aged 16 to 64 years who are in a clinical risk group," the UK Health Security Agency said in a statement.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, fiercely criticised for his handling of the early stages of the pandemic, lifted COVID-19 restrictions in England in February, crediting Britain's quick initial vaccine rollout and the rollout of boosters with breaking the link between cases and deaths.

The booster programme helped to ensure that a wave of the highly transmissible Omicron variant and record case numbers did not overwhelm the National Health Service.

"We welcome the interim advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation for an Autumn Covid booster program and will consider their final recommendations later this year," the health ministry said.

"We have asked the NHS in England to begin preparations to ensure they are ready to deploy COVID vaccines to those eligible."

Uruguay

Uruguayan President Luis Lacalle Pou on Thursday raised concern about the spike in new COVID-19 cases in recent weeks, a little over a month after the end of the health emergency.

"I am concerned," he told journalists from Punta del Este. "The minister of public health has made some non-pharmacological recommendations

that must be followed."

Uruguay reported 5,549 new COVID-19 infections from May 8 to 14, almost double the 2,830 cases of the previous week, according to the latest weekly report from the Ministry of Public Health.

He added that the health ministry has approved a fourth dose of COVID-19 vaccines for some age groups, and called on the population to maintain immunization.

The South American country has so far accumulated 908,078 COVID-19 cases and 7,215 deaths.

US

An advisory panel to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Thursday voted to recommend COVID-19 vaccine booster shots for children ages 5 to 11, at least five months after completing their primary vaccination course.

The advisers considered data from the CDC that showed protection from two doses starts to wane over time, and that boosters in older age groups improved efficacy against severe COVID-19 and hospitalizations.

CDC Director Rochelle Walensky still needs to sign off on the committee's recommendation, but signaled at the meeting that she was likely to back the additional shots.

"We know immunity wanes over time, and we need to do all we can now to protect those most vulnerable," Dr. Walensky said. "It's important for us to anticipate where this pandemic is moving and deploy the tools we have where they will have the greatest impact."

Agencies

Highlights of China's foreign trade development in past decade

BEIJING

- During the past decade, China has seen notable progress in boosting the high-quality development of foreign trade amid its efforts to build an open economy, with the trade volume continuously expanding and structures improving.

The total imports and exports of goods have climbed from 24.4 trillion yuan (about \$3.6 trillion) in 2012 to 39.1 trillion yuan in 2021, further consolidating China's role as the world's largest goods trading country, Wang Lingjun, deputy head of the General Administration of Customs, said at a press conference Friday.

Wang noted China has remained the world's largest goods trading country for five consecutive years since 2017. He added the country's foreign trade showed greater competitiveness, played a bigger role in driving economic growth, and established a stronger foundation for long-term sound development.

Here are some highlights of the country's efforts in sustaining the development of foreign trade and leveraging its role in advancing high-level opening-up.

Optimized structure

In line with the steady expansion of China's foreign trade volume during the past decade, the country has also seen an improving trade structure.

The foreign trade of China's less tapped central and western regions has taken an expanded share in the country's total foreign trade volume, Sheng Qiuping, the vice minister of commerce, said at the press conference.

The share of exports of the central and western regions in 2021, for instance, has expanded 5.9 percentage points from 2012, Sheng said.

Meanwhile, high-tech and high value-added products such as automobiles and ships have gradually become new growth points, with the exports of automobiles increasing by 150 percent during the 2012-2021 period.

Deeper Belt & Road ties

China's economic and trade ties

with countries along the Belt and Road have strengthened significantly over the past decade.

From 2013 to 2021, the annual trade volume between China and countries along the Belt and Road expanded from \$1.04 trillion to \$1.8 trillion, marking an increase of 73 percent, Sheng said.

During this period, China's direct investment in countries along the Belt and Road totaled \$161.3 billion, while 32,000 enterprises were established in China by these countries, with a combined investment of \$71.2 billion, Sheng added.

China signed new contracts worth about 1.08 trillion dollars with countries along the Belt and Road in the period for engineering projects in transportation, electricity, and other areas, he said.

"Despite the protracted COVID-19 pandemic and complicated international situation, the building of the Belt and Road Initiative continues to demonstrate strong resilience and vitality, injecting strong impetus into global openness and cooperation and world economic recovery," Sheng said.

Flourishing e-commerce trade

China's cross-border e-commerce has grown rapidly in recent years, with imports and exports of these platforms jumping 18.6 percent year on year to 1.92 trillion yuan last year, Sheng said.

Since 2015, the State Council, or China's cabinet, has approved the establishment of 132 cross-border e-commerce pilot zones in 30 provincial-level regions. The country's cross-border e-commerce imports and exports rose nearly tenfold in the past five years.

Relying on manufacturing and market advantages, several world-leading cross-border e-commerce platforms have emerged in China, Sheng added.

"With the help of e-commerce, many high-quality brands have taken root in China and ushered in new development opportunities," Sheng said. He called for more efforts to improve the business environment and provide better services and guidance to cross-border e-commerce companies.



A view of the Qinzhou port in Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region. File photo

Gunshots shatter illusion of American-style human rights

GUN violence brought another tragedy to the U.S. on May 14. An 18-year-old white man opened fire at a supermarket in Buffalo, New York, killing 10 people and injuring three others, most of whom were African Americans.

The police called the shooting a "case of racially motivated violent extremism." The Washington Post also said it was "the deadliest of 2022," and also "the latest massacre in recent years carried out by perpetrators allegedly driven by hate and racism."

Gun violence is an "epidemic" of the American society. According to statistics released by non-profit organization Gun Violence Archive on its website, the number of deaths from firearms in the U.S. increased to 43,643 in 2020 from 39,558 in 2019, and the number further rose to 45,005 the last year. As of May 16, 16,058 people had lost their lives in gun-related violence this year.

A report by the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence indicated that nearly every American will know at least one victim of gun violence in their lifetime. It said Americans of all ages worry about mass shootings when they go to concerts, movies or churches. It has become a common memory of Americans that screaming children dodge bullets under tables in active shooter drills at school.

What makes mass shootings so frequent in the U.S. is the deep-rooted gun culture of the American society. Americans make up 4.2 percent of the world's population but own 46 percent of the entire global stock of civilian firearms, or 393 million guns. In other words, there are 120 guns for every 100 U.S. residents.

Such a gun culture has been deeply rooted because of the



A Los Angeles high school holds a drill to prepare for the threat of attacks

advocacy by pro-gun interest groups. It's so absurd that the National Rifle Association (NFA) of the U.S., the most solid fortress for American pro-gun groups, said the best way to prevent gun violence is to distribute guns to more good people. "Automobiles kill people, too, and why don't we ban them?" That's a ridiculous question always asked by the organization.

Adam Winkler, a professor of law at the University of California, Los Angeles pointed out that gun rights and gun-control legislation are not contradictory to each other. He believes the real problem is that the pro-gun groups are always propagating extreme gun culture and killing the possibility of gun-control legislation with their strong lobbying capabilities.

The collusion between interest groups and politicians is the root cause of the gun violence in the U.S. No gun-control law has been approved in the U.S. in the past more than 25 years because interest groups offered massive donations for political elections and manipulated gun-control measures with their lobbying.

According to *The Washington Post*, the

Republicans once considered advancing gun-control legislation in cooperation with the Democrats after mass shootings took place in the country in 2019. However, the plan was aborted after the NFA made a dozen phone calls to the White House, which made the Republicans worry that gun-control legislation might affect its approval rating.

The incumbent administration is also offering much cry and little wool. Nothing changed until it released a regulation to track "ghost guns" this April. However, the regulation was criticized by the Republicans, and some pro-gun organizations have even decided to file lawsuits against it.

When politicians and interest groups are tied together by money politics, and politicians are attacking and impeding each other, the U.S. citizens are paying the price with their lives.

The "incurable" epidemic of gun violence in the U.S. mirrors the country's failure in governance. A U.S. media outlet said that evolving from simple public safety cases to extreme cases motivated by hate crimes, racism and wealth gap, the mass

shootings in the U.S. profoundly reflect the governance challenges the country is facing.

Thomas Abt, a senior research fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School, found that more than a quarter of gun homicides in the U.S. happened in neighborhoods that house just 1.5 percent of the U.S. population and are bothered by extreme poverty, lack of education and severe racial discrimination.

The right to life is the primary human right. However, the so-called illusion of the U.S. that life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are inalienable rights all men are endowed with has been shattered again and again by gunshots. We need to have deep reflection on the American-style human rights.

When even the loss of innocent lives fails to promote gun control in the country, the world has every reason to doubt the effectiveness of the American-style human rights.

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SPORT

Dar coaches ought to outshine foreign tacticians

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

IT has been 22 years now since a Tanzanian soccer coach guided an outfit to clinching the Premier League title in Mainland Tanzania.

Every local soccer enthusiast would love to see the humiliation of domestic coaches come to an end.

The football followers would love to see the Mainland Premier League title won by a club that is led by a domestic coach, as the followers have not witnessed such a feat for 22 years.

Yes, this is the 22nd season since coach John Simkoko led Morogoro's Mtibwa Sugar to clinch the Mainland Premier League top honour and brought domination by Dar es Salaam's Simba SC and Yanga to an end.

Simkoko had also ended the dominance of foreign coaches because of his achievement.

Coach Simkoko won the title with Mtibwa Sugar twice in a row starting in the 1999 season and winning it again in 2000, becoming the first and last domestic coach to get his hands on the trophy to this day.

Since Simkoko did so for the last time, the trophy has passed into the hands of foreign coaches, most of whom are Europeans, with local coaches being assistants to the foreigners, what a shame!

Kenyan coach, the late James Siang'a succeeded Simkoko, helping Simba SC lift the Premier League title in the 2001 and 2003 seasons.

In the 2002 season, Siang'a was defeated by former Malawian professional, Jack Chamangwana, who coached Yanga.

Chamangwana later returned to Tanzania to steer Yanga to clinching the Premier League title for two consecutive seasons in 2005 and 2006. Chamangwana is currently deceased.

In 2004, Zambian coach Patrick Phiri led Simba SC to lift the Premier League title before doing so again in the 2009 season with a record of not losing a single game that season.

Although Twalib Hilal, former Tanzania's national side player that as well won fame with Simba SC, came to give his former club the crown in the 2007 season, it is difficult to count him as a native as he already had Oman citizenship. That means he came to Simba SC as an Oman.

After the Premier League format was transformed into a two-year merger season, Serbian coach Dusan Kondic won the trophy twice with Yanga in 2007/08 and 2008/09.

The foreign soccer tacticians' dominance continued as Ugandan Sam Timbe also stretched the record by helping Yanga clinch the top-flight top honour in the 2010/11 season.

Another Serbian coach, Milovan Cirkovic,

had Simba lifting the Premier League title in the 2011/12 season.

Milovan, who had coached Simba SC twice, had the side winning the top honour with a bang after defeating Yanga 5-0 on a day which had the winners being presented with the top honour. It was great for the side's supporters!

Former Dutch senior national team star, Ernie Brandts, set the record for being the first coach from one of the European soccer powerhouses to help a side clinch a Premier League top honour in Tanzania.

The coach helped Yanga win the title in the 2012/13 season before Cameroonian coach Joseph Omog, who was sacked by Simba SC in the middle of the 2017/18 season, also set a new record.

Omog won the top-flight silverware with Azam FC in the 2013/14 season, having taken over a fast and gifted squad from English gaffer, Stewart Hall.

In the 2014/15 season, another Dutchman Hans Van Pluijm had Yanga lifting the top-flight top honour before defending it in the 2015/16 season.

In the 2016/17 season, Zambian tactician George Lwandamina helped Yanga lift the top-flight title, which happened to be the side's 27th crown, the third in a row with the gaffer having replaced Pluijm.

For four consecutive seasons, foreign coaches have guided Simba SC to lifting the top-flight silverware convincingly.

It started with Frenchman Pierre Lechantre who outshone Yanga's Lwandamina that later parted ways with the side and paved the way for Congolese Mwynyi Zahera.

Azam FC's Romanian coach, Aristica Cioaba, however, failed to see to it the side clinches the top-flight's top honour in the 2017/18 top-flight title race.

After Lechantre's dismissal, the job was left to Belgian Patrick Aussems who had Simba lifting the 2018/19 top-flight title and, in 2019/20, Aussems' compatriot, Sven Vanderbroeck, won the trophy with Simba.

In 2020/21, Frenchman Didier Gomes steered Simba to lift the top honour.

In this season's top-flight, there is again a clear indication that a foreign coach will guide an outfit to lifting the Mainland Premier League title.

If Yanga's tactician Nasreddine Nabi will not do so, then Simba's gaffer, Pablo Franco, might do so.

Nasreddine is a Belgian of Tunisian descent, whereas Franco is a Spaniard, what are the local tacticians waiting for? We should wait for next season, but for now, it is just history!

Surely it is time for the local coaches to end the humiliation and regain their dignity in the Mainland Premier League.



Simba SC's assistant coach, Selemani Matola, is one of the domestic coaches serving an NBC Premier League outfit.

SPORTS

Tanzania should focus on appropriate age for footballers to land professional spell abroad

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SINCE Tanzania's senior national football team, Taifa Stars, could not secure qualification for the 2021 African Cup of Nations finals in Cameroon, the solution to this problem has been footballers should play the game in Europe.

It could happen again this year if Tanzania fails to qualify for next year's AFCON finals scheduled to take place in Ivory Coast.

When popular local comedy shows like Ze Comedy, Oriji Comedy, and Futuhi, which were shown on local Television stations demised, I thought comedy was over in Tanzania but rather it has moved to football. It is amazing.

It is official now that comedy has moved into local football, leaders and analysts are representing the same literary genre.

The clubs' information officers are entertaining comedy and the players have been doing the same.

Today one will hear sports journalists, analysts, and football officials talking about the future of the country's senior national team.

All they will say is the solution to the country's problem is players going to play football abroad, but no one says who should go.

Playing football abroad is not a walk in the park, football is a profession for tough men.

Playing football abroad, especially in North Africa and Europe, a footballer must have talent and should be hardworking, especially in training sessions.

Tanzanian attacker Mbwana Samatta and his knowledge of football had to first play African football at a high level for more than four years before heading to Europe.

One cannot just get up in the morning and go to Europe, he or she needs a proper path and ways to achieve a gateway to Europe.

Tanzania's soccer stakeholders should be honest to support the country's football.

The country can hardly have a strong senior national team by simply wanting to send players to Europe, there is a need to see to it that strong players are sent to Europe at the right age.

I remember during the international friendly matches that took place in March this year, Taifa Stars' head coach Kim Poulsen praised the squad's attacker George Mpole, who as well turns out for Geita Gold FC, as a good young player. It is very funny, is Mpole a youngster today?

Mpole had been playing competitive football since 2015, how does he become a youngster today? This is Tanzania full of wonders.



Kagera Sugar's right fullback, Dickson Mhiliu (L), dribbles past Namungo FC's player as the clubs faced off in this season's NBC Premier League clash held at Ilulu Stadium in Lindi recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF KAGERA SUGAR FC

A Tanzanian player cannot play football for seven years and still be a teenager, we know each other.

An individual will hear some people say now is the right time for Mpole to go and play football abroad, this is truly a lie.

It is too late for Mpole to play soccer abroad at his age. At his age, the footballer has to sign a contract with either Simba SC or Yanga to sustain a good life.

Those who tell Mpole to go and play abroad are the ones who still believe that Simba SC fullback Mohamed Hussein is still a young player, it is very funny.

Hussein has been playing competitive football for 10 years now, how does he become a teenager?

They are the ones who believe that now is the right time for Simba SC keeper Aishi Manula to go and play professional football abroad. Manula played his first competitive match in 2013.

It was a Community Shield match between Yanga and Azam FC, with the shot-stopper turning out for the latter.

How come now is the right time for Manula to go out? It is ridiculous as his time is up.

The problem for many Tanzanians is they are full of emotions and lies, they do not want to tell the truth.

Recently I saw Yanga defender, Kibwana Shomari, has signed a new contract to play for the outfit for two more years.

Some people say it was the right time for Shomari to get a shot at a professional spell abroad, what a lie.

It is true that Tanzania's football supporters want these footballers to go abroad, but not in the way the followers want.

Kibwana is a right-back defender, he has been turning out for Yanga for two seasons now.

Last season Yanga felt inadequate in the position and decided to sign Congolese Djuma Shaban. In short, Shaban is better than Shomari.

This is why for Shomari to get a spot in his side's first team he must

play left-back, he has been transferred to a new position.

Now if Shaban surpasses Kibwana in quality, why do Tanzania's football lovers want the latter to go out of the country?

For Shomari to go abroad, he must first be the best in Tanzania at his position.

He has to put Shaban on the bench at Yanga, then put fellow Tanzanian, Shomari Kapombe, on the bench at the senior national team.

Tanzania's football followers will by then say Shomari can now go out and strengthen.

Now that the player is not sure of a place in his outfit's starting lineup, what do the country's soccer fanatics want him to do?

This is why there are such local footballers like Eliuter Mpepo, Eliud Ambokile, Ramadhan Singano, Habib Kiyombo, and others, who have gone out of the country but have never had any meaningful contribution to the senior national team.

They have not had success because they are good regular players, they hardly have the quality needed to achieve success abroad.

There are so far two ways to send local players abroad, the first is to take talented players at a young age.

A good example is Tanzanian striker Kelvin John, who has gone to Europe at the right age, and in the next three years, he could be a senior national team star.

The second option is to send talented local players abroad. A good example is how forward Simon Msuva left, he first played in Tanzania and was at his best.

He was the Premier League's top scorer twice before moving to Morocco, he was accustomed to all the challenges in Tanzania.

That is why Msuva was successful in Morocco, and that is why he has been a timely help to Taifa Stars.

Tanzania will continue to remain stagnant in soccer for a sheer desire of seeking to send less competent soccer players elsewhere.

Simba SC spell enriches Bernard Morrison

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC has parted ways with Ghanaian winger Bernard Morrison in style after the two parties had reached an agreement.

The Msimbazi Street side had issued an official statement after convening a meeting in Dar es Salaam.

But it has been reported that the next stop for Morrison is a return to his former side, Yanga, although the footballer is not the club's coaches' preferable option.

Former Simba SC defender Boniface Pawasa delved into the ongoing saga, saying Morrison is a player who is smart and looks much in his interests.

According to Pawasa, the decision by Simba SC is likely to have been brought about by a failure to comply with the requirements of Morrison's contract.

"Sometimes it is more prudent to live with a player of his type due to the talent he has on the pitch but sometimes when he makes more mistakes there is no other way but get rid of him," Pawasa noted.

The former defender stated: "There are times when Morrison has (what could be termed as) periodic fever, he sometimes calms down and plays well in either one or two matches, after which he behaves as if he is not there and in some games, he



Bernard Morrison

just plays normally."

Earlier in February this year, when Morrison was suspended by Simba, he was offered a lucrative \$100,000 (231m/-) and a salary of \$6,000 (13.8m/-) per month to sign a contract to serve Yanga again after he left in 2020 and joined the outfit's age-old rival Simba SC in a highly controversial transfer.

Morrison's transfer to Yanga, if completed, will be a continuation of the 29-year-old striker's easy-going cash harvest for the two biggest clubs in the country after doing so during his two years in the country.

During the two years that Morrison has been in the country, he has reaped huge sums of money as he has not served the two teams enough compared to some of the local players who are paid a little amount of money.

Despite earning millions from registration fees and salaries, the player has not served the teams in many games at various times

including the important ones.

The winger moreover did not show the best level as expected when he got to the pitch, and the trades have been plentiful in the basics.

The registration fee that Morrison has reaped from Simba SC and Yanga within two years is approximately \$160,000 (370m/-) while playing a total of 65 of the 110 matches he had to play during that period.

In the six months that Morrison played for Yanga before joining Simba SC, the player so far played 16 games in various competitions while missing a total of 11 matches.

In the 16 matches he played for Yanga, Morrison was responsible for just nine goals, four goals, and five assists.

His bid to join Yanga on a six-month contract was \$60,000 (139m/-) and his monthly salary was \$3,000 (6.9m/-).

Morrison generally earned \$78,000 (180m/-), including six months' salary and a registration fee which, divided by the nine goals he was involved in, it is not bad to conclude that Yanga paid Morrison 20m/- for every goal he scored during the period he played.

According to these calculations, Simba SC is the one that seems to have spent a lot on Morrison as in the 23 months he has played for the club since joining from Yanga, he has been paid \$195,000 (451m/-) in salary and registration fees.

Morrison was signed by Simba for a fee of \$100,000 (231m/-) with a salary of \$5,000 (11.6m/-) per month whereby for the 23 months he played, he has reaped \$115,000 (267m/-).

The winger has so far played a total of 49 matches for Simba while missing a total of 34 games.

In the 49 games he has played for Simba, Morrison has scored nine goals.

Morrison has collected a total amount of approximately 498m/- from Simba through salaries from the time he was registered so far, plus the registration fee.

Looking at the amount of cash and dividing it by the nine goals he has been involved in, it is fair for an individual to say that Simba has paid Morrison approximately 56m/- for every goal he has been involved in.

Rejected! Madrid fails again on attempt to sign Mbappé

MADRID

FOR Real Madrid and its fans, it was not about whether it would happen. It was just a matter of when it would happen.

Signing Kylian Mbappé was seen as a done deal in the Spanish capital. The only doubts when it came to the young France forward were about whether he would flank Karim Benzema on the right or left side of the attack.

Madrid supporters even had already “welcomed” the France star by applauding him at the Santiago Bernabéu Stadium when he played with Paris Saint-Germain in the round of 16 of the Champions League in March, when Madrid advanced with a 3-1 win.

If he comes back, though, Mbappé better not expect the same warm reception from the Madrid crowd.

Mbappé rejected Madrid yet again on Saturday, choosing to renew his contract with PSG instead of moving to the Spanish powerhouse, dealing another blow to club president Florentino Pérez and his long quest to sign the youngster.

“I’m very happy to continue this adventure, to stay in France, in Paris, my city. I always said Paris was my home,” the 23-year-old Mbappé said. “I hope I will continue doing what I love the most, which is to carry on playing football and winning trophies.”

Spanish media said Mbappé personally called Pérez to tell him that he had decided to stay with PSG.

The loss of Mbappé comes about a year after Pérez also failed to push for the Super League, the elite club competition that was supposed to compete with the Champions League but instead folded only a few days after being announced amid backlash from fans and smaller clubs.

It wasn’t the first time Pérez and Madrid

were rejected by Mbappé, who said in the past his dream was to one day play for the Spanish club.

Pérez had been trying to seal the transfer since last year, when the talented forward was still under contract with PSG. But the French club turned down Madrid’s official bid of 180 million euros (\$190 million) – the same amount it signed Mbappé for from Monaco in 2017 – and then another one of reportedly 200 million euros (\$211 million).

Madrid failed to secure Mbappé even before that, when he visited the club’s facilities at age 14 but instead decided to join Monaco’s youth academy.

Mbappé was supposed to be Madrid’s biggest addition to the squad since it signed Eden Hazard from Chelsea in 2019. The club had been saving money in recent transfer windows and carried a healthy spending limit to afford Mbappé, who would likely be the club’s highest-paid player ever.

Mbappé would have arrived to boost an attack that already includes fellow Frenchman Benzema and Brazilian youngsters Vinícius Júnior and Rodrygo.

Criticism against Pérez quickly started to pop up from fans the Spanish media, saying he didn’t do enough to convince the player to join Madrid.

The club had not officially commented on Mbappé’s announcement, but some of its players posted messages praising Madrid.

“To be a Madrid (player) is a privilege that not everyone can have,” midfielder Federico Valverde said.

Coach Carlo Ancelotti is preparing his team to face Liverpool in the Champions League final next Saturday in Paris, when the club will try to win a record-extending 14th European title.

AP

LaLiga to take legal action on PSG over Mbappe

MADRID

LaLIGA will take legal action against Paris Saint-Germain over their renewal of Kylian Mbappe’s contract after the forward decided to snub a move to Real Madrid and stay in France.

The forward, who had been widely expected to join Madrid when his existing deal expires on June 30, has now signed a new three-year contract with PSG, the French champions announced Saturday.

Moments before the announcement, LaLiga released a statement confirming an ESPN report that the league would be filing a complaint over an alleged breach of finance rules.

“LaLiga will file a complaint against PSG before UEFA, the French administrative and fiscal authorities and European Union authorities to continue to defend the economic ecosystem of European football and its sustainability,” the statement read.

“This type of agreement attacks the economic stability of European football, putting at risk hundreds of thousands of jobs and the integrity of the sport,” it continued. “It is scandalous that a club like PSG ... can close such an agreement while those clubs that could afford the hiring of the player without seeing their wage bill compromised are left without being able to sign him. ... PSG is assuming an impossible investment, seeing that it has an unacceptable wage bill and large financial losses in prior seasons. It is violating current UEFA and French economic control rules.”

Earlier on Saturday, LaLiga president Javier Tebas called PSG’s renewal of Mbappe

“an INSULT to football.”

Tebas said on Twitter: “What PSG are going to do renewing Mbappe with large quantities of money (who knows where and how they pay it) after posting losses of €700 million in recent seasons and having a wage bill of over €600 million is an INSULT to football. [PSG president Nasser] Al-Khelaifi is as dangerous as the Super League.”

Tebas has been an outspoken critic of PSG under owners Qatar Sports Investments – a subsidiary of Qatar’s sovereign wealth fund – as well as the Abu Dhabi-backed Manchester City, describing their business models as “financial doping.”

He has also attacked UEFA’s FFP controls as being inadequate. “What isn’t understandable is that [PSG] are able to reject offers like the one they received for Mbappe,” he said last September, after the Ligue 1 club had refused to sell the player to Madrid in the summer transfer window.

“The controls in France are failing. They’re doing damage to the European market. UEFA’s system is mistaken. We’re going in the wrong direction.”

Tebas and PSG president Al-Khelaifi became unlikely allies in their opposition to the European Super League after its attempted launch last year.

Tebas described the project as a “coup d’état” and “a joke.” PSG refused the chance to join as one of its 12 founding members, with Al-Khelaifi leading alternative efforts at reform as new chairman of the European Clubs’ Association.

(Agencies)

The saga is over! Mbappe signs 3-year PSG deal

PARIS

THE Kylian Mbappe transfer saga came to a conclusion on Saturday amid confirmation the Paris Saint-Germain forward had snubbed a move to Real Madrid in favour of signing a three-year contract extension at the Ligue 1 club.

ESPN reported last year that PSG rejected a series of bids from Madrid for Mbappe, the last of which was up to €200 million, and the Spanish giants had been confident that they would finally land their long-desired target on a free transfer this summer, with his deal due to expire on June 30.

However, a last-ditch effort from PSG to persuade Mbappe to stay proved successful on Saturday, with the forward pledging his future to the Ligue 1 club until 2025.

“I would like to announce that I have chosen to extend my contract at Paris Saint-Germain, and of course I am delighted,” Mbappe said in a statement.

“I am convinced that here I can continue to grow at a club that provides everything necessary to perform at the highest level. I am also delighted to continue to play in France, the country where I was born, where I have grown up and where I have made my name.

“I would like to thank the President, Nasser Al-Khelaifi, for his trust, his understanding and his patience. I would also like to thank all the fans of Paris Saint-Germain, both in France and around the world, for their support, especially in recent months. Together, side by side and ambitious, we will make magic in Paris.”

Earlier on Saturday, sources told ESPN that Mbappe had personally contacted Madrid president Florentino Perez to inform him of his decision, as well as PSG manager Mauricio Pochettino and his teammates.

Sources said that PSG sporting director Leonardo could leave the club as a consequence of the deal, with Mbappe preferring former Monaco and Lille executive Luis Campos as a replacement, and Pochettino’s future was also in doubt.

Just prior to the official confirmation of Mbappe’s contract, LaLiga issued a statement announcing that it would be taking legal action against PSG over

showpiece for Qatar’s involvement in sports and a giant PR project culminating in the 2022 World Cup next November.

And, obviously, for Paris and France as a whole there is a fair amount of pride too: this is a native son, born in Paris, raised in the City of Light’s northern urban sprawl, six miles from the State De France.

Still, there will be questions. The club recorded losses of nearly €350m (\$390m) in the pandemic-affected seasons of 2019-20 and 2020-21 and doubled down with a massive spree last summer (acquiring the contracts of Achraf Hakimi and Danilo Pereira for around \$100m combined and signing pricey free agents such as Gianluigi Donnarumma, Georginio Wijnaldum and, of course, Messi).

The game’s governing body in Europe, UEFA, has introduced spending restrictions that will come into effect in 2023. Some, like Javier Tebas, president of LaLiga, have questioned whether PSG are serious about observing them. A day earlier, Mbappe’s mother, Fayza Lamari, had said there would be no new meetings with clubs regarding her son’s future. Madrid had made their best and final offer and so had PSG, in an effort for him to stay.

“We have found an agreement



PSG’s Kylian Mbappe waves a shirt to the crowd after it is announced that he has signed a three year extension to his deal to stay at the club ahead of the French League One soccer match between Paris Saint Germain and Metz at the Parc des Princes stadium in Paris, France, Saturday, May 21, 2022. (AP)

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Mbappe joined PSG from AS Monaco in 2017, with the club eventually paying a world-record fee for a teenager of €180m.

He has gone on to score a total of 168 goals in five years at the club, making him their second-highest career scorer behind Edinson Cavani.

Mbappe has won Ligue 1 four times at PSG and been voted France’s player of the season three times, including

this year after his 25 goals and 17 assists helped PSG to the title.

Throughout that time, he has been pursued by Real Madrid, whom he supported as a boy and came close to joining in 2017.

In August 2021, the LaLiga club saw a series of bids for Mbappe rejected, despite the prospect of him leaving for free at the end of his contract, which had just 12 months remaining.

Madrid remained in contact with Mbappe’s representatives during this season and believed that the player had given them his word that he would join this summer.

At the same time, PSG never gave up on persuading him to stay, and with the end of the season fast approaching this week, there was uncertainty at both clubs over Mbappe’s final decision.

On Friday, ESPN reported that there was “pessimism” at Madrid over their chances of completing a deal, as well as “nervousness and confusion” at the player’s public behaviour and lack of communication.

Madrid’s transfer strategy has been built around their pursuit of Mbappe in recent years, and they will now plan for life without him. Meanwhile, PSG look to build a team around the forward to end their wait for a first

Champions League trophy.

“Kylian’s commitment to PSG represents an amazing milestone in the history of our Club, and a wonderful moment for our fans around the world,” club president Al-Khelaifi said.

“Since the day Kylian joined our family, he has achieved greatness beyond his years on every single stage. In committing to PSG, he will be the foundation of our Club’s future both on and off the field.

“I am incredibly proud and very happy – for Kylian, for our fans, and our entire PSG family worldwide – that we will continue our wonderful journey together. For our fans and our Club, the greatest chapters of our future lie ahead.”

Meanwhile, Paris Saint-Germain sporting director Leonardo could be replaced by Luis Campos in the wake of Kylian Mbappe’s shock U-turn to stay at the club, sources told ESPN.

Mbappe signed a three-year deal, snubbing a widely expected move to Real Madrid, after a change of heart following months of negotiations between the two clubs. Sources told ESPN one of the key points in Mbappe’s discussions with PSG centered around Leonardo, with whom he has an uneasy relationship.

In one of the many rounds of talks held with the PSG hierarchy, Mbappe said he is not keen on Leonardo as the club’s sporting director next season and identified transfer guru Campos as an alternative.

Campos was at Monaco when Mbappe burst onto the scene and won the Ligue 1 title in 2017, as well as reaching the Champions League semifinals. The 57-year-old has a reputation for unearthing top talent and securing large transfer fees for hidden gems, with Mbappe one of many notable successes. Campos joined Monaco in 2013, and four years later, the club had won their first title in 17 years. At Lille, Campos developed and then moved along more players, including Nicolas Pepe and Gabriel to Arsenal, which earned the club almost €100 million.

Campos is a free agent after leaving Lille, and sources told ESPN that Mbappe believes reuniting with him could take the club forward.

Sources added that Mauricio Pochettino’s future as manager remains in the balance, with former Real Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane the favourite to take over if the PSG coach is sacked.

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Mbappe soap opera is over for now but questions remain

By Gabriele Marcotti, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

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“We have found an agreement

[in principle] with both Real Madrid and PSG and the discussions are over because it is Kylian who has to choose now,” she told Kora Plus. “The two offers, that of PSG and Real [Madrid] are almost identical. At Real, my son would have control of his image rights. We will await his decision.”

It’s rare to get such clarity from a de facto agent: Mbappe doesn’t have an official representative and relies on parents, Fayza and Wilfried, who are separated. Many read into it that he was ready to commit to PSG but did not want to leave on bad terms, and was keen to show that the French club had done everything they could to keep him. Maybe coming from an agent – who would have to do business with both clubs in the future – that would have been the case. Coming from a mom, not so much.

As for Real Madrid, this feels like one of those great “Will they? Won’t they?” soap opera romances. The old trope was that you can only deny them so many times, ultimately they get their way. Mbappe might have used up his allotment of “nons” ... unless, of course, there’s more here that we don’t know. Like, perhaps, that his new contract at PSG contains a release clause or is merely an extension so

he can have another go at winning the Champions League with Messi at his side and will join Madrid later. But all this is speculation.

The reality is that there is a 2022-23 season for which to prepare. For Real Madrid, after years of relatively muted spending, by their standards, this was going to be the summer when they reloaded, with Mbappe the jewel in the summer spending spree. He was going to team up with presumptive Ballon d’Or winner (and one of his boyhood idols) Karim Benzema, as well as Brazilian wunderkind Vinícius Junior, in a stellar front trio.

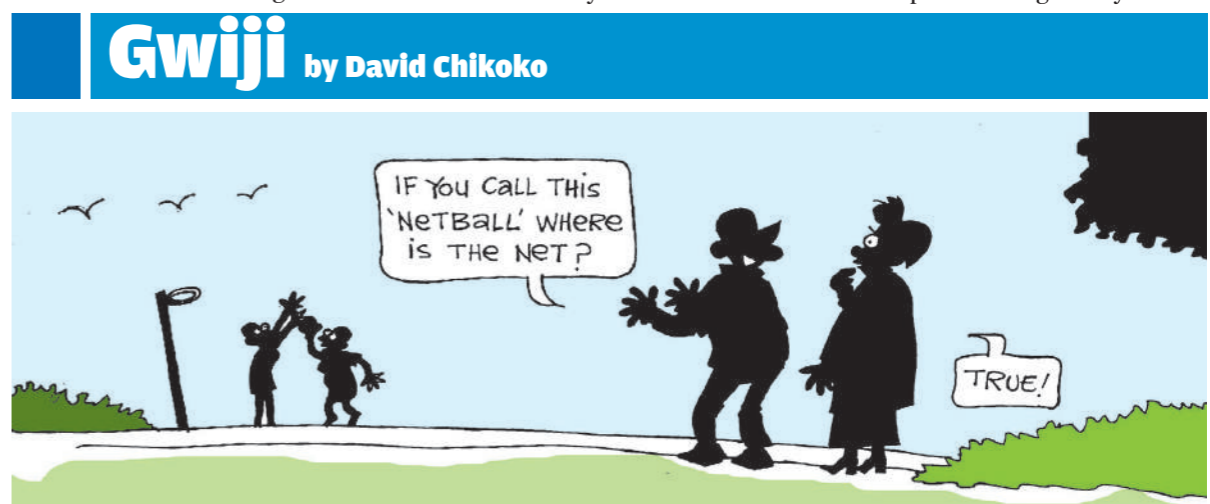
Now, it’s time for Plan B. Real Madrid rode their veteran stars in winning LaLiga and reaching the Champions League final against Liverpool on May 28 (which, ironically, is in Paris... want to bet some were hoping Mbappe would be there to cheer them on?) But the team, evidently, needs fresh blood and depth. Mbappe won’t be a part of it. At least not next year.

Because that’s the thing about romance. Rings on fingers in this sport can be removed – sometimes easily, sometimes at great expense – and, until he retires (which won’t happen for a good decade or more) it feels like there will always be a flicker of “maybe one day they’ll get together.”

After all, the best romantic soaps eke out the suspense as long as they can.

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Ihefu SC's head coach, Zubeir Katwila.

Katwila ready to extend contract with Ihefu SC

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga
MBEYA's Ihefu SC head coach, Zubeir Katwila, has stated that he is ready to continue coaching the outfit in the next season's Premier League if the club's management will seal an agreement with him once the current one-year contract ends.

Ihefu SC and Dar es Salaam's DTB FC on Saturday garnered promotion to 2022/23 Premier League after taking the top two places in this season's Championship.

Much as the outfits were tied on 66 points, Ihefu SC lifted the showpiece's top honour because of notching a better goal difference.

On Saturday Ihefu SC took on Mtwara's Ndanda FC at Nangwanda Sijaona Stadium in Mtwara in a tie that ended in a 1-1 draw.

Ihefu SC won promotion to the next season's Premier League thanks to the results.

Before Saturday's match, Ihefu SC had collected 65 points after participating in 29 matches while the side's close challenger, DTB FC, had collected 66 points after participating in 29 games.

On Saturday, DTB FC confronted Tabora's Kitayosce FC, with the latter grabbing a 1-0 victory to garner the top-flight promotion/relegation play-offs position.

Due to the win, Kitayosce FC finished third in the domestic second-tier soccer competition after amassing 61 points.

The Tabora club will battle it out in the promotion/relegation play-offs which will involve Premier League clubs that will secure 13th and 14th spots after the top flight completion.

Kitayosce FC will join fourth-placed JKT Tanzania FC, which registered 51 points in its campaign, in the promotion/relegation play-offs.

In an interview with The Guardian after his squad had recorded the 1-1 draw with Ndanda FC, Katwila said he is ready to continue coaching his side for one year if there will be an offer for a contract extension.

"It's only a day since we completed the Championship, I had signed a one-year contract with this team, I didn't sit with the team's management to make other negotiations about whether to sign another contract or not, but if the chance for renewing my contract is availed to me, I will accept," he said.

In another development, African Sports secretary-general Hatibu Enzi has said his outfit will work hard to make sure it excels in this season's Championship play-offs and remains in the competition next season.

Tanga's African Sports and Dar es Salaam's Pan African are some of the Championship outfits which will take part in the play-offs.

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Zanzibar announces squad for EAAR Junior Championships

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

ZANZIBAR Amateur Athletics Association (ZAAA) has announced a 31-member squad that will compete in the coming East and Central Africa Junior Athletics Championships (EAAR) that will be held at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam at the end of this month.

Abulhakim Cosmas Chasama, ZAAA president, said he is confident that the athletes will perform well in the showdown.

He said most of the athletes in the team come from the Isles' secondary schools.

Chasama mentioned the athletes in U-17 and U-20 squads as Maiga John, Rashid Amour, Issa Kombo, Juma Haji, Bakari Ali, Salum Dossi, Omar Said, Talib Khamis, Ramadhan Hamed, and Abdallah Abdul.

Others are Suleiman Mohamed, Juma Hassan, Aloyce Gerald, Amina Hassan, Haji Ame, Salum Rashid, Amina Hassan, Salum Ibrahim, Juma Khatib, and Nassor Hama.

Reginald Maka, Said Mpale, Ibrahim Abdallah, Ame Hassan, Mohamed Idrissa, Jaffar Abubakar, Yunus Mbwana, Kassim Hamra, Ali Hamad, Abdallah Maini, and Mohamed Mbwana also make the list.

He said the U-20 team is coached by Mohamed Suleiman, and his assistant Ibrahim Simai. Yange Kombo is Manager while Hafsa Ali is the team manager.

According to Chasama, Tawakali Masoud is the head coach for the U-17 squad, he will work with his assistant, Mohamed Hassan, Makame Ali is Manager and Sara Othman is the team manager, Ameir Hassan is the team doctor for both teams.

Chasama applauded the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar for its support to the team.

"We are confident that the team will do well in the EAAR Junior Championships, the team is undergoing intensive training... the athletes were selected for the team after performing well at various tournaments which were held in Zanzibar," he said.

The EAAR Championships were supposed to be held at the same venue last week but were postponed in the eleventh hour as the main sponsors, World Athletics (WA), could not release the money for the championships.

The regional championships will be held at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium from May 27-28 and, one day later, there will be an EAAR executive committee meeting.

The championships will be held after the WA had released the money for the championships, the EAAR Championships last took place in Arusha in 2018.

Former Simba SC striker praises Mao and Abubakar's return to Taifa Stars



Tanzania's former national side 'Taifa Stars' midfielder, Himid Mao (L), dribbles past a Lesotho player when the squads locked horns in a recent Council of Southern Africa Football Associations (COSAFA) Senior Challenge Cup tie, which was played in South Africa.

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

FORMER striker Zamoyoni Mogella has backed the return of midfielders, Salum Abubakar and Himid Mao, to Tanzania's senior national soccer team 'Taifa Stars'.

Mogella, who turned out for Simba SC and Yanga in his heyday, disclosed the two footballers' call-up is a vital addition to the team that is preparing for the 2023 African Cup of Nations (AFCON) qualifiers.

The former attacker further revealed he is not surprised by Simba SC veteran attacker John Bocco's absence from the national squad.

Tanzania will enter camp in June for the qualifiers slated for May 30 to June 14, two more ties will take place in September while the final two matches will take place in March next year.

After failing to qualify for the 2021 AFCON showdown in Cameroon, Taifa Stars will go all guns blazing in an opening fixture against Niger, followed by a huge test against Algeria.

Mogella disclosed: "Bocco is a good player, he has had a slow start this season but now he has started to score again and his absence from the squad is due to the statistics not helping him as a striker."

"There were times when he had ups and downs in the mid-season, enduring goal drought, and injuries got the best of him but at the moment he is doing well... but there is also physical fitness which hinders him from being called up by Taifa Stars' head coach Kim Poulsen," Mogella revealed.

Bocco who had not notched a goal for his club for a

long time this season has scored three goals in the last three consecutive Premier League matches against Azam FC, Kagera Sugar, and Ruvu Shooting.

Mogella revealed: "Abubakar is a very good player with an ability to create lots of chances, his intelligence and vision set him apart from other players in Taifa Stars."

The former goal-getter noted: "His presence will add something to the attacking department and, as for Mao, he is a very experienced player, playing for about five years in Egypt top tier is not a mean feat, his experience and maturity will bring a lot of stability to the midfield department."

Despite doing well in recent days, Yanga midfielder Zawadi Mauya has not been called up to the Taifa Stars' squad for the two AFCON qualifiers against Algeria and Niger scheduled for next year.

The same could be said of others who have not been called up, they are Israel Patrick and Jonas Mkude (Simba SC), Lusajo Mwaikenda and Tepsi Evance (Azam

FC), and Abdulrazzak Hamza (Nambung FC).

Taifa Stars assistant coach Shadrack Nsajigwa said the main reason for leaving some of the players was technical although they still have a place in the squad soon.

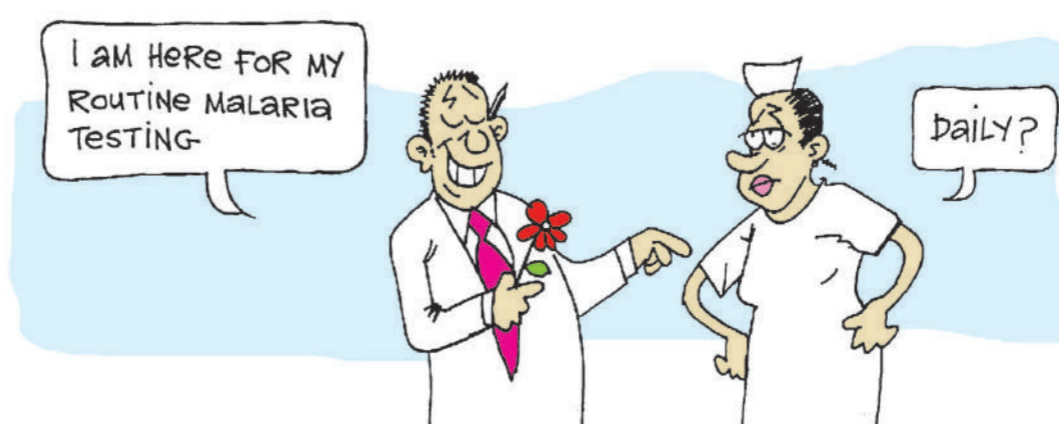
"We have not called some players this time due to various reasons and some have been left out after the technical bench was not satisfied with what they showed in previous league matches, but if they do well they will return," Nsajigwa noted.

Nsajigwa said the recall of Mao, now Egypt's Ghazl El Mehalla player was due to the standards he had shown at his club.

The coach pointed out: "Mao was initially not in the squad because there were other players in his position, he has been recalled after monitoring him and we got satisfied with his competence."

"We did not call him simply because the journalists and other people talked (about his absence), but rather it was his competence," Nsajigwa stated.

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