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## Govt reaps 143bn/- in new Airtel dividends

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

VICE President Dr Philip Mpango (pictured) yesterday received a dummy cheque for 143bn/- as dividends, sale of communication towers and empowerment contribution from Airtel (T) Ltd, on the basis of the support services agreement with the Treasury, for fiscal 2021/2022. In his remarks at the delivery ceremony, Dr Mpango asserted that private firms in which the government has shares need to operate efficiently, and thus pay appropriate dividends timely. Firms not operating profitably and thus fail to issue dividends need to assess themselves on the need to retain them.

The government has invested much to facilitate their work so as to bring development to the people, he said, underlining that the government will continue to create a conducive environment



**The Treasury pursued strong strategies to ensure that public firms and agencies where the government has shares work to produce required outcomes**

to attract sustainable business initiatives.

He hailed the Treasury Registrar's office for overseeing the government accord with Airtel Plc on the dividends as well as the 1bn/- payment delivered each month, noting that these proceeds contribute a lot to strategic projects and social services delivery.

Gabriel Malata, the firm's board chairman, had earlier noted that in the payment, 88bn/- is dividend, 12bn/- for support services and 43bn/- arose from selling communication towers, elaborating that in 2019 Airtel (T) issued 38bn/- as dividend, rising to 60bn/- in 2020.

Total dividends for 2021 attained 181bn/- where the government obtains 88bn/-, making it that for the past three years, the firm has paid out over 200bn/- to Treasury in dividends, contributions, tax and other dues.

Last year the firm sold communication towers to Minara (T) Ltd at \$175m (400bn/-), he said, attributing the transaction to the conducive business environment facilitating smooth operations. The firm also put on the

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# CAG's annual report cites flaws in bidding

By Felister Peter, Dodoma

CONTROLLER and Auditor General (CAG) Charles Kichere yesterday highlighted several weaknesses in contract management and poor supervision of projects, leading to huge losses of public funds.

Widespread violations of public procurement law in local government authorities were especially visible in the annual report, where 40 LGAs procured items worth 5.37bn/- without competitive bidding and 24 others procured items costing 3.84bn/- in contravention of procedures.

Briefing journalists on the general audit reports for fiscal 2020/2021 shortly after the documents were presented to the National Assembly, he said 59 LGAs procured items worth 9.86bn/- without tender board approval, and three others failed to supervise implementation of development projects causing a loss of 326.64m/-.

Poor management of contracts by the power utility (TANESCO) led to the utility paying Symbion Power (T) Ltd US \$153.43m as compensation for breach of contract, he stated.

On May 2016, TANESCO barred Symbion from supplying power to the national grid, pushing the US-based firm to file a case at the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) demanding \$1.57bn for contract termination.

The government needs to ensure proper supervision of contracts to avoid losses of public funds, he said, tasking the Ministry of Energy to make sure the monies are paid on time to avoid further penalties.



**Rising fertiliser prices would affect agricultural production in coming years**

The CAG faulted the government over delayed implementation of the Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project (JNHPP) which was to be more or less completed end of October last year but was just around halfway due to a number of factors, where the outbreak of COVID-19 was just one reason.

Frequent power cuts at the JNHPP area from January to October 2020 led to TANESCO paying the contractor a fine of \$8.53m equivalent to 19.51bn/-, he stated.

"The state power supplier should conduct an evaluation of power requirements to run the contractor's machines at the project area to avoid power cuts and losses," he emphasised, asking TANESCO to consult the contractor on how to compensate the wasted project implementation period.

Two public entities—Air Tanzania Co. Ltd (ATCL) and Mkulazi Holdings Ltd incurred huge losses in the 2020/2021 financial year. Although ATCL increased its revenues by 11 per cent, it incurred losses amounting to 36.18bn/- compared to 60.25bn/- in the 2019/2020 fiscal year, while reducing expenditures by three per cent, he stated.

The Mkulazi sugarcane farm and Mbigiri sugar factory in Morogoro Region operated at a loss for five years consecutively, from 2016/17 to June 30th 2021, with delayed installation of machines and sugar production leading to a loss of 17.70bn/-, he said.

Audits conducted at the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) showed that 731 male members went through caesarean section—C-

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Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister Liberata Mulamula (back to camera) welcomes the Swiss Ambassador to Tanzania, Didier Chassot (3rd-L), French Ambassador Nabil Hajjaoui (2nd-L) and Italian Ambassador Marco Lombardi (2nd-R) for talks at her Dar es Salaam sub-office yesterday. Photo courtesy of Foreign Affairs ministry

## Korogwe minibus crash leaves six dead, 19 hurt

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Korogwe

AT least six people died and 19 were injured after a minibus overturned at Kwamdulu in Korogwe District, Tanga Region, on the Dar es Salaam - Arusha highway.

Regional Police Commander (RPC) Safia Jongo said yesterday that the vehicle, a Coaster T833DMH crashed at dawn, around 5am, with six dying on the spot. Bodies of the victims have been preserved at Magunga hospital with those



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injured admitted for treatment.

"After the incident, the police visited the scene and it was then that six people were pronounced dead while those injured were rushed to the hospital for treatment," she said.

The area between Kwamdulu and Maili Kumi, a 15 kilometer stretch, is notorious for accidents due to its bends, sharp corners and slopes. In the past month or so three

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## Govt to finalise hiring of 44,096 by June 30

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government yesterday reiterated its commitment to employ 44,096 more civil servants, promote 92,619 of those in service and carry out re-categorisation for 6026 others by end of June, using 26bn/- per month that adds up to 315bn/- annually.

Jenista Mhagama (pictured), the Minister of State in the President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance), said at a press conference here yesterday that



through the human capital management information system (HCMIS), around 12,336 civil servants had been employed.

New jobs were 11,492 and 844 were re-categorised, placed on duty in different ministerial departments and agencies, while in the current fiscal year the government approved new employment of 44,096 staff, 92,619 positions for promotion and the re-categorisation of 6,026 civil servants.

She said the government considered new job offers in the key sectors of education, health, agriculture, water, livestock and fisheries. Education was allocated 12,035 positions, 9,800 for primary and secondary schools, plus 2,235 for lecturers and tutors in higher learning institutions.

Health has 10,285 job openings, with 7,612 allocated to hospitals, health centres and

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Abdallah Fedes (R), Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority's assistant project manager, gives explanation at the weekend to Livestock and Fisheries deputy minister Abdallah Ulega (2nd-R, foreground) on a map of the area earmarked for the resettlement of pastoralists set to move there from the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. This was at Msomera village in Handeni District, Tanga Region. Photo: Correspondent Mbaraka Kambona

## RC mobilises farmers in proper use of fertilisers

By Guardian Reporter

LINDI regional commissioner Zainab Telack has said encouraging the proper use of fertiliser for farmers would reduce rampant shifting cultivation in the southern part of the country.

She made the remarks on Monday this week when addressing residents of Lindi District during the commemoration of farmers Day organised by Tanzania fertiliser regulatory Authority (TFRA).

"The issue mobilising for the issue of fertiliser that you have brought up I believe our people will have

permanent settlements. Now we have to assure that if on the same land they farm and use fertiliser they will harvest adequate produce," added the RC.

Farmers Day celebration apex involves mobilisation in the correct use of fertiliser for farmers in Lindi Region that began in May 2021 following the region having poor use of fertiliser compare to other regions in the country including Iringa, Mbeya, Mwanza and other regions.

She said the reasons behind poor use of fertiliser for farmers in Lindi Region, Telack said it is due to lack

of fertiliser dealers in the southern regions and called on fertiliser dealers to open branches in the area.

"We need education, we need quick assistance, establish branches near farmers to assist the farmers," she added.

Soil testing services can help to know the types of crops that can grow well, Telack called on the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) to open a branch in the region to offer its services to the people.

She also directed local councils executive directors to invest in farmers to make sure they use

fertiliser for the crops they grow to enhance yields.

The RC said since President Samia Suluhu Hassan has invested in us and we should also invest, I now request that we should invest in farmers to enable President Samia see the benefits from the investment in the farming sector.

TFRA executive director Dr Stephan Eliuth Ngailo said the authority decided to mobilise in the correct use of fertiliser in both Lindi and Mtwara regions due to the regions' poor use of fertiliser.

He said the presence of the improved port of Mtwara will simplify fertiliser imports that would be offloaded directly at the port to ensure the availability of the farm input at all times.

"We have seen that the establishment of demonstration farms is the correct way to mobilise farmers to use fertiliser in farming," Dr Ngailo said.

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section (in delivering babies) while a total of 2,495 people from 87 private companies were registered as public servants and 73 dependents registered as members.

There were 14,409,200/- invalid claims submitted to NHIF by health centers, with 444 members receiving similar medical services (full blood picture) more than once at the same health centre in a day, the report indicated, showing also that 325 patients who are not fund members were provided with medical services at different hospitals.

CAG Kichere linked the rising fertilizer prices with poor supervision of indicatives prices, with the Tanzania Fertilizer Regulatory Authority (TAFRA) last issuing indicative price in November 2020.

At that time, a 50 kilos bag of fertilizer (DAP) was sold at 66,995/- and 53,318/- for a similar package of UREA. Until July 2021, fertilizer prices increased to 90,000/- for 50 kilograms of DAP and 86,000/- for UREA, he stated.

Rising fertilizer prices would affect agricultural production in coming years, he stated, urging TAFRA and the government to come up with short and long term plans to control fertilizer prices.

In fiscal 2020/2021 the National Audit Office (headed by the CAG) issued 999 audit certificates, of which 185 went to local government authorities, 195 to public agencies, 308 to the central government departments, 19 to political parties and 292 related to development projects.

There were 56 special audits, 37 conducted on local government authorities, 12 in the central government, six regarding public utilities and one audit on information and communications technology (ICT) systems, he further noted.

Overall, 970p audit reports obtained unqualified opinions (about 97 per cent), 19 had qualified opinions, six adverse opinions and the remaining four entities receiving a disclaimer opinion from the CAG, he stated.

General and performance audits report for the financial year ending June 30, 2021 showed an increase of unqualified opinion compared to 89 per cent recorded during the fiscal 2019/2020 audit exercise.

LGAs receiving qualified opinion include the former Dar es Salaam City Council, Kisarawe District Council, Longido District Council, Mlele District Council, Musoma District Council and Sengerema District Council, while Bunda District Council received an adverse opinion, he added.

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accidents have occurred in Handeni, Mombo and Korogwe, she stated.

A mini bus travelling from Korogwe to Handeni hit people who were pushing another vehicle, parked on the edge of the road, while in another crash on March 28, 14 people died and 12 were injured in separate road accidents in Coast, Mbeya and Simiyu

regions, on the basis of police reports.

One accident in Morogoro Region claimed the life of business studies don and media associate Prof. Honest Prosper Ngowi, a veteran researcher and consultant at Mzumbe University in a multipronged accident involving a Scania lorry, a Toyota Noah, a tricycle that was crushed and the don's vehicle befallen by the trailer's container.

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dispensaries, while 1650 health staff will be posted to zonal and regional referral hospitals. About 103 positions are designated for district designated hospitals (DDHs) and voluntary agency hospitals (VAHs), she said.

A total of 2,392 positions are offered to agriculture (814), livestock (700), fisheries (204) water (261) and legal sector (513) while 7,792 other positions have been allocated to ministerial departments, local government authorities and public agencies.

Promoting 92,619 civil servants will cost 23bn/- per month, equivalent to 276 9bn/- per year while re-categorising 6,026 staff will cost a staggering 824.4m/- per month equivalent to 9.9bn/- per year, with this exercise being completed at the close of the financial year, she asserted.

This is the first time in civil service history that such actions are taken

within a year of a new government, she declared, praising President Samia Suluhu Hassan for determination to improve the public service to uplift development efforts.

The human capital management drive had been carried out in the public service to 52 per cent in some areas and up to 90 percent in a few institutions, thus putting up efforts to obtain resources for new jobs in the current financial year, she explained.

Heads of employing authorities need to issue letters of appointment, promotion and re-categorization as soon as they receive the approval to do so, the minister intoned.

Ministerial departments and other public agencies that have not joined the human capital management information system and are paying salaries from own sources need to complete preparation to switch to the system by the end of June, she added.



Dr Tumaini Katunzi (gesturing), rector of the Dar es Salaam-based Eastern Africa Statistical Training Centre, briefs Finance and Planning ministry deputy permanent secretary Jennifer Christian Omolo (R) on Monday. The latter was on a visit to the facility. Photo courtesy of Finance ministry

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job up to 350,000 people into direct and indirect occupations, he said.

Treasury registrar Mgonya Benedicto said all agreements signed between the government and Bharti Airtel are well supervised, the increase in dividends being a result of heightened efficiency.

For nine months of the current fiscal year, the Treasury has collected 556bn/- in dividends and levies from companies where the government holds shares, surpassing the 525.49bn/- target set earlier, he stated.

The collections have been improving regularly, increasing non-tax income for the government, like dividends, 15 percent of raw proceeds and other levied sources.

The Treasury pursued strong strategies to ensure that public firms and agencies where the government has shares work to produce required outcomes.

Airtel (T) grew rapidly in the past one year to holding second spot among telecommunication firms, with 14.7m customers and taking up a 27.2 percent market share.

## Call to EASTC board to work professionally

By Guardian Reporter

Jenifer Omolo, deputy Finance and Planning Permanent Secretary has called on the board of directors of the Eastern Africa Statistical Training Centre (EASTC) to make sure it performs its duties professionally to enable it improve its infrastructure as well as academic issues.

Omolo issued the appeal at a function to launch EASTC board of directors at the Institute conference hall in Dar es Salaam

"We have trust in you and it is our

hope that you will use your experience, knowledge and professionalism to implement your responsibilities for the benefit of the centre and the nation in general, said Omolo.

She also called on the new board to work together with the institute's management, workers and statistics stakeholders to ensure the institute implements its responsibilities through its own strategic plan to attain the intended goals.

The deputy PS also toured the institute's premises to inspect its various infrastructure and called on the board to identify and list down

challenges facing it and work on them as early as possible before affecting its services.

She praised the board chairman, Prof Ahmed Ame for being appointed by President Samia Suluhu Hassan to the chair as well as board members for being appointed by the minister of Finance and Planning.

For his part, EASTC board chairman Prof Ahmed Ame assured Deputy PS that the board will work professionally to make sure the targets they set for themselves are attained in time.

Meanwhile, Omolo met with the

institute's management during which she instructed to advertise in order to increase students' enrolment from both within and outside the country.

"I also use this opportunity to welcome you to the Finance Ministry's 'family' and my expectation is that you will implement your responsibilities by closely working together with the ministry as well as other institutions," she added.

For his part, EASTC principal, Dr Tumaini Katunzi said the institute's management will implement all instructions given to ensure development activities are attained.



NBC Bank managing director Theobald Sabi (C) received handover notes from William Kallaghe (R), who has just retired after serving the bank for 18 years in various positions – including that of spokesman and head of government relations. They are with Kallaghe's successor, Godwin Semunyu. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Govt warns shoddy contractors on SGR

By Correspondent James Kandoya, Tabora

WORKS and Transport minister Prof Makame Mbarawa has said the government will have no mercy to contractors during the ongoing construction of the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) who will fail to meet the deadline.

Prof Mbarawa made the remarks here yesterday when he laid the foundation stone for the construction of Makutupora-Tabora section.

He said the commencement of the construction has come after the government signed the contract with Turkish contractor, Yapi Merkez December, last year in Dar es Salaam.

Phase-three of the project (Makutupora-Tabora) worth 4.4 trn/- will be completed in October 2025.

According to the minister, there will be no additional time for the contractor who will cause delaying in the ongoing construction of the SGR phases.

Prof Mbarawa noted that up to date the government had already disbursed over 600/-bn to the contractor so far for the Makutupora-Tabora project.

Commenting on the I, II, III and fourth phases, the minister noted that the government had already disbursed 14.74 trn/- "I call on the construction adviser and the management of the Tanzania Railway Corporation (TRC) to work closely to ensure the construction completes

on time," he said, directing the management to ensure the value for money in all project was met.

He further cited the Tabora-Isaka section will be signed anytime while Tabora-Kigoma section was in the procurement process.

"The government will disburse fund to all strategic developmental projects, until are completed," he reaffirmed.

Tabora Regional Commissioner, Dr Batilda Buriani assured the government that the residents will be on the frontline to protect the rail infrastructure.

"Our people are ready to participate in the project. I call on all youths to utilise the opportunity," she said, calling on business community from Turkey to come and invest in the processing and value addition chain factories.

TRC board chairman Prof John Kondoro reaffirmed the commitment to ensure the value for money for the entire construction.

TRC director general Masanja Kadogosa said the government has already disbursed 609.36bn/- to the contractor, stating that upon completion the train will take six hours from Dar es Salaam City to Tabora Region.

"The management will work hand in hand to ensure the value for money in the project is met," he assured, stating that residents of Tabora were privileged since 95 per cent of the rail passes in the region.

## Minister launches 'board of salaries' for private sector

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

PROF Joyce Ndalichako, minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Employment, Youth and People with Disabilities) has launched salaries board for the private sector while calling on it to research and come up with recommendations on the minimum wage rate for the sector that would abide by existing law, regulations and procedures.

Launching the Board, Prof Ndalichako said it has not met for a long time and Tanzanians have been waiting to see its activities.

She said the board has the responsibilities to research and investigations and to give advice to the minister responsible on issues of labour and employment in regard to sectoral minimum wage.

May 1, 2021 President Samia Suluhu Hassan spoke about the salaries saying it has not sat for a long time, hence I have seen it necessary to push the issue.

"It is upon your responsibility to research and provide recommendation to me on the minimum wage in the private sector."

"The board should also abide by the national interest, the obtaining economic situation, ability to pay salaries and workers condition in meeting their day to day expenses," she added.

She added that the board's composition is tripartite involving the government, employers and workers.

She added that recommendations for salary scales are not done on the table, research ought to be conducted to abide by the set conditions.

"The issue of minimum wage is very important that has to be dealt with carefully as I had said, because President Samia vows to install better working conditions for the people to enable a worker become proud in performing his duties."

For his part, the ministry's Permanent Secretary, Prof Jamal Katundu said 'Salaries Board' members will prepare their task plan in collaboration with experts who will indicate the task they will do and when they will come up with their recommendations in regard to the minimum wage for the private sector.

The salaries board chairman, Suleiman Ahmad Rashid pledged that the board will perform diligently by abiding by the law and procedures to arrive at the intended targets.



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# Government set to provide subsidy on fertiliser - minister

By Polycarp Machia, Dodoma

THE government will from July, 2022 provide subsidy on fertiliser to help reduce the cost and had budgeted 150bn/- for the purpose, the National Assembly heard yesterday.

It has also put new strategies to control price hiking of fertiliser in the country through the Tanzania Fertiliser Regulatory Authority (TFRA) in collaboration with regional authorities by conducting assessment of actual cost and provide indicative prices.

The government believes that the process will help control unlawful increase of rice of the product by traders who in most cases do not consider the cost of importing it into the country, the House heard yesterday.

Minister for Agriculture, Hussein Bashe, made the statement here while responding to a question from Namtumbo MP Vita Kawawa (CCM), who had wanted to know what the government was doing to control the ever escalating prices of fertiliser, especially in Ruvuma.

The minister further explained that price of fertiliser has been increasing globally following increase in the cost of production and demand in countries that import a lot of the farm input like China and India.

Bashe stated that the increase in 2021/2022 is also as a result of effects of COVID-19 and the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine, the two countries being big suppliers of raw materials used in manufacturing fertilisers.

He said the government through TFRA issued indicative prices for different types of fertiliser like DAP, UREA, CAN and SA for every region in the country, including Ruvuma in March, 2022.

"In order to avoid dependence on importation of fertiliser, the government continues attracting investors to invest in fertiliser industries in the country in effort to reduce prices to farmers" said the minister.

He called on regional and district authorities to ensure that traders adhere to indicative prices at all trading centres of fertiliser.



Alice Kilembe (5th-R), manager of Serengeti Breweries Ltd's Moshi plant, in group photo on Monday with students of the municipality's Kilimwiwa Agriculture Training Institute who had just received the firm's 'Kilimo Viwanda' scholarships. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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AT ILEMELA.  
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AND  
In the matter of application for grant of letters  
administration by DONATHA DEGRATIAS KABOGO

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## Govt: Plans on the way to combine NIDA, NEC systems

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

EXPERTS from the National Electoral Commission (NEC) and the National Identification Authority (NIDA) are working on the possibility of combining their systems, deputy minister of State (Union and Environment), Hamza Khamis Khamis, told the House yesterday.

He made the statement in response to a question from Kawe MP, Josephat Gwajima (CCM) who had wanted to know if the government was ready to combine

systems of the two institutions in efforts to avoid inconveniences faced by members of the public. "Does the government see it fit to join systems of the two institutions and reduce the burden and challenges facing the people?" he asked.

But the deputy minister explained that the government was aware of the importance of having a combined system for the two key organisations and the need to use national ID in voting as well as e-voting.

He said adoption of combined systems shall help the government reduce cost



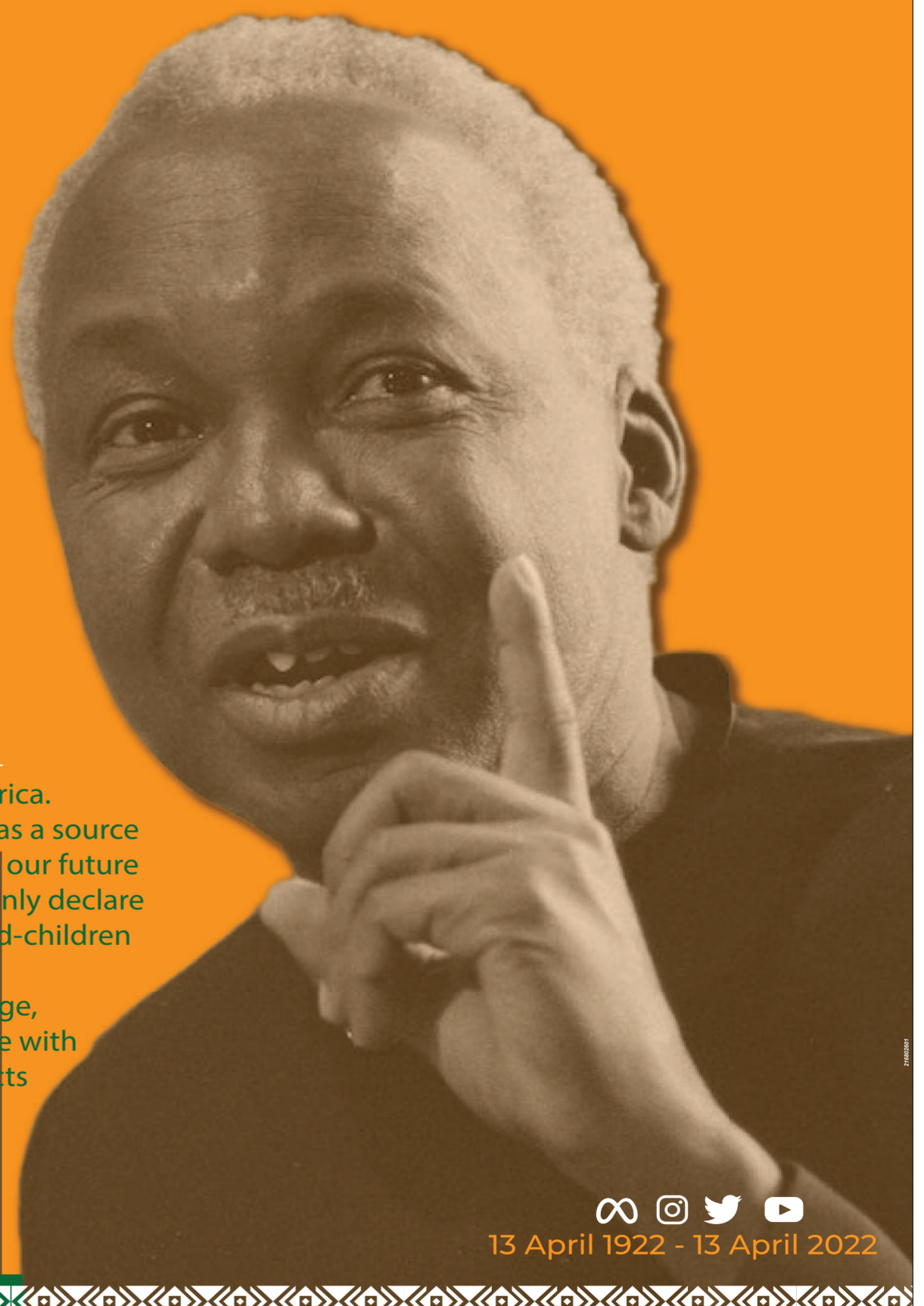
of preparing voters register and also else supervision of election process.

"Discussions between NIDA and NEC on having a common communication system to improve voters' register started in March, 2022 and is expected to yield good results," said the deputy minister.

Pangawe MP, Haji Amour Haji, on basic question had also wanted to know when the government would repair electronic registration machine that has caused piling of residential permits at the immigration department in Zanzibar for a long time now.

However, deputy minister said between January 2020 and June 2020, the e-permit machine he immigration department in Zanzibar was not in use due to breakdown, causing delay in printing 139 residence permits. However, he said provision of residence permits is currently done by stamping on the visitors passport as a proof of legal residence in the Isles.

The deputy minister added that from July, 2020, provision of e-permits continued whereby up to March, 2022 a total of 799 permits have been issued.






# Mwalimu Nyerere's 100

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**Julius K. Nyerere, Arusha Manifesto, 1961**  
**(Mwalimu Nyerere on Wildlife Conservation)**

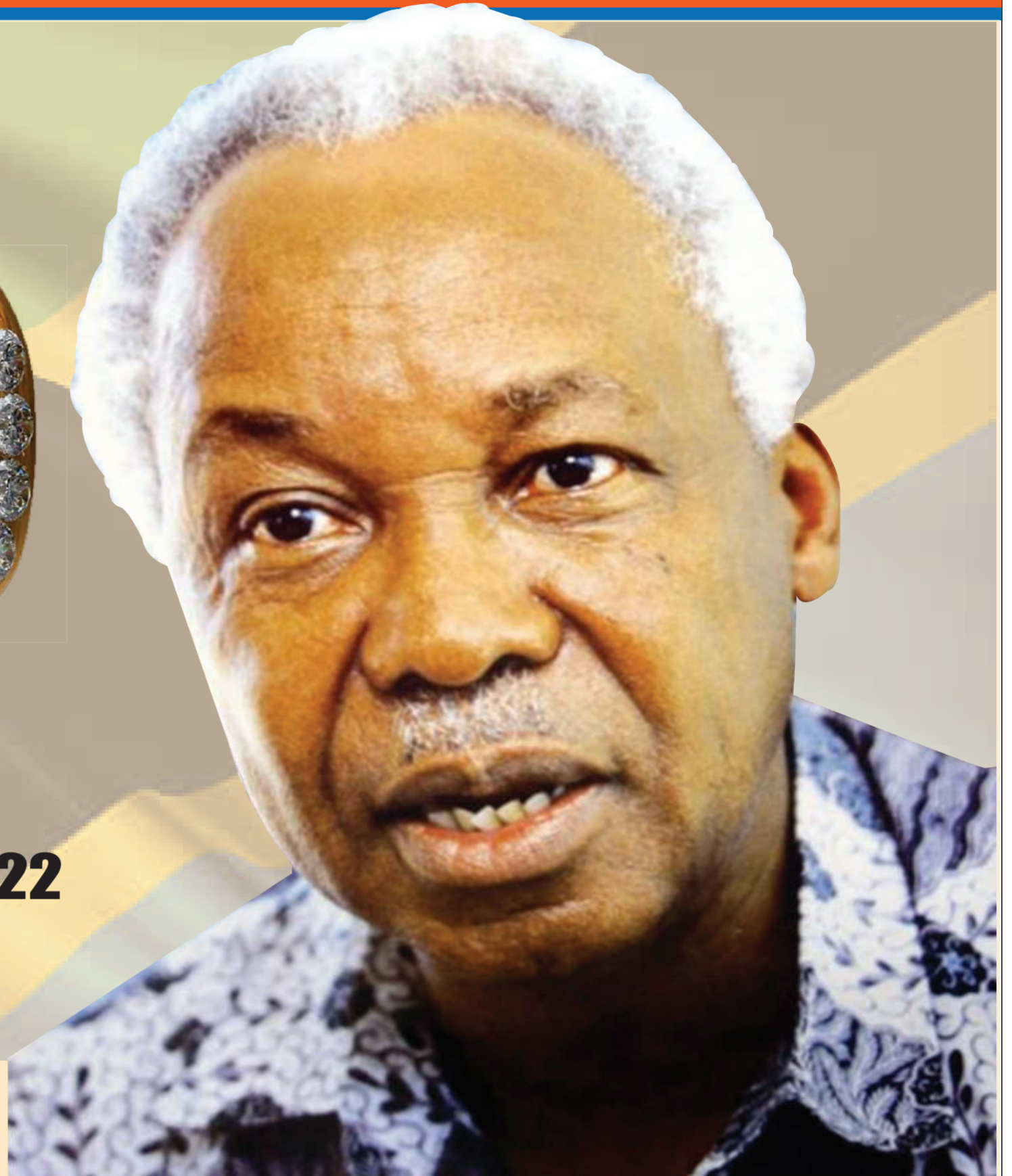


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CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021	(AMOUNT IN MILLION SHILLINGS)		
	Position as at 31-December-21	Position as at 31 Dec-20 - Restated	Position as at 31-Dec-19 - Restated
<b>A ASSETS</b>			
1 Cash and balances at central banks	271,923	304,551	314,788
2 Loans and advances to banks	66,105	120,741	118,676
3 Trading portfolio assets	40,430	47,591	25,815
4 Derivative financial instruments	594	2,028	1,138
5 Financial assets at fair value through OCI	324,069	376,275	381,126
7 Loans and advances to customers	1,384,488	1,102,978	982,350
8 Other receivables	93,263	99,285	66,693
9 Current tax assets	10,662	9,782	21,606
10 Property, plant and equipment	48,660	48,910	49,005
11 Intangible assets	8,021	2,765	2,753
12 Deferred tax assets	19,285	18,855	25,212
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>2,267,500</b>	<b>2,133,761</b>	<b>1,989,162</b>
<b>B LIABILITIES</b>			
1 Deposits from banks	219,379	189,913	67,326
2 Customer accounts	1,596,505	1,504,480	1,502,082
3 Derivative financial liabilities	2,163	2,667	576
4 Subordinated debt loan	32,067	31,997	32,298
5 Provisions	5,463	4,659	2,976
6 Trade and other payables	110,838	137,894	100,754
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1,966,415</b>	<b>1,871,610</b>	<b>1,706,012</b>
<b>NET ASSETS / (LIABILITIES) (16 minus 29)</b>	<b>301,085</b>	<b>262,151</b>	<b>283,150</b>
<b>C CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>			
1 Share capital	15,700	15,700	15,700
2 Share premium	71,300	71,300	71,300
3 Fair value reserves	4,330	5,417	3,124
5 Specific regulatory reserve	-	-	4,329
6 Retained income	209,755	169,734	188,697
<b>TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>	<b>301,085</b>	<b>262,151</b>	<b>283,150</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>	<b>2,267,500</b>	<b>2,133,761</b>	<b>1,989,162</b>
1 Contingent Liabilities	239,949	249,771	379,312
2 Non performing loans & advances	59,117	44,025	75,055
3 Allowance for probable losses	44,620	41,722	51,734
4 Other non performing assets	-	-	-
<b>D PERFORMANCE INDICATORS</b>			
(i) Shareholders Funds to Total Assets	13.3%	12.3%	14.2%
(ii) Non performing Loans to Total Gross Loans	4.1%	3.8%	7.2%
(iii) Gross Loans and Advances to Total Deposits	79.0%	67.9%	66.4%
(iv) Loans and Advances to Total Assets	63.3%	53.9%	52.4%
(v) Earnings Assets to Total Assets	80.0%	77.3%	75.8%
(vi) Deposits Growth	6.1%	0.2%	6.2%
(vii) Assets Growth	6.2%	7.3%	2.7%

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021	(AMOUNT IN MILLION SHILLINGS)	
	Current Quarter 31-Dec-2021	Previous Year 31-Dec-2020 - Restated
1 Interest income	184,936	163,616
2 Interest expense	(31,731)	(30,916)
<b>3 Net Interest Income</b>	<b>153,205</b>	<b>132,700</b>
4 Fee and commission income	48,218	43,595
5 Net trading income	17,949	21,627
6 Dividend received	40	12
<b>7 Total income</b>	<b>219,412</b>	<b>197,934</b>
8 Impairment losses on loans and advances	(7,331)	(33,941)
<b>9 Net operating income</b>	<b>212,081</b>	<b>163,993</b>
10 Staff costs	(79,272)	(85,465)
11 Infrastructure costs	(22,456)	(22,585)
12 Administration and general expenses	(50,297)	(49,647)
<b>13 Operating expenses</b>	<b>(152,025)</b>	<b>(157,697)</b>
<b>14 Profit before tax</b>	<b>60,056</b>	<b>6,296</b>
<b>15 Income tax expense</b>	<b>(20,035)</b>	<b>(29,587)</b>
<b>16 Profit for the year</b>	<b>40,021</b>	<b>(23,291)</b>
<b>17 Other comprehensive income</b>		
(i) Fair value movement	(1,553)	3,276
(ii) Deferred tax	466	(983)
<b>Total other comprehensive (loss)/gain for the year, net of tax</b>	<b>(1,087)</b>	<b>2,293</b>
<b>Total comprehensive (loss)/gain for the year, net of tax</b>	<b>38,934</b>	<b>(20,998)</b>
(i) Number Of Employees	955	1,005
(ii) Basic Earnings Per Share	25,491	(14,835)
(iii) Number of Branches	47	47
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATORS</b>		
(i) Return on Average Total Assets	1.8%	(1.1%)
(ii) Return on Ordinary Shareholders' Funds	13.3%	(8.9%)
(iii) Non Interest Expense to Gross Income	69.3%	79.7%
(iv) Interest Margin to Average Interest Earning Assets	8.4%	8.1%

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021	(AMOUNT IN MILLION SHILLINGS)	
	Current Quarter 31-Dec-21	Previous year 31-Dec-20 Restated
<b>I Cash flow from operating activities:</b>		
<b>Profit after tax</b>	<b>40,021</b>	<b>(23,291)</b>
<b>Adjustment for:</b>		
Depreciation of plant property and equipment's	9,572	9,345
Amortisation of Intangibles	1,053	1,602
Loss on translation of subordinated debt	(190)	(1,051)
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	-	1,504
Impairment on loans and advances	7,331	33,941
Impairment on investments at FVOCI	213	751
Interest on subordinated loan	1,945	1,754
Tax expenses	20,035	29,587
Dividends on equity securities at FVOCI	(40)	(12)
	<b>79,940</b>	<b>54,130</b>
<b>Changes in:</b>		
Financial Assets at Fair Value through OCI	373,179	7,972
Derivative Financial Assets	(322,041)	(890)
Loans and advances to customers	(288,841)	(154,570)
Other receivable	6,022	(32,592)
Deposit from Bank	29,466	122,588
Deposit from Customer	92,025	2,398
Derivative Financial Liabilities	(504)	2,090
Provisions and liabilities	804	1,683
Trade and other payables	(21,487)	41,408
Statutory minimum reserve	8,272	4,024
Trading Portfolio	7,161	(21,776)
	<b>(36,004)</b>	<b>26,465</b>
Interest paid	(835)	(941)
Tax paid	(20,122)	(12,972)
<b>Net cash provided/(used) by operating activities</b>	<b>(56,961)</b>	<b>12,552</b>
<b>II Cash flow from investing activities</b>		
Purchase of property and equipment	(9,533)	(10,754)
Proceeds from sale of equipment	-	-
Purchase of intangible assets	(6,100)	(1,614)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(15,633)</b>	<b>(12,368)</b>
<b>III Cash flow from financing activities</b>		
Proceeds from subordinated debt	-	-
Subordinated debt repayment	(1,685)	(1,004)
Dividend paid	-	-
Payment of lease liabilities	(4,713)	(3,328)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(6,398)</b>	<b>(4,332)</b>
<b>IV Cash and cash equivalents</b>		
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(78,992)	(4,148)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	317,176	321,324
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	<b>238,184</b>	<b>317,176</b>

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021	(AMOUNT IN MILLION SHILLINGS)					
	Share capital	Share premium	Fair value reserves	Retained income	Specific Regulatory Reserve	Total Equity
<b>Previous</b>						
<b>Balance at 1 January 2020</b>	<b>15,700</b>	<b>71,300</b>	<b>3,124</b>	<b>189,884</b>	<b>4,330</b>	<b>284,338</b>
Impact of correction of errors net of tax	-	-	-	(1,189)	-	(1,189)
<b>Balance at 1 January 2020 as restated</b>	<b>15,700</b>	<b>71,300</b>	<b>3,124</b>	<b>188,695</b>	<b>4,330</b>	<b>283,149</b>
Loss for the year as restated	-	-	-	(23,291)	-	(23,291)
Dividend paid	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Comprehensive income for the year	-	-	2,293	-	-	2,293
Transfer to/(from) retained income	-	-	-	4,330	(4,330)	-
<b>Balance at 31 December 2020</b>	<b>15,700</b>	<b>71,300</b>	<b>5,417</b>	<b>169,734</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>262,151</b>
<b>Current</b>						
<b>Balance at 1 January 2021</b>	<b>15,700</b>	<b>71,300</b>	<b>5,417</b>	<b>169,734</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>262,151</b>
Profit for the year	-	-	-	40,021	-	40,021
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	(1,087)	-	-	(1,087)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,087)</b>	<b>40,021</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,934</b>
Dividend paid	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to/(from) retained income	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 31 December 2021</b>	<b>15,700</b>	<b>71,300</b>	<b>4,330</b>	<b>209,755</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>301,085</b>

The above extracts are from the Financial Statements of the Bank for the year ended December 31, 2021 which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The Financial Statements were audited by KPMG Certified Public Accountants and received an unqualified audit report.

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## Marking 100 years of Nyerere's birth shows exceptional political stability

A SERIES of workshops at local and national levels have been held around the country to mark 100 years of the birth of founder president Mwalimu Nyerere, a situation that is remarkable by African standards. We tend to have fairly short memories, and changes in holders of office are seldom a procedural affair with utmost unanimity and loyalty as has so far been the case here, with the sixth president since the country became independent, and nowhere did people have to right to bring to office - or remove - any national leader. It is a mark of political continuity and credibility of the political system, that many are working to destroy, citing 'boredom' with the constitution, and indeed a long period of political harmony.

Harmony by definition presumes a reasonable measure of trust between the rulers and the ruled, in which case the issue of changing the political party that holds office doesn't arise until it loses the trust that the people have bestowed upon it. That is what was happening in the third and especially fourth phases of government when infighting at higher levels of governance was producing a series of accusations on the reasons for certain decisions often involving huge payments. The reason, or say 'efficient cause' of that situation was excess freedom to eat and drink from state coffers, sowing discord and disoriented ambition.

For that reason the next phase of government resolutely experimented with a solid one party state without room for substantial expression of

dissent, which many in the political landscape feel it was a disaster arising from the ego of a single individual. It was in large measure a clean-up exercise so that energy and political will are directed at what is positive and fruitful to the country, by eliminating the fight over who grabbed what, but fate being what it is, a modification of this orientation was inaugurated in the middle of that phase, to move into the sixth phase. We are now nearer Zanzibar in terms of the number of phases.

That is scarcely another country in Africa, even those with monarchies, where the image of a founder figure who isn't part of a dim historical past but relevant to current political references would be marked with cohesion, unison and dignity as in the case of Mwalimu Nyerere. It is not easy to say how long this situation will still continue, for 'boredom with stability' as Nyerere said in relation to the Tanganyika Resolution of the National Assembly in 1993 is something that is hard to check. It is human nature, that a broad range of people are dissatisfied in their expectations, and wish to try something different, anything.

A 1930s political philosopher, looking at the violent confrontation of communism and fascism in Europe, remarked that 'the road to hell is paved with good intentions,' but people are unlikely to agree on what such intentions are, until it happens. Even then disputes will remain what caused it, in which case only divine benediction keeps countries free from chaos. But we have to merit benediction with good actions.

## Success in the toilets drive not a finished job - just yet

HEALTH ministry and a host of non-governmental organisations are in a triumphant mood on account of success registered in a campaign to build clean toilets countrywide, which formally kicked off in 2018. Erstwhile Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan launched the campaign, which a ministerial brochure shows it was just a facelift of a continuing effort, since earlier decades. There was a campaign starting from 1973 and conducted for five years, which instigated remarkable improvements including increasing the coverage of basic sanitation from 20 per cent to 80 per cent, taking up sanitation as key to basic needs.

The underlying framework is that the government has always sought to improve the health status of the population by working to control diseases related to water and sanitation. The most typical of them is diarrhea, and its more convulsive expression, first as dysentery and then cholera, are perennial problems in poor countries, but over the decades many have worked to stem the root cases. Availability of clean running water near most households is the crucial element, but building toilets was a separate issue.

The brochure for instance asserted that a number of campaigns have been implemented to induce behavioural change at the household level since 1973. The government's goal of improving the health status of the people by controlling water-based ailments pushed it to make several energetic campaigns, where the

preliminary (Man is Health) campaign had more or less to be revisited after 30 years or so. It ended in 1978 and from then onward to 2012 a different generation had reached adulthood, without the benefit of memories of the earlier campaign as an active reference point, thus it largely had to be redone.

The chronicler says that fourth phase president Jakaya Kikwete set off the first phase of the campaign, on 5th June 2012 in Moshi municipality, taking up 42 local government authorities by January 2013 which had risen to 112 five months later. Then vice president Samia launched phase 2 of the sanitation campaign for the period 2016 to 2021 fairly late in 2018 but as they say, 'better late than never.' The new campaign targeted the building of improved toilets rather than the traditional toilets of the 'Man is Health' drive, in itself evidence that more public resources are disposable to make a systematic difference in sanitation.

Sanitation is a multifaceted issue that has to do first with running water and then a stable and continuous facility where the running water is a crucial addition. As water connection as well as electricity, whose importance lies less in the economic activities it touches off but in the modernity it imposes, are now being energetically scaled up all over the country, there are grounds for more durable results of the latest sanitation campaign. There is substantial chance of new habits being formed around the continuous supply of clean water and electricity, facilitating stable use of modernized toilets. Let us hope for the best.



## Mwalimu Julius Nyerere: The global statesman

By Binaya Srikanta Pradhan

IN January 1996, Mwalimu Nyerere visited India to receive the newly instituted Gandhi Peace Prize as its first recipient.

The prize which was instituted on 2nd October 1994 by the government of India on the 125th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was intended to honour a person who has worked selflessly for peace, non-violence and amelioration of human suffering, particularly of the less privilege sections of the society, thereby contributing towards social justice and harmony.

The jury for the prize chaired by Prime Minister of India and comprising the Archbishop Desmond Tutu, former President of India, R. Venkataraman, Chief Justice of India, leader of opposition in the Lower House of Parliament, after careful consideration of all the nominations received from all over the world, had recommended the name of Mwalimu Nyerere.

Earlier on 17 January 1976 Mwalimu had received the Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding and on 22 February 1982 he had received The Third World Prize in New



Delhi.

The high recognitions for Mwalimu Nyerere is reflection of his tireless work both inside and outside Tanzania until his last breath.

Undoubtedly, Mwalimu remains one of the tallest leaders of the 20th century whose teaching and ideals remain as relevant today as they were earlier.

His focus on principles of freedom, national unity, self-reliance, equitable society, poverty reduction, development of agriculture sector, accountability, cooperation among developing countries and his work to promote peace will remain as guiding principles.

He led from the front de-colonization movement in Tanzania and later on provided support to several other African countries in their freedom struggle. He became their voice in global forums. That is the reason why people around the world respect him and remember his contributions. On the 100th anniversary of Mwalimu Nyerere, it is pertinent that we remember him, his leadership, his statesmanship.

India and Tanzania enjoy relationship which predates the independence of either country. Traders from the two countries were familiar with each other; Tanzania received Indian traders and professionals with open arms during last two centuries. People of Indian origin contributed in building institutions and economic blocks besides being part of nation building in Tanzania, both before independence and after independence. Under Mwalimu's leadership relations between India and Tanzania saw newer heights. Both countries accorded special attention to each other at the highest level of leadership. As President of Tanzania, Mwalimu visited several times to India and developed friendship with

the leaders and people of India which continued long after he demitted office till the last. He was a champion of South South Cooperation and the principles of non-alignment. In this regard, both India and Tanzania worked together successfully. People in India will always remember his friendship.

Mwalimu was a nationalist and internationalist at the same time. He remained a global citizen all through his life and articulated his views on issues on global concern with utmost clarity and conviction. On the 100th anniversary of Mwalimu Nyerere, we pay tributes to this great statesman for his friendship towards India; all the great work he did and ideals he set for Tanzania, African continent and for the world as a whole. While addressing the Gandhi Peace Prize ceremony in January 1996 in New Delhi he concluded his speech by saying, "Without violence or hatred and with goodwill towards all, we can work for a world where all human beings can live in peace born of justice. Gandhiji asks us for no more". Mwalimu, the Global Statesman will be missed forever.

**Binaya Srikanta Pradhan (pictured) is the High Commissioner of India to Tanzania**

### Special Correspondent

RECENTLY, precisely on April 2, as it happens every year, the international community marked the World Autism awareness day. On this date, Autism awareness influencers and organisations use the opportunity of the event to create awareness about the health condition as well as the need for the public to accept individuals with Autism and treat them with compassion.

It is instructive to note that Autism or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), refers to a broad range of conditions characterised by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviours, speech, and nonverbal communication.

Also, there is not one autism but many subtypes, most influenced by a combination of genetic and environmental factors. Because autism is a spectrum disorder, each person with the ailment has a distinct set of strengths and challenges. How people affected learn, think and problem-solve can range from highly skilled to severely challenged. Some people with ASD may also require significant support in their daily lives, while others may need less support and, in some cases, live entirely independently.

From indications, the awareness of autism in Nigeria is abysmal. Most parents and health workers often fail to detect autism early in children. In some cases, the children achieve all milestones of their age mates, and

## Autism poses special challenges in Africa

only when some of them have speech impediments that parents begin to notice.

Autism experts claim that although there are no known causes of autism, some predisposing factors contribute to a child developing the condition. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), one in 160 children lives with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) worldwide.

Furthermore, statistics point to the fact that there are 135 million established cases of autism in the world, with more than one million children and teenagers suffering from the condition in Nigeria. Sadly, in our view, the statistics of children in Nigeria with autism are poor because of the low awareness of the spectrum and it keeps increasing every year in the country, essentially, because it is rarely talked about.

Culturally, the ailment is still perceived as a demonic disease or witchcraft. This may be excusable especially in the rural areas where most people, due to ignorance or an attempt to live in denial, pretend to be oblivious of the disease and its manifestations.

According to experts, symptoms to look out for to help in early detection include; limited eye contact, stemming, which could be flapping of arms, tantrum behaviors or limited speech; another spectrum of autism disorder

in those that are extremely intelligent but find it difficult to converse with people.

The good news, as researchers say, is that with early detection and management, most autistic children can live normal lives. Regrettably, in our view, the number of schools tailored for autistic and other special needs children are few, far between or even nonexistent.

According to a report by educateb, a nongovernmental organisation (NGO), there are only 1,177 full-fledged nurseries, primary and secondary special needs schools in the country presently. Of that number, Kano has 153, followed by Kaduna with 79 and Lagos with 75. States with the least number of such schools are Borno, Bayelsa, and Zamfara. Where these schools exist, most of them lack the basic infrastructure adapted for children with special needs.

However, it is gratifying to note that some conventional schools are beginning to bridge the gap by adopting inclusive learning to take care of children with special needs. As a newspaper, we are for this approach based on our conviction that inclusive education is the most effective way to give all children equal opportunities for learning and development.

We are persuaded by the reality on ground to point out the snag in this otherwise encouraging development.

The fees demanded by most special needs schools and the accompanying therapy are often beyond the reach of an average Nigerian family. This is an obvious challenge to many parents who happen to have a child with this condition. The financial implications of treatment and different therapy recommended for children with autism can and is, indeed, burdensome. For instance, the average cost of therapy alone for a child with autism ranges from N350,000 to N600,000 quarterly. Therefore, in the considered opinion of this newspaper, there is every need to create the required awareness with regard to this ailment which will significantly reduce the stigmatisation associated with the condition. Most children with autism are rejected and abused.

It is from this standpoint that we urge government, at all levels, to invest more in autism and other special needs schools. It will be commendable if the governments feel obligated to subsidise the cost of therapy and management because we are convinced that through this process, more people can be diagnosed early, managed, and placed in therapy.

It is pertinent to stress that this is not a job for the government alone. We also appeal to wealthy Nigerians to support NGOs at the forefront of autism awareness by covering some costs and paying the bills of the children.











## JOB VACANCIES

SOS Children's Villages Tanzania is a local non-government organization affiliated to SOS Children's Villages International, a worldwide child care and protection organization that provides orphaned and destitute children with a permanent home and educational opportunities. Established 60 years ago, SOS Children's Villages International the umbrella organization, currently has Children's Villages and other projects in 135 countries around the world. Globally, it runs the SOS Children's Village Programme which has two main arms, i.e. Family Based Care based at SOS Children's Villages and Family Strengthening Programmes supporting families in local communities. SOS has been working in the United Republic of Tanzania since 1991, and implements its programs in the following locations Zanzibar, Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Iringa. SOS Children's Villages Tanzania seeks to recruit a suitably qualified candidates to fill the following vacant positions:

**Job Title** : Procurement and Logistics Officer (1 Post)  
**Duty station** : National Office  
**Reporting to** : Head of Human Resource

### PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

Procurement and Logistics Officer is responsible in playing a key role in strengthening procurement processes by building capacities of all procurement committees and strengthen procurement systems and procedures for compliance purposes. Ensure timely purchases, high quality and cost-efficient goods / services for the organization; and maintain an updated list of current and incoming inventory. The position holder will also be responsible for logistics and administrative duties for National Office.

### MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES.

#### 1. Procurement responsibilities

- Support the procurement committee and implement the decision of the committee.
- Support all program locations to have procurement plans.
- Empower procurement committees through strengthening procurement processes, procedures and systems considering the procurement regulations of the organization
- Support the organization to have prequalified suppliers and service contracts / framework agreements.
- Support to check and prepare statements and tender documents.
- Developing an organization's purchasing strategy
- Estimate and establish cost parameters and budgets for purchases
- Collaborate with Head of Finance and Head of Human Resource on enforcement of organizations' procurement policies and procedures.
- Maintaining and updating supplier information such as qualifications, delivery times, product ranges, etc.
- Maintain a list or register of all contracts awarded.
- Ensure that the products / service received are high quality (attain value for money).
- Support Management in drafting of Request for Quotations (RFQs) upon receipt of specifications from staff requesting for good / services.
- Collaborate with Finance Office to prepare Local Purchase Orders (LPOs), send copies to suppliers and to departments originating requests.
- Provide technical support to the procurement committee when necessary.
- Maintain and update a list of suppliers and their qualifications, delivery times, and potential future development
- Give presentations about market analysis and possible growth;
- Determine if inventory quantities are sufficient for needs, and recommend ordering more materials when necessary.
- Prepare, maintain and review purchasing files, reports and price list.
- Track status of requisitions, contracts (expiry and renewal dates) and orders.
- Calculate costs of orders and charges and forward invoices to appropriate accounts for payments.
- Monitor contract performance, recommending contract modifications where necessary.
- Able to uphold and respect procurement ethics and to conduct activities with integrity.
- Monitor in-house inventory movement and complete inventory transfer forms for bookkeeping purposes.
- Carry out other duties that may from time to time be assigned to you by the Head of Human Resource.
- Ensure the Procurement Policy of the organization is in alignment with the procurement regulations of United Republic of Tanzania and the procurement regulations of SOS Children's Villages International.

#### 2. Logistics responsibilities:

- Keep sound and adequate logistics records in connection with the bar codes.
- Ensure timely repairs and maintenance of office equipment
- Maintain accurate data / records and negotiate to fetch the best charges for the organization.
- Develop and execute tools and methodologies to enable effective implementation of logistic plans.
- Design and develop standard operating methods to manage logistics operations efficiently.
- Coordinate logistics activities related to procurement, funding, substantive units and humanitarian affairs.
- Develop and execute logistics support policy, processes and methodologies to the general benefit of all program units.
- Coordinate and prepare monthly fuel consumption report for all vehicles.

#### 3. Administration responsibilities

- Support in preparation for and organization of workshops and meetings at National Office.
- Manage office cleanliness including of the reception area, ensure it portrays a professional image of SOS Children's Village.
- Responsible for managing the execution, direction and coordination of all transportation matters within National Office.
- Act as the contact person to help visitor enquiries and arrangements where necessary
- Process business cards and ID for staff as requested by HRs / managers.
- Ensure adequate stores management that includes having in place an up-to-date stores ledger, use of bin cards, use of Goods Received Notes (GRNs) and Goods Issued Notes (GINs).

### ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCES:

- Bachelor's degree in Procurement and Office supplies, Material Management, Logistics and Supply Chain Management.
- 3 to 4 years of progressively responsible experience in procurement and logistics.
- Knowledge on Logistics and Transport Management
- Be able to use effectively computerized integrated Financial Management and Human Resource System
- Knowledge of organizational procurement procedures is highly desirable
- Supply Chain Management skills
- Analytical Skills
- Decision-making and negotiating Skills

**Job Title** : Youth Empowerment Officer (1 Post)  
**Duty station** : Arusha  
**Reporting to** : Alternative Care Coordinator

### PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

Youth Empowerment Officer is responsible for strengthening the capacity of youth by developing young people's life skills, employability, entrepreneurship, digital skills and promoting engagement and active citizenship. He/She is responsible to build capacity in the community to support the development of quality youth work and enhance the quality and scope of youth provision in community settings, so that young people can be healthy, stay safe, enjoy and achieve, make positive contributions and achieve economic wellbeing. Encourages independent entrepreneurship by inspiring young people to set up their own businesses, also work with relevant stakeholders to create fair and proper jobs through working with the private sector to educate and coach young people in skills that meet the demands of the local labour market and ensures youths contribute meaningfully into the organization and community at large.

### MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES.

- Support to conduct needs assessments, awareness raising and information activities with the support of Program Manager.
- Support the ongoing implementation of engaging young people in digital platforms.
- Build a strong relationship with young people and the wider community, identifying the local needs and support the development of services.
- Support outreach and engagement with the private sector on youth empowerment and skills building, specifically skills for employability.
- Participate in the creation of awareness raising campaigns on the importance of child rights, child labour, education, youth employment policies, protection policies, social cohesion and other related topics.
- Support to skilled youths to enter the workforce through internships and/or employment and/or business mentorship activities (referrals, tailored projects, peer-to-peer activities).
- Assist with the planning and organization of tailored awareness raising sessions, focused group discussions, youth led initiatives and special event in identified areas.
- Work with community provisions to support the development and delivery of information / guidance and activities, which aim to meet the needs and aspirations of the young people within the community.
- Provide information, advice and guidance to the community/ stakeholders in developing youth provision, ensuring the groups understand their purpose, responsibilities and best practice, and the role of the councils in supporting them.

- Provide outreach youth work as required to engage with young people deemed to be causing anti-social behaviour.
- Support the Youth Empowerment Coordinator in delivering the community's youth network forum to enable practitioners working with young people to share best practice and identify skills and training needs.
- Promote and support innovative and creative ways to generate income including (but not exclusively) fundraising initiatives and external funding via grants and sponsorship to ensure the ongoing sustainability of the youth clubs and community projects.
- Provide casework support for young people to engage with support services, education, employment and community opportunities.
- Support and initiate strategies to prevent and address the problem of substance misuse and other anti-social behaviour among youth.
- Provide ongoing support, advocacy and monitoring of services and programs for youth.
- Maintain and establish partnerships and networks with services and programs (e.g. local school, clinic, police, mental health services, and other services) and work together to address the needs of young people

### ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCES:

- Bachelor Degree in Community Development / Community Economic Development and Sociology.
- At least 2- 3 years previous experience in child/youth quality care / relevant NGOs experience.
- Excellent interpersonal skills; ability to work inclusively and collaboratively with a range of partners, including, and authorities at different levels, NGOs, youth organizations.
- Work experience in education, social work or community development is desired
- Work experience with adolescents' is desired
- Good knowledge of national child care legislation and child's rights
- Demonstrates a high level of empathy/emotional intelligence particularly working with young people and adolescents
- Understanding and knowledge of subjects relating specifically to the care of adolescents (e.g. sexual health, HIV/Aids, relationships)

**Job Title** : National Reintegration Coordinator (1 Post)  
**Duty station** : National Office  
**Reporting to** : Head of Programs

### PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

National Reintegration Coordinator provides overall coordination of the three-year project titled "Facilitating Responsible Reintegration of Children and Young People" at the national level by ensuring project quality and effectiveness. The holder of the post will be responsible to ensure the project is implemented to realize the anticipated results.. S/he will assist in the preparation of project implementation work plans, budget implementation and periodic reporting. Also, she/he will undertake partnership roles that include engagement with the government's Ministries, Departments and Agents (MDAs) such the Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups. Other partners include the likeminded organizations and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) working on children and young people reintegration processes.

### MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES.

- Coordinate and manage the Responsible Reintegration project work for SOS Children's Villages in Tanzania
- Support and supervise project officers' project activities as national lead including taking overall responsibility for the reintegration coordination and technical capacity building of program staff supporting the reintegration in the field
- Spearhead the process of the design of a local data management systems and procedures for reintegration
- Ensure documentation and the organization of paper-based information are up-to-date.
- Use the database to monitor adherence to procedure on individual cases and ensure that roles and responsibilities are upheld.
- Leads national project team and drives project implementation according to plan, involving relevant staff, government and national CSO representatives.
- Provide thematic expertise on protection of children and young people, child empowerment, and family strengthening in the context of reintegration.
- Ensure that reintegration-focused child protection, livelihoods and other youth and family empowerment activities are implemented in a coordinated, mutually-supportive manner with relevant stakeholders.
- Act as SOS Children's Villages focal point for reintegration project initiatives with SOS Children's Villages in Tanzania.
- Ensure that procedures for the reintegration of children and youth are compliant with national and organizational legislation, standards, and policies
- Ensure project implementation is in accordance with project plan, donor proposal and partnership agreement.
- Submit progress reports as well as provide input for annual donor reports to the Regional Project Lead.
- Regularly updates the Head of Programs and relevant National Office departments of project developments and activities.
- Ensure formal and informal meetings with the Head of Programs and other National Office department heads for information sharing and decision making.
- Seek technical guidance/support from the Head of Programs on a regular basis.
- Participate in national platforms at addressing child vulnerability issues affecting beneficiaries of SOS target group and promotes the work of SOS to various organizations and communities.
- Build strong working relationships with national / location program managers
- Represent the project as well as the SOS Children's Villages Tanzania at internal and external meetings, conferences, and thematic coordination platforms

### ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCES:

- University Degree, preferably master's degree in Child Welfare, Social Work, Sociology or Community Development.
- Minimum 5 years programmatic work experience with an international NGO or other nationally recognized institution.
- Documented experience in case management, child and family tracing, reintegration, and reunification.
- Demonstrated commitment to capacity building of staff, a team player with demonstrable success coordinating program interventions in the reintegration field i.e with children without parental care or living and working in the street
- Experience-based understanding of the inter-relations between children and young people reintegration and alternative care for children, and an ability to shape programming in a way that ensures the needs of reintegrated children are met while also advancing prevention of family separation.
- Knowledge of UNGA, UNCRF, ACRWC, the relevant national legal and policy frameworks
- Good problem solving, strategic planning and analytical skills
- Ability to plan well, set own targets and meet them
- Ability to meet deadlines and work under pressure.
- Willingness to travel and work regularly in field sites with basic standards of living and minimal comfort.
- Be both self-reliant and have the ability to lead and co-operate with others.
- Be able to work under minimum supervision to achieve the set objectives.

### How to apply:

Interested candidates for any of the above positions should submit an application letter by email enclosed by only detailed and updated CV with telephone contacts, email address and details of at least 3 referees. The candidate MUST clearly indicate the title of position applied for. Only contacted candidates for the interview will submit copies of academic and professional certificates. This advert can be obtained on our website <http://www.sos-childrensvillages.tanzania.or.tz>. Closing date is 22nd April, 2022. To apply please send to:

The National Director SOS Children's Villages Tanzania.  
 Dar es Salaam, Tanzania  
[recruit.sostanzania@sos-tanzania.org](mailto:recruit.sostanzania@sos-tanzania.org)

**Please Note:** SOS Children's Villages Tanzania is an equal opportunity employer and committed to keeping children safe from abuse and harm, therefore candidates applying for this post will be subject to child safeguarding recruitment procedures and checks.

Only short listed candidates will be contacted.

# Will Yemen's newly-formed presidential council succeed in ending years-long war?

ADEN

**Y**EMENI President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi announced Thursday in the Saudi capital of Riyadh that he has handed over all his powers to the newly-formed Presidential Leadership Council (PLC) that will succeed him in running the government and holding peace talks with the Houthis.

While favorably viewing the political reshuffle, along with the ongoing two-month ceasefire, as a new hope of ending the country's seven-year civil war, political analysts believe that there is still a long way to go before achieving lasting peace in the war-torn country.

Hours after Hadi announced the transfer of power, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud met with members of the council in Riyadh, during which the crown prince pledged billions of dollars in aid to Yemen.

The United Arab Emirates (UAE), Jordan, Egypt, and the Arab League also welcomed the establishment of PLC on Tuesday.

The council of eight members is headed by Rashad Mohammed Al-Alimi, an advisor to Hadi and former interior minister under the late President Ali Abdullah Saleh. Al-Alimi is known for close ties with various factions in Yemen as well as with Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

Other members include Aidarous Zubaidi, the head of the Southern Transitional Council, Sheikh Sultan Al-Aradah, the governor of the oil-rich Marib Province, and Tariq Saleh, former president Saleh's nephew.

Analysts said that the "anti-Houthi" camp's major political shake-up was conducted following the will of Saudi Arabia and the Arab coalition it leads in the civil war of Yemen.

"It's perfectly understandable that Saudi Arabia's strong desire and political conviction stand behind reshuffling Yemen's presidential office," Mohamed Jawas, a political observer based in Aden, told Xinhua.

Hadi, aged 76 and living in extended exile and rare public appearances, has been struggling to lead a camp riddled with internal rivalries and divisions. He served as the vice president in the Saleh era for 18 years. In 2012, he was elected to lead the country after Saleh was overthrown by a popular uprising.

In 2014, the Houthi militia captured the capital Sanaa and large swathes of Yemen, forcing him out of Yemen to seek asylum in Saudi Arabia. "The countries involved in Yemen's crisis think that Hadi is hindering the achievement of peace, so they decided to put him aside," Jawas noted.

Forming a more representative PLC is a key consensus reached during the Yemeni peace consultations held in late March in Riyadh. The talks, backed by the United Nations and the Gulf Cooperation Council, gathered scores of Yemeni political, tribal, and religious leaders, activists, economists, and leaders of non-governmental organizations.

"The participants came up with recommendations regarding the ceding of powers of President Hadi and appointing two deputies with full powers or forming a presidential council," Ahmed Al-Saleh, a political official from southern Yemen who attended the consultations, told Xinhua.

He noted that during the talks, the leaders of Yemen's political factions decided to push Hadi aside as "he failed to lead the state institutions properly and the country's political system cracked with corruption during his reign."

The Saudi-owned Al-Arabiya TV hailed the transfer of power as an important step for Yemenis to move forward, adding that the PLC has representatives across factions of Yemen, which implies broader consensus.

But analysts have cautioned that the road to achieving lasting peace in Yemen is still a long and strenuous one. Speaking of the ceasefire and government reshuffle, Mahmoud Amer, a Yemeni political writer said "what really matters is whether these positive factors can really translate into lasting peace across Yemen.

"Amer noted that the PLC is very "anti-Houthi" as it comprises some of the most steadfast Houthi opponents. "Given the members of the council were handpicked by the coalition, it reveals the fact that there has not been a fundamental shift in the coalition's hostility toward the Houthis," Amer said.

Moreover, the truce lacked effective monitoring mechanisms despite Saudi Arabia and Iran having expressed support, so the sporadic clashes may quickly spiral into a full-blown conflict, Amer noted.

Since April 2, the Yemeni government and the Houthis have repeatedly accused each other of breaking the ceasefire. Clashes between the two sides erupted in the government-held Marib province almost on a daily basis.

Meanwhile, the planned reopening of Sanaa international airport, as mentioned in the ceasefire agreement, has yet to be implemented. Mohamed Al-Ahmadi, a political expert, said though the transition of power may bring the political changes that Yemenis need, it has set up a dangerous precedent of replacing a legitimate head of state without a transparent and due procedure.

"It is a new political system established away from the aspirations of Yemen's people and has no relation to the current Yemeni constitution," Al-Ahmadi said, adding it could lead the country to an "unknown future."

The Houthi group was also quick to dismiss the decision, calling it a farce and a "desperate attempt to restructure the ranks of mercenaries to push them towards further escalation." "Yemen's present and future are decided inside Yemen, and any activity beyond its borders is a skit and entertainment game played by the countries of aggression," Houthi spokesman Mohammed Abdulsalam said in a tweet.

Amer said the key to solving Yemen's problems lies in whether the Houthis can gain a legitimate place on Yemen's political stage. He noted the Saudi-Iranian rivalries still have an important influence on Yemen, and although Saudi Arabia and Iran have engaged in a series of contacts and negotiations over the past year, there is little hope of an imminent breakthrough in bilateral relations. In this context, it is hard for Saudi Arabia to be truly comfortable with the Houthis.

"Saudi Arabia is likely to remain hostile to the Houthis. It is equally likely that the Houthis will launch a new round of attacks after the cease-fire period," the analyst said.

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## BUSINESS

## Akiba Commercial Bank reduces impairment losses by 50 percent

By Guardian Reporter

AKIBA Commercial Bank (ACB) managed to cut its impairment losses on loans, advances and overdraft by half last year, signaling more push on assets recovery.

The impairment partly resulted by the impact of covid-19 to most of the bank's clients, especially Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), its main market segment.

The bank's audited financial statement shows during 2021 the bank's impairment losses on loans, advances and overdraft amounted 2.2bn/- from

4.4bn/- recorded during the previous year.

Loans, advances and overdraft remained nearly flat during the year amounting 77.7bn/- last year, while investment in government securities nearly doubled to 41.08bn/- from 22.7bn/-, which means the bank put more focus on investing risk free government debt instruments.

But, the move didn't impact the rate of non-performing loans to total gross loans, as the financial results show it grew to 15.7 percent from 12.6 percent in 2020.

Non-performing loans and advanc-



es slightly went up to 13.1bn from 11.9bn/- and the bank did not have bad debt written off during the reviewed period.

However, earning assets to total assets grew during the period to 66.4 percent from 59.2 percent respec-

tively, while assets growth went up by 5.4 percent in 2021 from 0.2 percent in 2020 during the covid-19 epic.

The financial results shows number of branches remained 18 during the reported period, although number of employees shrunk by 12 to 406

in 2021 from 418 in 2020.

According to the statement, customer deposits grew slightly to 121.8bn/- in 2021 from 118.3bn, while the bank's total assets increased to 178.9bn from 169.7bn respectively.

Basic earnings per share improved

to a loss of 197 from a loss of 903 recorded in 2020, which indicates an increased recovery from the impacts of covid-19.

The statements show the bank has also managed to cut its losses after income tax to 5.4bn last year from 8.3bn/- in 2020 due to reduction of other operating expenses, increased of net interest income as well as fees and commissions.

In March last year, the National Bank of Malawi (NBM), the country's largest lender by market capitalization and assets - acquired a 51 percent stake in ACB in a deal worth \$7.31 million.

The two banks merger aimed at strengthening ACB capital as required by the Bank of Tanzania (BOT).

In June last year, bank's board announced the appointment of Mr. Silvest Arumasi as the new managing director.

Arumasi, a certified public accountant, has vast experience in the banking sector for more than 17 years primarily in retail and business banking, digital banking, product development, card business, risk management and compliance.

He previously worked as a regulator of banks at the Bank of Tanzania for 7 years before serving for more than 10 years as a senior executive at First National Bank (FNB) and National Bank of Commerce (NBC).

## TradeMark, TBS embark on boosting quality assurance

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

TRADEMARK East Africa (TMEA) in partnership with the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) have embarked on the second phase of the Integrated Standards, Quality Assurance, Metrology and Testing (iSQMT) system that seeks to enhance service delivery.

This follows the successful completion and launch of first phase of the (iSQMT) system last year that automated the standardisation and quality control of products and services provided by TBS.

Through the system, TBS automated its core processes

that include standards development, product certification, system certification, import inspection, metrology and testing.

The iSQMT was also integrated to the e-Government payment gateway platforms which guarantee fully automatic processes from application, payment and acquisition of the final product (certificate/permit).

The Foreign Commonwealth development office, Ireland, and Norway funded the development of these systems with a contribution of \$600,000 for the iSQMT portal and US\$350,000 for the e-learning platform.

The TradeMark East Africa Country Director Monica Hangi while speaking to The Guardian in an exclusive interview held at the TradeMark office in Dar es Salaam said the completion of the second phase of iSQMT system will enhance the standards and quality control, adding that plans are underway for accreditation of four of TBS testing laboratories.

"During the second phase of the system, our target is to at least accredit testing laboratories for TBS in Dar es Salaam and Mwanza. This will take a minimum of three years," she said.

He noted that once the laboratories are accredited, they



TradeMark East Africa country director Monica Hangi elaborates on a point during an exclusive interview with The Guardian at the firm's office in Dar es Salaam. Photo by Geoffrey Nangai

would help in provision of accurate and reliable results that meet global and international standards.

"This means that Tanzania products tested through the labs will be able to access international markets without necessarily being tested again in those particular markets since the laboratories meet international standards," she said.

TBS and TMEA in 2016 signed a \$3million financing agreement which extended by TMEA's support to TBS with the aim of increasing efficiency and effectiveness of TBS in the development and implementation of standards in Tanzania.

The agreement provided an opportunity for Tanzania to catch up with other EAC Partner States for TMEA support on standardization and conformity assessment.

It was an extension of support that TMEA has provided to TBS specifically procuring and delivering two categories of testing equipment which included mini-laboratory equipment and glassware. These are expected to contribute to a reduction in testing turnaround time and cost.

## Resolution Insurance collapses with billions clients' money

NAIROBI

RESOLUTION Insurance collapsed with over Ksh6.5 billion in client cash, insurance claims, and creditor funds after its shareholders failed to recapitalize the business.

The Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA) said the insurer had collected Ksh4.1 billion in premiums from policyholders out of which 90 percent were medical customers.

The firm also owed creditors and had claims from the insurance business totalling Ksh2.5 billion, an indi-

cation of the long list of clients and suppliers eager to recover their funds from the failed insurer.

The Policyholders Compensation Fund (PCF), which has taken over the firm as the statutory manager, said the company presented the liabilities to the regulator but it will conduct an independent audit to verify the actual size of the claims.

PCF is expected to announce next week the total value of compensation to policyholders -which will be capped at Ksh250,000 for each client.

Creditors and policyholders with

higher value claims will wait for the liquidation of the business to see how much more they can recover.

"Resolution Insurance owed creditors, had incurred claims worth Ksh2.5 billion, and had collected premiums worth Ksh4.1 billion as of December 31, 2020. The majority around Ksh3.5 billion comes from medical business," the IRA said.

Resolution's clients with the biggest exposure include those who had insured high-value assets such as motor vehicles, houses, and industrial properties.

Customers with medical bills will also suffer as they will be forced to pay out of pocket.

Resolution becomes the first underwriter to fold up after relative stability in the sector since the collapse of Concord Insurance in 2013.

The sector witnessed a spate of collapses, including United Insurance in 2005, Standard Assurance in 2009, Blueshield in 2011, prompting the formation of the PCF 17 years ago to cushion holders of insurance policies where companies are unable to meet their obligations.

Resolution was founded by Peter Nduati and its collapse comes after the company raised money from several investors and expanded into the medical and general insurance business.

Mr Nduati said he had sold most of his stake, remaining with only 20 percent shareholding, and had ceded the role of principal officer at the time of its collapse. Bernard Githinji has been the acting managing director and principal officer.

Mr Nduati owned 80 percent of the business after he acquired the stake of original shareholders in 2014 and

owned the firm alongside former Equity Bank chief executive John Mwangi.

Later that year he sold a majority stake to Leapfrog Investments. Trouble started in 2017 when the regulator introduced changes in the insurance law requiring additional capital to meet the risk of the business.

Mr Nduati said he had approached Linkham Services Limited to invest in the business and entered into the deal after the UK Group demonstrated proof of capital to be injected into the business.

## Market resilience maintained DSE local shares index Q1 2022 upwards

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

TANZANIA Share Index (TSI) registered a 8.5 per cent growth during the first quarter of this year, as the equity market remained resilient against covid-19 impacts, after posting an equity turnover of 34.9bn/-, according to statistics from the Dar Es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE).

Data from the bourse further shows that during Quarter 1, 2022, seven local listed companies include Tanga Cement, NICO, CRDB, NMB, TWIGA, DSE and DCB registered enormous share prices gains.

The statistics indicate Tanga Cement was on top of the list, with its price growing by 65.5 percent followed by NICO whose share price grew by 56.7 percent and CRDB by

37.5 per cent.

According to the reports, NMB share price grew by 37 per cent, while the TWIGA cement by 20.6 with the self-listed DSE by 13.8 per cent, while the DCB Bank Plc share price grew by 2.6 per cent.

TBL enjoyed the lion's share after registering a turnover of 15bn/- mostly through pre-arranged deals hence not affecting its market price.

Stock analysts however predict a strong outlook for equity market, with corporate profitability remains the key reason for market performance, driving a massive buying spree in a number of counters.

According to the Zan Securities Chief Executive Officer Raphael Masumbuko, the market remains bullish with expectations of Tanzania shares



DSE CEO Moremi Marwa

index (TSI) to gain more points during Q2, 2022, reflecting a "glass half full" outlook based on still-strong corporate sales and profit growth resulting from economic growth, measured inflation and low interest rates.

"These factors suggest a favorable backdrop for stocks, with the potential for more subdued gains when we enter the second quarter of 2022. More listed companies will release their 2021 audited financials and consequently dividend, which together will increase shares prices," Masumbuko noted.

Meanwhile, the bonds market during Q1, 2022 registered mixed performance with diversified portfolio holders that included long term bonds having a good start which strengthened first-quarter returns for diversified portfolios.

Yields fell across the yield curve, albeit faster on the long end of the curve ultimately pushing bond prices significantly high.

For investors seeking to buy bonds, the first quarter proved to be a painful one as low yields meant cost for acquiring bonds was significantly high.

Bank of Tanzania (BoT) statistics show that investors continued to favor long-term bonds as all four auctions oversubscribed by huge bid to cover ratios and investors seemed to repel from intermediate term bonds due to their relative illiquidity, whereby all two auctions that were re-opened (5 year and 10 year) undersubscribed.

# Habib African Bank earns 1.3bn/- profit after tax in yr2021

By Guardian Reporter

HABIB African Bank Limited announced a profit after income tax amounting 1.34bn/- last year, a slight decrease from 2.03bn/- earned in 2020.

The bank's audited financial statement shows in both interest and non-interest incomes increased during reported period, although 732mn/- bad debt were written off.

The statements shows interest income went up to 21.6bn/- in 2021, slight increase from 21bn/-, although net interest income slowed to 8.1bn/- from 8.8bn/- due to increase of interest expenses.

The report shows that fees and commission jumped to 1.6bn/- in 2021 from 1.1bn/-, other operating incomes gained to 2.1bn/- from 2bn/-,

while foreign currency dealing and transactions slowed to 0.9bn/- from 1.1bn/- respectively.

Non-interest expenses went down to 9.9bn/- from 10bn/- due to decrease in fees and commission, salaries & benefits and other operating expenses.

However, the banks earning per share decreased to 518/- in 2021 from 784/- in 2020 while number of branches remained four with decreased employees from 88 to 86 respectively.

According to the financial statement, the bank's total assets increased to 300bn/- from 286bn/- due to increase of lending, customer liability on acceptance, bills negotiated, investment in government securities and cash.

Assets growth more than doubled



to 4.30 percent from 2.66 percent.

Cash increased to 5.6bn/- from 4.2bn/-, investment in government securities went

up to 72.4bn/- from 51.1bn/- respectively while customer liability on acceptance was up to 10.1bn/- in 2021 from 2.2bn/- in 2020.

Customers lending increased to 148.2bn/- from 131.3bn/- respectively, while other assets gained to 5.8bn/- from 1.1bn/- respectively.

However, other asset components fell during the reported year including balance with other banks and financial institutions to 28.5bn/- from 32bn/-

and balance with Bank of Tanzania to 26.3bn/- from 59.6bn/-.

Non-performing loans to total gross loans slightly went up to 6.58 percent last year from 6.34 percent in 2020 while on-performing loans and advances went up to 10.1bn/- from 8.6bn/- in 2020.

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# Airtel Tanzania to rollout super 4G network countrywide



Tanzanian Bongo Flavor artiste Nasib Abdul "Diamond Platinum" (2nd-L), Airtel Tanzania director of communications Beatrice Singano (2nd-R) and Airtel Tanzania managing director Dinesh Balsingh (R) watch a video during the launch of Airtel Supa 4G network rollout. Airtel Tanzania announced Diamond as the campaign ambassador and will join hands with Airtel on a journey meant to connect youths with SUPA 4G Network. Photo courtesy of Airtel

By Guardian Reporter

AIRTEL Tanzania PLC has announced nationwide rollout of its Supa 4G network, which aims to deliver a faster, reliable internet experience to its customers.

The firm says has completed roll out of over 80 percent of sites to Supa 4G network in all the key towns, villages and regions of the country and will continue to invest to roll out 4G data network across Tanzania.

"We have also significantly increased our coverage by increasing number of sites in the rural areas as our commitment to provide affordable mobile services to all Tanzanians," said Airtel Tanzania's managing director Dinesh Balsingh.

The company say has invested in multiple frequency technologies with carrier aggregation MIMO network to enhance capacity on our data network which can go on to deliver HD-quality video streaming across out nationwide network at super-fast speeds.

It has also made significant investments in the last two years in the rollout of our 4G network across the different regions, towns and villages in the country and higher bandwidth frequencies that cover large geographical areas.

We have built a network with consistent connectivity with minimal downtimes across the country. We work with world-class technology partners to deliver this seamless experience. Coupled with a national fiber

backbone, we deliver consistent internet experience everyday everywhere.

To mark the milestone, the telecom say is rolling out a SUPA 4G campaign to celebrate with Tanzanians from all walks of life and will be championed by two popular brand ambassadors - musician Diamond Platinum and comedian Joti.

Speaking at an event to launch the commemorative campaign, Dinesh said, "We are committed to deliver the best network connectivity across the country with faster download and upload speeds, reliable network coverage and to further expand and intensify coverage of our 4G network. Fast reliable internet will unlock great digital opportunities for our customers".

# NICOL holds extraordinary meeting to endorse directors

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

NICOL Investment Plc, has organized stakeholders' special Annual General Meeting (AGM) to endorse newly-appointed directors, as top-brass outlines strategies to spur the company to the next level.

"We want the company to continue being competitive, effective and efficient in the wake of growing competition in different sectors of the country's economy," said an acting Chief Executive Officer, Erasto Ngamilaga in an exclusive interview.

The forthcoming special general meeting will be held in Dar es Salaam at the end of this month at Mwalimu Nyerere Conference Center (JNICC) in Dar es Salaam.

The company, according to the chief, decided to increase the number of directors following resolutions made during the 7th shareholders AGM held in December last year.

During the December meeting, he said, stakeholders agreed to increase the number of directors and digested procedures to be followed for directors whose tenure in office has expired.

"According to our principles the directors must be endorsed by shareholders AGM, so the law requires us to call for special general meeting for such endorsement through voting," he said

"The meeting will be held in two ways-physical and online for those who will not be able to attend. There will be one agenda, to endorse new directors through voting," he said, adding that the company has increased the number of directors as to align with its five years strategic plan.

He said they have decided to retain directors who have good experience and vision to uplift the company profile as part of its future corporate strat-



NICOL chairman Gideon Kaunda (L)

egy. Speaking on the company achievements, the CEO said NICOL has continued to perform better at the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE), whereby the shares price has increased from 170/- in 2021 and closed at 610/- yesterday.

NICOL has diversified its investments portfolio in profitable projects and has invested 15bn/- in government treasury bills. Profit after tax amounted 4bn/- last year.

During the company AGM held last year, NICOL shareholders endorsed a dividend worth 1.047bn/-.

"We had a very fruitful meeting with shareholders and many of them were very happy with the company development especially the profit we are making from our various investments, we told them to expect more bright future" he said during last AGM in December 2021.

"We are very proud to see shareholders are happy with the development of their company and they get what they expected for a very long time and it is our expectations that will have a very good future and shareholders will continue to enjoy their investments," he said

# Bitcoin losses steepen, dangling at \$40,000

NEW YORK

BITCOIN'S losses accelerated during the start of the week, capping off a week of declines during the cryptocurrency's annual conference and ahead of the latest inflation reading on Tuesday that is spooking investors.

As of Monday afternoon New York time, BTC is losing ground and currently changing hands below \$40,000, having dropped 8.5 percent in the last five days, worse than the S&P 500 (-3.7 percent) but closer to the Nasdaq Composite (-7.1 percent). Ether (ETH) is down 5.9 percent and trades just below \$3,000 per unit.

"Bitcoin is struggling here as rising rates are leading to a de-risking moment for many traders," wrote Edward Moya a senior analyst with Oanda in a research note, "With no momentum from the Bitcoin 2022 conference, the focus shifts to inflation and expectations are for a

very hot report that will probably be the peak."

Since cresting its year-to-date high above \$48,000, bitcoin has sold off more than 17 percent yet still holds a 1.8 percent gain on where it stood a month ago. Ether is down more than 20 percent year to date, but improved 16 percent in the last month.

Based on the data from crypto derivatives aggregator, Coinglass, and digital asset firm, CoinShares, last week started a correction in the crypto market.

Total liquidations on the short and long side of the Bitcoin derivatives market has steadily increased to \$768.54 million in net long positions from Tuesday to Sunday, meaning Bitcoin bulls might have over-invested based on conference expectations.

Additionally, during last week's conference investors shed \$134 million of positions in digital asset funds with 98.5 percent coming from Bitcoin investment products

such as the Bitcoin ETFs \$BITO and \$BTf (both down more than 13 percent in the last 5 days), according to a new report from CoinShares. Meanwhile, investment products shorting bitcoin received \$2 million.



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# Jubilee to construct \$4m headquarters complex in Tanzania

JUBILEE Holdings is spending US\$4 million to build a head office for its Tanzanian operations in a move that will save the insurer a hefty amount of money in rent.

The development comes as the insurer also plans to move its group corporate headquarters from Nairobi's Wabera Street to Upper Hill in a building previously owned by Coca-Cola and which it spent Ksh1.1 billion to acquire.

This will bring the company's spend on properties to more than Ksh1.6 billion, including the cost of renovating the Upper Hill building.

"We are building headquarters for our Tanzania business in Dar es Salaam. That is going to cost us \$4 million (Ksh461 million)," Jubilee's chairman Nizar Juma told the Business Daily.

"We have owned land there for many years and we feel this is the right time to build the headquarters.

He added that the decision will see the company save the \$400,000 that its subsidiaries operating in that market have been paying in rent annually.

The company's subsidiaries and associates in Tanzania include Jubilee Life Insurance Corporation of Tanzania Limited and Jubilee Investments Tanzania Limited.

Groundbreaking for the office, which will have views of the sea from the first floor, will begin in the next few weeks.

The building is designed with an inclination toward environmental sustainability, Mr Juma said.

Tanzania has been the only market where Jubilee is leasing offices, with the insurer preferring to own the properties housing its operations.

The company will rent out part of its current head office - Jubilee Insurance House on Wabera Street - after moving to the Upper Hill property in September.

Mr Juma said the insurer got a bargain in buying the property sitting on 3.2 acres and which had been on the market for more than two years.



Jubilee chairman Nizar Juma

Jubilee says the expansion and renovation of the newly acquired property will enable it to accommodate its operations. The upgrade will feature the construction of an amphitheatre.

The three-story complex is currently categorised as a Grade A office with 116,350 square feet of space and 130 parking bays.

**Japan's vaccination rate has topped 50% and is on a similar level to that of the US. Japanese equities had been showing unstable performance relative to U.S. and European equities because of political uncertainties and a delayed vaccination process but with the two factors having been resolved, investors' moves to unwind their previous positions will continue**

## Oil rises as Shanghai eases some Covid curbs and OPEC talks of tighter supply

BEIJING

OIL prices climbed on Tuesday on easing concerns about demand in China after Shanghai relaxed some COVID-19-related restrictions and OPEC warned it would be impossible to increase output enough to offset lost Russian supply.

Brent crude futures were up \$2.98 or 3.03 percent to \$101.46 a barrel, and U.S. West Texas Intermediate was up \$3 or 3.18 percent to \$97.29 a barrel at 0640 GMT. Both contracts had settled down around 4 percent on Monday.

"Market sentiment is in see-saw mode, both on the supply and the demand front," said Vandana Hari, founder of oil market analysis provider Vanda Insights.

The partial easing of Shanghai lockdowns lifted some of the downward pressure stemming from concerns about Chinese oil demand, she said.

The European Union is drafting proposals for an EU oil embargo on Russia in the wake of its invasion of Ukraine, some foreign ministers said on Monday. However, there is currently no agreement among members on crude from Russia, which calls its actions in Ukraine a "special operation".

Oil staged a partial recovery, after dropping 4 percent on Monday, as traders weighed China's demand outlook following the easing of some virus restrictions in the financial hub of Shanghai.

West Texas Intermediate futures rose more than 3 percent to trade above \$97 a barrel. Shanghai has eased lockdowns for some housing complexes, but most people remained confined to their homes, and authorities have indicated they will reimpose restrictions if virus cases climb.

Oil has now given up almost all its gains since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in late February.

The oil market's structure has softened markedly in recent weeks, as the spike in the price of physical barrels that emerged after war broke out gives way to calmer conditions. Differentials for supplies from the Middle East to West Africa have declined.

Oil prices have moved lower recently due the planned release of emergency reserves, the resurgence of Covid-19 in China - prompting concerns about demand - and uncertainty that Russian exports will hold up, according to Helge Andre Martinsen, a senior oil analyst at DNB Bank ASA.

"The price risk is skewed to the upside as Western sanctions will continue to escalate given Russia's continued aggression," he said in a research note.

The oil market has seen a tumultuous period of trading since late February, whipsawed by Russia's invasion of its neighbor, rising tensions in the Middle East, the virus flare-up in China and tighter U.S. monetary policy.

The spike in volatility spurred a liquidity crunch as exchanges hiked their margin requirements, though some of that move is now reversing with CME Group Inc. cutting margins for WTI by almost 8 percent.



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## WORLD

## Macron, Le Pen battle out on cost of living in runoff campaign

## DENAIN

EMMANUEL Macron and Marine Le Pen traded blows at a distance on Monday over who would best protect French voters' purchasing power, kicking off a tense fight to win the presidential election runoff on April 24.

Macron, a pro-European centrist who became president in 2017 after easily beating Le Pen when voters rallied behind him to keep the far-right out of power, is facing a much tougher challenge this time.

He is slightly ahead in polls, but Le Pen, who ahead of Sunday's first round successfully tapped into anger over the cost of living and a perception that Macron is disconnected from everyday hardships, pressed on those points on Monday.

"Emmanuel Macron, if by some mischance he was re-elected, would feel totally free to continue his policy of social wreckage," Le Pen said on a visit to a rural area southeast of Paris, mocking his comments on her policy plans and urging him to read her manifesto.

Warning of the "dark clouds" that inflation cast on France, she said Macron had failed to protect the French, adding that she would, if elected, slash the VAT

on energy and bring it to zero for 100 essential food and hygiene products "so the French can continue to put fuel in their car ... and feed themselves."

Macron had equally harsh words about his rival, telling La Voix du Nord newspaper in an interview on Monday, "Mrs. Le Pen is a demagogue. She is someone who tells people what they want to hear when they want to hear it."

Macron, who has repeatedly accused Le Pen of lying, said her economic promises were a fantasy.

On a walkabout in Denain, one of the country's poorest towns in its former industrial heartland, he warned voters that Le Pen, who has successfully focused her campaign on the cost-of-living issues troubling millions, would not be able to finance her populist economic agenda and that she was lying to voters.

In hours of sometimes heated exchanges, locals called Macron out on everything from his plans to push back the retirement age to his saying at the height of the Omicron phase of the COVID-19 pandemic that he wanted to "piss off" anti-vaxxers.

"I said that lovingly," he told a bewildered local about the much-commented "piss-off" comment.



This combination of file pictures created on April 10, 2022 shows French far-right party Rassemblement National's presidential candidate Marine Le Pen posing during a photo session in Paris on Oct 20, 2021 and French President and La République en Marche party candidate for re-election Emmanuel Macron posing for a photo session on March 7, 2017 at his campaign headquarters in Paris. AFP

"It's all fake. ... He's coming to talk to us now because he's scared of losing to Marine Le Pen," 36-year-old Stephanie Berta, a unemployed mother of six and a Le Pen voter, told Reuters outside the Denain town hall.

## "IMPASSE"

But beyond Denain, where Le Pen on Sunday won 42 percent of votes in the town and the hard-left's Jean-Luc Melenchon came second, Macron was telling voters across France he had heard their concerns and wanted to create wealth so more could be redistributed.

He said he was ready to adapt his platform and improve it, in particular to better protect the environment.

Macron told BFM TV that he was open to discussing his unpopular proposal to push back the legal retirement age to 65. "I don't want to divide the country," he said, while insisting that people would need to work longer for the pension system to be sustainable.

A Le Pen win would send shockwaves across Europe and beyond, and deliver a jolt to the establishment similar to Britain's Brexit vote to leave the European Union or Donald Trump's 2017 entry into the White House.

France's Medef employers group said that Macron's policy plans were best placed to help boost growth in France, while Le Pen's project would lead the country to lag behind its neighbors and trigger "a very strong and unfunded increase in public spending expenditure (which) would risk placing the country in an impasse".

Interior Ministry results showed that, on Sunday, Macron won 27.84 percent of votes, while Le Pen secured 23.15 percent and Melenchon got 21.95 percent.

Investors appeared somewhat relieved that Macron was ahead, and France's CAC 40 stock index outperformed other European peers.

Le Pen, who has left the core of her far-right, anti-immigration program unchanged, has focused her campaign on social policies including cutting the retirement age to 60 for those who start work before 20, scrapping income tax for the under-30s, and reducing the VAT on energy to 5.5 percent from 20 percent. She says her numbers add up.

Sunday's first round dealt a devastating blow to the traditional parties of the center-left and center-right, which governed France for decades.

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## S.Korea's incoming leader visits ex-president he investigated

## SEOUL

SOUTH Korea's president-elect Yoon Suk-yeol met with former President Park Geun-hye yesterday for the first time since he led a corruption probe that resulted in her impeachment and a nearly five-year prison term.

Yoon (pictured), a former prosecutor-general who barely won a bitterly fought election last month as the new standard-bearer of Park's conservative party, faces low approval ratings and is keen to heal the wounds in his party over Park's ouster five years ago.

His People Power Party will face its next test at the polls in local elections on June 1, just weeks after his May 10 inauguration.

Yoon visited Park, 70, at her home in the southeastern city of Daegu, where she has lived since a pardon last December after serving nearly five years of a 20-year sentence on corruption charges.

"He planned to visit Park to see her health and exchange a friendly chat," Yoon spokesperson Bae Hyun-jin said in a statement.

The imprisonment of Park, the daughter of former dictator Park Chung-hee, had divided a country in which old Cold War rivalries between right and left still hold sway in politics, while creating a rift within the conservative camp.

Yoon won the March 9 election by a record narrow margin of 0.7 percent, and a poll released on Monday by Real-meter showed that only 50.4 percent of respondents said Yoon would carry out his presidential duties well, while 45.3 percent expected a poor performance. Newly elected presidents in South Korea have typically enjoyed a honeymoon period with much higher approval ratings during their early period in office.

Yoon said during the election campaign that he was sorry about what happened to Park, and was expected to invite her to his inauguration.



## Hyping up global impact of Shanghai 'lockdown' baseless, near-sighted

## SHANGHAI

AS China is grappling with flare-ups of the Omicron variant, some overseas media claim its COVID-19 controls have led to a "lockdown" of Shanghai, the country's eastern metropolis and the world's largest port, and "will have a global effect on almost every trade."

Such statements lack the support of in-depth investigations and underestimate China's economic resilience and resolve to forge ahead with opening-up.

Global investors and business-

es can be reassured that China will remain a stabilizer and balancer in the global industrial and supply chains.

With high daily caseloads since March, Shanghai's restriction measures, designed to cut the virus spread, have indeed affected trade and logistics to some extent, and into April there have been marginal business declines at the city's port.

However, the controls placed in Shanghai have been far from the so-called "lockdown" as overseas media claimed.

For instance, the deepwater dock Yangshan, a significant part of the Shanghai port, has been running normally. On Saturday, it handled 26 international vessels and 42 domestic container ships, basically at the usual level.

With effective measures to cushion the epidemic impact, such as closed-off management at port zones, the Shanghai port has at large maintained its usual around-the-clock operation, ensuring the stability and connectivity of industrial and supply

chains in the Yangtze River Delta region and, most importantly, unimpeded ties with the rest of the globe.

Shanghai has stood the test of COVID-19 over the past two years. While major overseas ports witnessed congestion and a shortage of containers, the Shanghai port maintained smooth and stable operation. Its container throughput exceeded 47 million 20-foot equivalent units last year, topping the world for 12 consecutive years and gaining steadily from 43.5

million in 2020.

An open and reliable Shanghai largely illustrates China's role amid the pandemic.

As the world's major manufacturer and trader, the country has reined in the outbreak quickly, retained sound economic fundamentals for the long run, and stayed committed to opening-up. China's imports and exports surpassed 6 trillion U.S. dollars for the first time in 2021, an encouraging figure for not only its own development but the world as a whole.

Xinhua

## Khan lawmakers quit en masse as Pakistan parliament elects Sharif PM

## ISLAMABAD/NEW DELHI

MORE than 100 lawmakers loyal to Pakistan's ousted prime minister Imran Khan resigned on Monday, creating a headache for the new, Western-friendly incumbent Shehbaz Sharif as he tries to drag his country out of political and economic crisis.

Parliament's election of Sharif (pictured), 70, as prime minister on Monday followed a week-long constitutional crisis that reached a climax on Sunday when Khan, 69, lost a no-confidence vote in parliament.

His departure from power sparked street protests and a mass resignation of MPs from Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party in protest at the impending change of government.

If the resignations are accepted by the speaker, Pakistan faces a prospect of more than 100 by-elections within two months, a major distraction for Sharif and his coalition partners and a potential platform for Khan to mobilize his support.

That in turn could ensure the nuclear-armed nation of 220 million people remains prone to political and economic tur-



bulence.

Sharif has a reputation domestically as an effective administrator more than as a politician. He is the younger brother of

three-time prime minister Nawaz Sharif.

Analysts say Shehbaz, unlike Nawaz, enjoys amicable relations with Pakistan's military, which traditionally controls foreign and defense policy.

After Monday's vote, Sharif vowed to tackle an economic malaise that has seen the rupee hit an all-time low and the central bank implement the biggest hike in interest rates in decades last week.

"If we have to save the sinking boat, what we all need is hard work, and unity, unity and unity," he told parliament.

"We are beginning a new era of development today."

He took the oath of office at Pakistan's presidential residence late on Monday at a ceremony packed with lawmakers and leaders from the combined opposition.

## Reset ties

The younger Sharif emerged as the leader of a united opposition to topple Khan, a former cricket star who has claimed that the United States was behind his downfall, an assertion that Washington denies.

Sharif said in an interview last week good

relations with the United States were critical for Pakistan for better or for worse, in stark contrast to Khan's prickly ties to Washington.

In his maiden speech, he also spoke of improving relations with neighbours India and China.

"We want good relations with India but a durable peace can't be possible without Kashmir's solution," he said, referring to the contested Himalayan territory the countries have fought several wars over.

He said his government will speed up construction of the \$60 billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

On Monday, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Sharif on the latter being elected as Pakistan's prime minister.

In his congratulatory message to Sharif on social media, Modi said India desires peace and stability in the region.

"So that we can focus on our development challenges and ensure the well-being and prosperity of our people," Modi tweeted.

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## US Cold War mentality undermines international security cooperation

U.S. President Joe Biden recently delivered a speech full of the Cold War mentality in Warsaw, capital of Poland. In his speech, Biden spent considerable time in his speech discussing the victory of Western countries, including the U.S. in the Cold War and tried to play up ideological confrontation, attempting to show the world the so-called solidarity between the U.S. and its allies and the deterrent effect of the economic sanctions and military deployment of the "Western world".

U.S. President talked about practically everything in his speech, but only failed to mention how to stop the war and realize peace, indicating that certain U.S.

politicians have never abandoned their Cold War mentality even though the Cold War ended more than 30 years ago, some media outlets pointed out.

The Russia-Ukraine tensions have evolved into a war exactly as a pernicious consequence of America's sticking to the Cold War mentality and continuously pushing the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) eastward.

According to British scholar Martin Jacques, the U.S.'s post-1991 hubris resulted in two disastrous decisions: to remake the world in its own image; and to treat Russia as a defeated nation.

The U.S. has promoted NATO's enlargement through five rounds of east-

ward expansion, leading to seriously imbalanced regional security. As a result, Ukraine, which should have been the bridge of communication between the East and the West, was gradually transformed into an outpost for major powers confrontation.

George Kennan, former U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union, pointed out that the decision to expand NATO up to Russia's borders "would be the most fateful error of American policy in the entire post-cold-war era" and may be expected to "restore the atmosphere of the Cold War to East-West relations".

Today, as Ukraine remains mired in turmoil and the embers of conflict re-

kindle on the European continent, facts prove again that the Cold War mentality is the greatest threat to global peace and stability.

Since the outbreak of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, the U.S. has pursued its geopolitical goal with a Cold War mentality, rather than fostering peace negotiations. The country, which believes that it can exploit the Ukraine crisis to provoke ideological confrontation and deepen Europe's dependence on America, has been enthusiastically escalating tensions between Russia and Ukraine, fanning the flames of discord, and forcing other countries into taking sides.

Besides taking aim at Russia, the U.S.

has also continued to propagate disinformation to defame China and misrepresented China's responsible stance on the Ukraine issue: promoting dialogue and peace talks.

As Iliya Kusa, a political analyst with the Ukrainian Institute of the Future, pointed out, China has played a constructive role in the Ukraine crisis, while the U.S. is still focusing its attention on what it can do to weaken China.

Although the U.S. has frequently claimed that it does not seek a "new Cold War", the country has taken advantage of any chance to suppress China and Russia. Regarding the two countries as its top strategic competitors, it has made

arrangements to gain at their expense.

Obviously, America's insistence on the outdated Cold War mentality is the root cause of the escalation of regional and global security tensions.

"I know that eliminating Russian gas will have costs for Europe, but it's not only the right thing to do from a moral standpoint, it's going to put us on a much stronger strategic footing," said Biden during his visit to Europe. The remarks exposed the true colors of the U.S., a hypocrite that stops at nothing to create crises, shift its burden of crises onto others, and utilize crises to maintain its hegemony.

People's Daily



## Russia destroys foreign supplies of missile systems in Ukraine

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RUSSIA'S armed forces have destroyed air defense equipment supplied to Ukraine by a European country, the Russian Defense Ministry said Monday.

"On April 10, high-precision sea-based Kalibr missiles destroyed the equipment of an S-300 anti-aircraft missile division, which was supplied to Kiev by a European country," Russian Defense Ministry Spokesperson Igor Konashenkov told a daily briefing.

The equipment previously hidden in a hangar was destroyed on the southern outskirts of the eastern Ukrainian city of Dnipro.

Russia is continuing its special military operation in Ukraine. Total 129 aircraft and 99 helicopters, 243 anti-aircraft missile systems, 441 unmanned aerial vehicles, 2,079 tanks and other armored combat vehicles, 239 multiple launch rocket systems, 909 field artillery and mortars, as well as 2,003 units of special military vehicles have been destroyed to date.

### Moscow for continuing talks with Ukraine

Despite Ukraine's inconsistency and tendency to reject its own proposals, Russia prefers to continue the negotiation process, said Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov during an interview with the Rossiya 24 broadcaster.

Moscow will be patient and persistent throughout the negotiations. But it will never play a subordinate role in the current world order, he said.

"Russia, with its history ... its traditions, is one of those countries that will never occupy a subordinate position. We can only be members of the international community on equal terms, under conditions (that guarantee) the indivisibility of security," Lavrov said, adding that these principles were agreed upon and then ignored by the West.

### EU resumes diplomatic presence in Ukraine

The delegation of the European Union to Ukraine said on Monday it has resumed its work in Kyiv. "The EU is back in town," the diplomatic mission tweeted.

The EU evacuated its delegation from Kyiv to the Polish city of Rzeszow shortly after the conflict between Russia and Ukraine started on Feb 24.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and the EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell visited Ukraine last week, promising a speedier process for the country to join the EU.

### New Canadian sanctions on Russia

Canada on Monday announced new measures imposing restrictions on 33 entities in the Russian defense sector.

The entities have provided indirect or direct support to the Russian military, according to foreign ministry news release.

Since the start of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, Canada has imposed sanctions on more than 700 individuals and entities from Russia, Ukraine and Belarus.

France declares 6 Russian diplomats *personae non gratae*

France on Monday declared "six Russian agents operating under diplomatic cover" *personae non gratae*.

After an investigation made by the General Directorate of Internal Security (DGSI) on Sunday, the six Russian agents "whose activities were revealed contrary to our national interest have been declared *persona non grata*", the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs said in a press release.

Russia's foreign ministry has said Moscow will respond to the expulsion of diplomats from France, according to media reports.

### WB: Ukraine's economy to shrink by 45.1%

Ukraine's gross domestic product will shrink by 45.1 percent this year due to the conflict with Russia, the Interfax-Ukraine news agency reported on Monday, citing a recent World Bank report.

Projecting that the poverty rate in Ukraine will increase from 1.8 percent in 2021 to 19.8 percent in 2022, the WB said private consumption this year will fall by 50 percent, exports will decrease by 80 percent, while

## At least 18 shot in US New Orleans within 72 hours, 5 killed

HOUSTON

AT least 18 people were shot, with at least five of them killed, in New Orleans, the largest city in the southern U.S. state Louisiana within 72 hours, tying the record for the last 10 years, local media reported on Monday.

The shootings were reported by police in a 72-hour period from 7 a.m. (1200 GMT) Friday to 7 a.m. (1200 GMT) Monday local time, said a report from local media outlet Nola.

Locations of the shootings varied. Some occurred in apartments or residences, some on roads and others were drive-by incidents.

A man was found dead on the ground in a parking lot after a shooting around noon Saturday, police said. The man had been shot multiple times and died at the scene. In a shooting on Saturday afternoon, two men, aged 36 and 38, were standing near an intersection when four unidentified people drove up and started shooting, police said.

The two men ran, but the vehicle followed, with the people inside opening fire again and hitting them. The two men's conditions were not available on Monday.

In another shooting on Saturday night, a 14-year-old was injured when an unidentified man approached the vehicle she was in with two other people and opened fire.

A 25-year-old woman was riding early on Sunday when she heard gunshots and realized she had been shot. Early on Monday, a 37-year-old man was shot when two unidentified men approached him and opened fire.

Xinhua

# WTO: Ukraine crisis could slash global trade growth by half

GENEVA

The ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine has dealt a severe blow to the global economy, reducing forecasted global trade growth for 2022 from the 4.7 percent predicted last October to between 2.4 percent and 3 percent.

The projection, based on a global economic simulation model, was made by the World Trade Organization Secretariat in a note issued on Monday.

According to the same model, the crisis could lower global GDP growth by 0.7-1.3 percentage points, bringing it to somewhere between 3.1 percent and 3.7 percent for 2022.

The conflict has pushed up food and energy prices and reduced the availability of goods exported by Russia and Ukraine, according to the WTO Secretariat note.

Russia and Ukraine are both important suppliers of essential products, notably food and energy, according to the note.

The two countries supplied around 25 percent of wheat, 15 percent of barley and 45 percent of sunflower product exports globally in 2019. Russia alone accounted for 9.4 percent of world trade https://www.chinadailyhk.com/article/266599#EU-targets-



An elderly lady gets assisted while crossing the Irpin river, under a bridge that was destroyed, as civilians flee the town of Irpin, Ukraine, March 5, 2022. AP

Russian-coal-ships-in-new-sanctionsrade in fuels, including a 20 percent share in natural gas exports.

Russia is one of the main global suppliers of palladium and rhodium, which are crucial elements in the

production of catalytic converters for automobiles.

Meanwhile, semiconductor production depends to a significant extent on neon supplied by Ukraine. Disruptions to the supply of these materials could hit car producers at a time when the industry is just recovering from a shortage of semiconductors, the WTO highlighted.

Europe, the main destination for both Russian and Ukrainian exports, is likely to experience the brunt of the economic impact. Reduced shipments of grains and other foodstuffs will also inflate prices for agricultural goods.

Africa and the Middle East are the most vulnerable regions, since they import over 50 percent of their cereal needs from Ukraine and/or Russia. In total, 35 countries in Africa import food and 22 import fertilizer from Ukraine, Russia or both.

Some countries in Sub-Saharan Africa are facing potential price hikes of up to 50-85 percent for wheat, as a result of the crisis's impact on grain shipments, the note said.

"The current crisis is likely to exacerbate international food insecurity at a time when food prices are already historically high due to the COVID-19 pandemic and other factors," it warned.

## China to set up 27 more cross-border e-commerce pilot zones

TWENTY-SEVEN more cities and regions in China were recently approved by the State Council to set up cross-border e-commerce pilot zones. It brought the overall tally of the pilot zones to 132, which cover foreign trade powerhouses and municipalities, as well as cities that see obvious advantages and prospering development in the foreign trade sector.

Cross-border e-commerce pilot zones aim to generate replicable practices and experiences for the development or cross-border e-commerce through institutional innovation, management innovation, service innovation and coordinated development.

They are expected to blaze a trail in standard making, operation flow, monitoring models and information construction in every link of cross-border e-commerce, including transaction, payments, logistics, customs clearance, tax refund and settlement of exchange.

Previously, China had set up 105 cross-border e-commerce pilot zones in 30 provincial-level regions in five batches. These pilot zones have facilitated rapid development of the industry.

According to statistics released by the General Administration of Customs, China's cross-border e-commerce volume soared tenfold over the past five years. In 2021 alone, the country's cross-border e-commerce imports and exports climbed 15 percent year on year to 1.98 trillion yuan (about \$311 billion).

China has been accelerating the development of cross-border e-commerce pilot zones in the recent years, trying to set up the six major systems of information sharing, financial services, intelligent logistics, e-commerce credit, statistical monitoring and risk prevention and control, and building a policy framework centering on the "single window" system and comprehensive demonstration parks.

When approving the 27 cities and regions to establish cross-border e-commerce pilot zones, the State Council emphasized giving full play to the role of cross-border e-commerce in upgrading traditional industries and promoting industrial digitalization, so as to ensure healthy, sustained and innovative development of the sector.

In the newly established pilot zones, value-added and consumption taxes for cross-border e-commerce retail exports will be exempted, and new policies will be introduced, such as the supervision over cross-border e-



Influencers sell products on a livestream show in a cross-border e-commerce pilot zone in Hohhot, north China's Inner Mongolia autonomous region, June 10, 2020. File photo

commerce retail imports.

"The Ningbo China Cross-Border E-Commerce Comprehensive Pilot Area was established in 2016. Under the new policies introduced, we started building public overseas warehouses and providing logistics services for cross-border e-commerce enterprises," said Zhou Jian, general manager of Discovery International Logistics based in Ningbo, east China's Zhejiang province.

Now the company's overseas warehouses cover a total area of 180,000 square meters and over 50,000 parcels are being handled every day. They enable the company to provide professional sea transportation, air transportation, express delivery, and drop shipping services.

According to Zhou, the company is further expanding its overseas warehouses as more cross-border e-commerce pilot zones are built across the country. "Jingdezhen of Jiangxi province will build a pilot zone this time, and we hope we can introduce our advanced experiences there to provide one-stop services for cross-border merchandisers in the central and western regions, and introduce more Chinese products to overseas markets," the general manager said.

Next, the cities and regions to build new pilot zones will make and implement their respective work plans based on the features of local foreign trade industry and their own industrial structures, and improve the assessment and withdrawal mechanisms to en-

sure survival of the fittest.

Besides, they will also improve supportive policies, optimize the list of cross-border e-commerce retail imports, facilitate the management of returns and exchanges of cross-border e-commerce retail exports, and make guidelines on intellectual property rights protection in the cross-border e-commerce industry.

People's Daily



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## Biden administration moves to curb proliferation of 'ghost guns'

WASHINGTON

THE administration of US President Joe Biden announced Monday new measures aimed at curbing the proliferation of "ghost guns" - unserialized, privately-made firearms that law enforcement personnel are increasingly recovering at crime scenes in cities across the United States.

Last year alone, there were approximately 20,000 suspected ghost guns reported to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives as having been recovered by law enforcement in criminal investigations - a ten-fold increase from 2016.

Because "ghost guns" lack the serial numbers marked on the firearms, the US law enforcement has an exceedingly difficult time tracing a ghost gun found at a crime scene back to an individual purchaser.

A new rule issued by the US Department of Justice now bans the business of manufacturing the most accessible "ghost guns," such as unserialized "buy build shoot" kits that individuals can buy online or at a store without a background check and can readily assemble into a working firearm in as little as 30 minutes with the equipment they have at home.

It clarifies that these kits qualify as "firearms" under the Gun Control Act and that commercial manufacturers of such kits must therefore become licensed and include serial numbers on the kits' frame or receiver, and commercial sellers of these kits must become federally licensed and run background checks prior to a sale.

The rule applies to all "ghost guns," regardless of how they were made, which can include 3D printing as well as kits, while the DOJ will require federally licensed dealers to

take any unserialized firearm into inventory to serialize them.

Biden introduced these new actions from the Rose Garden at the White House on Monday afternoon as part of his administration's efforts to reduce gun crimes, alongside Vice-President Kamala Harris and Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaghan.

"These guns are weapons of choice for many criminals," Biden said. "We're going to do everything we can to deprive them of that choice and when we find them, put them in jail for a long, long time."

At the event, Biden also announced he's nominating former US attorney and career prosecutor Steve Dettelbach to serve as ATF director.

The Biden administration's new regulation on "ghost guns" has drawn the ire of some Republicans and gun rights advocates.

US Congressman Thomas Massie, a Kentucky Republican, tweeted on Monday that "in reality, it's always been much easier to grind serial numbers off a functioning gun than it is to make a reliable gun."

The National Rifle Association, a US-based gun rights lobbying group, responded that it believes this "ban" will not affect violent criminals.

"These violent crime sprees will continue unabated until they are arrested/prosecuted/punished," it argued.

Gun violence has been on the rise across the United States in the past few years, a trend fueled by a confluence of factors.

More than 21,000 people have died or been injured due to gun violence in the United States so far this year, during which time it has seen at least 130 mass shootings, according to a database run by the nonprofit research group Gun Violence Archive.



US President Joe Biden

# SPORT



Dar es Salaam's Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete (JMK) Youth Park's basketball squad's coach, Konnel Owiso, speaks to his players at a recent training which took place at the center's court. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

## Polisi Tanzania FC ends losing streak against Simba SC

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Moshi

KILIMANJRO'S Polisi Tanzania FC has upset the table after forcing a 0-0 draw with Simba SC in the 2021/22 NBC Premier League tie which took place in the region early this week.

The hosts showcased a spirited showing to contain Simba SC, which was eager to collect three points and boost its quest for a title defense.

Victory would have seen second-placed Simba SC reduce its points margin with top-flight leader Yanga which has collected 51 points after featuring in 19 games.

The Simba SC versus Polisi Tanzania FC match was earlier scheduled to be played on March 27 but it was rescheduled by the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF).

The federation's resolution sought to give Simba SC enough chance for preparations for CAF Confederation Cup's last eight tie that will see the squad entertain Orlando Pirates of South Africa in Dar es Salaam on Sunday.

Polisi Tanzania FC has not won any game against Simba SC since they first met in the Mainland Tanzania Premier League in 2019/20.

Simba SC had locked horns with Polisi Tanzania FC five times before the previous weekend's match.

In the games that were held from 2020 to 2022, Simba SC emerged victorious, winning 2-1, 2-1, 2-0, 1-0, and 1-0.

On Sunday, though, Polisi Tanzania FC seemed to have been prepared well to confront Simba SC at the former's home turf, Ushirika Stadium.

The clash culminated in a 0-0 draw which witnessed some of Simba SC's supporters slowly start losing confidence in the squad's ability to confidently go for a title defense.

The supporters, who were optimistic Simba SC will notch victory to minimize its points gap with Yanga to eight, ended up witnessing the former manage to settle for a point.

Hence, Simba SC is placed second in the NBC Premier League table with 41 points after participating in 19 matches, making

it a 10-point difference from Yanga.

The results have seen Polisi Tanzania FC hold the eighth spot in the standing with 24 points after taking part in 19 matches.

The Guardian has evaluated how the game was played.

Polisi Tanzania FC had settled for defensive tactic whilst making counterattacks, attempting several shots.

The tactic prompted Simba SC to change its formation to overwhelm the opponent.

Much as Simba SC opted for a change of formation attempting to unlock Polisi Tanzania FC, the defending champion still found it difficult to torment the hosts whose defenders were alert.

Polisi Tanzania FC midfielders and defenders were hard nut to crack, a situation that troubled Simba SC.

Simba SC deployed left fullback Gadiel Michael, midfielders Mzamiru Yasin and Rally Bwalya, and striker Yusuf Mhulu to get past the former's defense.

The visitors' attackers opted to use long balls in counterattacking but the approach hardly proved fruitful given Polisi Tanzania FC defended well.

Polisi Tanzania FC midfielders, Tariq Simba, Deo Cosmas, and striker Daruwesh Saliboko executed skilful passes that opened Simba SC's defense but the former's goal-getters hardly made the most of the chances.

With the tie turning out to be quite challenging, Simba SC's head coach Pablo Franco changed the playing style from 4-4-2 to 4-2-3-1, which means the side's defense comprised the left and right fullbacks and two central defenders.

The midfield consisted of two holding midfielders that played behind three offensive midfielders and one striker.

The tactician introduced midfielders Pape Sakho, Bernard Morrison, Clatus Chama, and Jonas Mkude later in the match but Polisi Tanzania FC was still firm.

Polisi Tanzania FC striker Kassim Haruna was deemed to be an impressive footballer in the match, the striker was a constant menace to Simba SC's defense.

Speaking after the match, the attacker pointed out: "Our objectives were to acquire three points but the game was good and tough, fortunately, we collected one point."

## SPORTS

## Azam FC, Yanga have to prove their worth in CAF club tournaments

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA'S representative in this season's CAF Confederation Cup, Simba SC, is currently waiting to face South Africa's Orlando Pirates in the quarterfinals of the tournament.

The two outfits' last eight first leg has been scheduled to take place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on April 17.

Simba SC has been pitted against a South African opponent after finishing second in Group D of the tournament with a total of 10 points.

Morocco outfit, RS Berkane, was the group leader that also had the same number of points that propelled it to the last eight.

This is the second year in a row that Simba SC is drawn against a South African team.

Simba SC first locked horns with Kaizer Chiefs in the previous season's CAF Champions League quarterfinals. Simba SC conceded a 4-3 aggregate loss.

In this season's quarterfinals, Simba will start at home at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium on April 17.

Orlando Pirates will on April 24 be hosting the return leg at Orlando Stadium in Johannesburg.

According to the showdown stage draw that took place recently, the winner of the match between Simba SC and Orlando Pirates will face the winner of a fixture between Al Ittihad Tripoli and Al Ahli Tripoli both from Libya.

Simba's progression to the quarterfinals has ensured Mainland Tanzania of representation of four clubs in the CAF club competitions next season for the second time in a row after doing so last season.

Tanzania got the chance once again after scoring a total of 30.5 points beating Zambia and Nigeria who were previously on top of the list for a long period.

Libya also advanced after the country's two teams Al Ahli Tripoli and Al Ittihad did well on the group stage.

According to CAF, each of the 12 countries that lead the charts in the CAF club competitions gets a chance to be represented by four clubs in the tournaments.

Two of the outfits will be participating in the CAF Champions League and the other two in the CAF Confederation Cup.

With Simba being in the quarterfinals, Tanzania has scored two points which is five times five, and then added to the 20.5 points collected by Tanzania's teams in the last four seasons of the CAF Champions League.

The rules of the Premier League in Mainland Tanzania this season stipulate that the team that wins the league title and the one that finishes second will par-



Yanga's winger, Denis Nkane (2nd L), dribbles past Azam FC midfielder Charles Zulu as the outfits faced off in an NBC Premier League clash that took place in Dar es Salaam recently.

ticipate in the CAF Champions League next season.

A squad that wins the Azam Sports Federation Cup and the one that finishes third in the Premier League will play CAF Confederation Cup.

Judging by the league standings and direction, it is clear that Yanga, Simba, and Azam FC have a good chance of finishing in the top three.

The trio is, therefore, more likely to compete in the CAF club competitions next season.

Having secured the four positions, the biggest responsibility left is for the clubs to ensure they protect the points so that the country can continue to benefit from being represented by such a number for many seasons to come.

The best way to protect the points is to do well in the continental competitions especially by making it to the group stage and continuing to the next stages.

Such a success will lead to an increase in Tanzania's points in the calculation system for the respective countries based on the success of its clubs in continental competitions.

Yanga and Azam FC are the clubs that should ensure that this is done as they are the ones that have not yet made a significant contribution in helping the country get a representation of the four teams.

Although Yanga has contributed points as the two-time participants in the group stage in the CAF Confederation Cup, holding last place in the stage had resulted in the side scoring fewer points.

Azam FC has not even entered the group stage of the African club competitions and has even been surpassed by Namungo FC who last season

reached that stage in the CAF Confederation Cup.

It should be noted that Yanga and Azam FC are among the three biggest domestic teams that are economically strong.

This means they must be given priority by people to build high hopes for them, unlike other sides.

Several other domestic football outfits do not have the financial muscles to afford successful participation in international competitions.

Soccer enthusiasts in Tanzania are tired of seeing local clubs fare dimly in continental club tournaments and now it is time for Azam FC and Yanga to show their dominance in international competitions as Simba SC has achieved the feat.



Kibo Sports Club's members take part in past fitness exercises which took place in Mwangi District, Kilimanjaro. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JAMES LANKA

## Tanzania Prisons all out to maintain place in NBC Premier League

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

TANZANIA Prisons midfielder Lambert Sabiyanka has said he believes the club will fight to the end to ensure it remains in the NBC Premier League.

The Mbeya-based side having a tough time in the domestic top flight this season, given it is placed lowest in the standings after playing 19 matches so far.

Sabiyanka said the club's players are still confident of keeping their

team in the NBC Premier League next season despite continuing to be at the bottom of the standings.

He said they have a responsibility to make sure they fight for the Tanzania Prisons logo as they are going through a difficult period this season.

Sabiyanka said: "The league has been very competitive, every team is well organized, and we are fighting with all our might as we did in the previous game against Dodoma Jiji FC and got three points."

Tanzania Prisons is one place above Mbeya Kwanza FC, which is participating for the first

time in the Premier League, with the latter having recorded 14 points.

Other clubs that are in the lower position and are likely to face relegation this season are Mtwara Sugar and Dodoma Jiji FC.

The wardens are languishing in the relegation zone, given they are placed 15th in the 16-team NBC Premier League.

The side has recorded a win in four outings, a loss in 11 games, and a draw in four ties.

Prisons are just two points adrift of bottom-placed Mbeya Kwanza FC with the former having a -12 goal difference, netting 13 goals and conceding 25 goals.

The wardens brought their losing streak to end brilliantly, cruising to a 3-2 win over Dodoma Jiji FC in a pulsating tie that took place at the former's home turf last week.

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With the tie turning out to be quite challenging, Simba SC's head coach Pablo Franco changed the playing style from 4-4-2 to 4-2-3-1, which means the side's defense comprised the left and right fullbacks and two central defenders

## Simeone calls for more respect amid criticism of Atletico style against City

MADRID

DIEGO Simeone has called for critics of Atletico Madrid's style of play to show more respect ahead of the second leg of their Champions League quarter-final against Manchester City on Wednesday.

Atletico were widely lambasted for their ultra-defensive performance at the Etihad Stadium last week, when Simeone's team failed to muster a single shot as City claimed a deserved 1-0 victory.

"Since I started coaching in 2005, if I'm not mistaken I have never criticised a colleague of mine. Never," Simeone said in a press conference on Tuesday.

"I believe there are different ways of playing to get what you want from each match but when somebody criticises a colleague, I don't get involved.

"As my father used to say, 'the mouth kills

the fish'. There are several ways to play, I choose one, but you have to respect your colleagues. Always, always, always."

City's dominance in the first leg failed to translate into a convincing lead, with only Kevin de Bruyne's late strike preventing Atletico from returning to Madrid with a clean sheet.

Atletico will be hoping to upset the odds in front of their own fans at the Wanda Metropolitano and reach their first Champions League semi since 2017.

"What we were able to get from the first leg with that result is hope," Simeone said.

"We're not going to stray too far from what we do best. Hopefully we can combine better, have quicker transitions, counter-attacks, and our key players can have fantastic nights. From there it will be about moments. Anything can happen."

AFP

## Casemiro hits out at Madrid fans for Bale jeers

MADRID

CASEMIRO has called on Real Madrid fans to stop whistling Gareth Bale, and said "when you whistle a player like that, you're whistling the history of this club."

Bale was jeered on Saturday when he came on as a 74th minute substitute during Madrid's 2-0 LaLiga win over Getafe, in his first appearance at the Bernabeu since February 2020.

The forward has played just five times for Madrid in the league this season. Fans were angry when he was declared unfit for the team's Clasico clash with Barcelona last month, only to start for Wales -- scoring twice in a World Cup playoff with Austria -- four days later.

"When you whistle one player, you whistle all of us," midfielder Casemiro told a news conference on Monday ahead of Madrid's Champions League quarterfinal second leg with Chelsea. "Football is about opinions, everyone has theirs, but I don't agree when a player on my team is whistled. We're all on the same side, we have to support him."

Bale's contract at Madrid will expire this summer, bringing an end to a nine-year stay in Spain that has seen him win four Champions League titles -- scoring in the 2014 and 2018 finals -- but also attract criticism for his injury record and perceived prioritising of his national team.

The 32-year-old has also faced criticism in the Spanish media and slammed their coverage as "disgusting" after he was labelled a "parasite" by newspaper Marca after Madrid's Clasico defeat.

"I didn't like the whistles the other day for Bale," Casemiro added. "He's a historic player for this club. He's scored a lot of important goals for this club. When you whistle a player like that, you're whistling the history of this club. I didn't like it. I think the fans have to support us."

Madrid will defend a 3-1 lead at the Bernabeu on Tuesday after Karim Benzema scored a hat trick in the first leg at Stamford Bridge last week.

The France international has scored 11 Champions League goals this season -- his best ever tally -- to add to his 24 goals in LaLiga.

"Right now, Karim represents what a modern centre forward must be," Madrid manager Carlo Ancelotti said on Monday. "In the past, a centre forward was someone who waited in the box to shoot."

"Karim is what modern football demands from a forward today, it's not just about shooting and scoring, but also helping the team, doing defensive work. In my opinion he's the perfect representation of what a centre forward must be today."

(Agencies)

## Man City's De Bruyne expects more twists in title race after Liverpool draw

LONDON

KEVIN De Bruyne warned Manchester City not to start dreaming of Premier League title glory after Sunday's thrilling 2-2 draw against Liverpool left them in pole position to retain the trophy.

Pep Guardiola's side remain one point ahead of second placed Liverpool following a classic encounter at the Etihad Stadium, leaving them on track to pip the Reds to the title.

City led twice through goals from De Bruyne and Gabriel Jesus, but Liverpool hit back to equalise on both occasions thanks to Diogo Jota and Sadio Mane.

City midfielder De Bruyne knows pundits will make his team favourites to win the title for a fourth time in five seasons.

"I know people said whoever wins gets the title. But I don't think the teams think that way, the schedule is way too tough for both teams to win all their games," De Bruyne said.

Belgian international De Bruyne felt City did enough to take all three points, which would have been a hammer blow to Liverpool.

"Today we played very well, I think we had the upper hand. This is the way we need to play the rest of the season," he said.

"We should score more. It is what it is. It was a great game. I think it should be more before half-time but we were still winning."

"The way the second half started is the disappointment. I think we played great and created enough chances to win the game."

Meanwhile, Kyle Walker believes Manchester City can take heart from their draw with Premier League title rivals Liverpool.

Sunday's 2-2 draw at the Etihad left reigning champions City one point ahead of second-placed Liverpool at the top of the table with seven games remaining.

"Of course we want to win every game,

especially when people come to our own patch, but it's very important not to lose the game," Walker told reporters.

"We can't lose a game (like this) and then be trailing them because good teams like them don't drop too many points. You take a point, you move on and they've still got to catch us. I feel that it's a step in the right direction."

The defender added: "It's in our hands, we're still top of the Premier League. That's an important message we need to hold onto and take into the next couple of games, which are very important."

Goals from Kevin De Bruyne and Gabriel Jesus either side of a Diogo Jota strike put leaders City 2-1 up at half-time but Sadio Mane levelled seconds after the restart to change the tone of the match.

City are not in league action again until they are at home to Brighton on April 20.

Before that match, they travel to Spain for the second leg of their Champions League quarter-final against Atletico Madrid on Wednesday and then face Liverpool again, in the semi-finals of the FA Cup.

"These are the games that you want to be involved in," said Walker. "It's exciting."

Liverpool defender Trent Alexander-Arnold accepted his side were now reliant on other results.

"It was very important for us not to lose this game, we're still in a decent position but it is in their hands," he said.

"A few years ago (in 2018/19 when Liverpool were pipped to the title by a single point) this is what happened. They (City) went on a really good run and we weren't able to capitalise on that."

"Hopefully, this time around, they will drop a few points for us."

"It is seven games. Who knows what will happen, hopefully we make it exciting. It might go down to the last day again," he added.

AFP

# Conte showing Man United what changing coach midseason can do

By Mark Ogden, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

TOTTENHAM Hotspur were struggling in ninth position, already five points adrift of a top-four spot in the Premier League, when Antonio Conte was charged with saving the club's season last November. A month later, Ralf Rangnick started his role as interim manager at Manchester United with his team sitting in seventh and a three-point gap to fourth place.

With just over a month of the season left to play, it is clear that one of those appointments has worked and the other patently hasn't. Spurs are now three points clear of the chasing pack in fourth, while United are still in seventh, but closer to eighth-placed Wolves than Tottenham, who are six points ahead of Rangnick's faltering team.

The United hierarchy are probably too busy trying to finalise their move to hire Ajax coach Erik ten Hag to consider the irony of their decision to reject Conte and recruit a manager more in keeping with their so-called DNA following the dismissal of Ole Gunnar Solskjaer last November, but the contrasting fortunes of Conte and Rangnick show that changing a manager midseason is not always a guarantee of a positive impact.

United sources told ESPN in January that they overlooked Conte -- who was out of work at the time after his exit from Inter Milan -- as Solskjaer's replacement because he was too abrasive and demanding of his players. The view within the Old Trafford boardroom was that the United squad would not embrace Conte's very particular approach of giving his players specific instructions, that he would "overload them with information," and that the team needed a more cerebral coach -- one who would treat them as the high-calibre players that they are deemed to be.

When you strip it back, that ex-



Antonio Conte

planation of United's decision not to hire Conte may actually mean that the former Juventus, Chelsea and Inter Milan coach was too abrasive and demanding of his bosses and that, in reality, was why United's owners, the Glazer family, and the board chose to appoint the more personable Rangnick.

But as the season reaches its conclusion, it's safe to say that United messed up and Spurs are now reaping the rewards of their decision to dismiss concerns over Conte's challenging style by trusting him to make a squad of underperforming players achieve their potential.

Rangnick has won fewer than half of his 17 Premier League games in charge of United, with Saturday's 1-0 defeat at Everton extending the club's dismal run to just one win in eight in all competitions -- the win coming against Conte's Tottenham last month.

Conte, meanwhile, has inspired Spurs to 13 league wins from 21 games, with only three defeats in that time. The Italian was also successful in persuading his board to make changes in January, allowing him to offload Dele Alli, Tanguy Ndombele, Bryan Gil and Giovanni Lo Celso, and bring in Rodrigo Bentancur and Dejan Kulusevski from Juventus. In just three

months, Bentancur and Kulusevski have done more for Spurs this season than any of the outgoing players had managed during the first half of the campaign.

Rangnick, by contrast, allowed Donny van de Beek (Everton) and Anthony Martial (Sevilla) to leave on loan, but failed to persuade the board to sanction a move for Jesse Lingard. The former RB Leipzig coach did not push for incomings, despite the need for a striker and midfielder, and United are now reaping what they sowed during the transfer window.

Conte's personality, rather than prove to be the negative that United believed it to be, has actually ignited Tottenham's squad and driven the club to make crucial changes in January. The opposite has happened at United and a club whose so-called DNA is rooted in Champions League football are now in a battle with Wolves for qualification for the UEFA Conference League because they chose Rangnick rather than Conte.

Changing managers midseason is not an exact science, especially when the hiring club rules out the best candidates for reasons that others wouldn't worry about.

Chelsea showed last season, when replacing Frank Lampard

with Thomas Tuchel, that ignoring a negative reputation can deliver success. Tuchel, fired by Paris Saint-Germain, was viewed by many within the game as being as outspoken and difficult as Conte can be, but the German delivered Champions League glory six months after taking charge and sources have told ESPN that he is now so highly-regarded at Stamford Bridge that the team's recent blip in form will not threaten his position.

Had Tuchel been available when United sacked Solskjaer, it is fair to ask whether the Glazers would have looked elsewhere considering that he may not have chimed with their particular requirements for a new coach.

This season, eight Premier League clubs have changed their manager -- Watford have done it twice, replacing Xisco Munoz with Claudio Ranieri in October before dismissing Ranieri in favour of Roy Hodgson in January. Watford are odds-on to be relegated, as are Norwich, who have only seen a marginal upturn in fortunes since replacing Daniel Farke with Dean Smith in November.

Aston Villa enjoyed an early bounce under Steven Gerrard, following his arrival after Smith's departure in November, but the former Rangers boss has now lost 10 of 20 Premier League games and Villa are on a run of four-straight defeats.

Everton are still waiting to see whether replacing Rafael Benitez with Lampard was worth it in January, with Lampard losing seven of 10 league games, but Jesse Marsch is already justifying his appointment in place of Marcelo Bielsa at Leeds in February having steered the team away from the relegation zone with three wins from six games.

Eddie Howe has also been a success at Newcastle, banishing relegation fears with eight wins from 20 since replacing Steve Bruce in November. But no new boss has done a better job than Conte -- a fact that Spurs are relishing and United would rather forget.

## Lemar: 'It might not look pretty, but it works. Atletico win

MADRID

"It's not about advice, says Thomas Lemar. "It's more when he talks, the way he talks, his honesty. That's what makes you play out of your skin."

Lemar knows better than anyone the power of Diego Simeone. After joining Atletico Madrid for 60 million euros from Monaco in 2018, Lemar struggled. He scored four goals in his first two seasons and many assumed Atletico would look to cut their losses the following summer.

Yet Simeone saw a player that needed help not a transfer. He moved Lemar from left wing to central midfield and, together, they got to work. Last season, Lemar was an ever-present in the midfield three and fundamental to Atletico winning La Liga.

"I had a discussion with the coach last year and we spoke about how to improve my situation in the team," Lemar says in an exclusive interview with AFP.

"He listened, he found a role that suited my strengths. I was more comfortable and it made it easier for me to fit into Atletico's style. Now my aim is to repay him as much as possible on the pitch."

When Lemar came from Monaco, he was a winger, creator and scorer, one of the world's most exciting young attackers, who had drawn interest from Liverpool and Arsenal.

But when that role failed to translate at Atletico, Lemar had to adjust. "I worked hard on my negative points and turned them into positive points, and I became a better, more versatile footballer," said Lemar.

"Especially defensively, in recovering the ball, in getting into the right defensive position. I worked on it, I added more strings to my bow. I'm a more complete player now."

The 26-year-old played for France at the European Championship and is determined to be in the squad for



Thomas Lemar

this year's World Cup. "It's a big goal for me, I have to show what I'm worth," he says.

That Lemar has become more defensively-minded at Atletico Madrid will come as little surprise given Simeone is now seen as the pre-eminent defensive coach in the game, a master of how to play without the ball.

Those methods have lifted Atletico out of mediocrity and into Europe's elite -- bringing two La Liga titles and a pair of Champions League finals along the way -- but aesthetically, it is a style that continues to frustrate.

Atletico were beaten 1-0 by Manchester City last week in the first leg of the Champions League

quarter-finals but statistically, they suffered a hammering.

City had 15 shots to Atletico's nil and afterwards, Pep Guardiola said: "In prehistory, today and in a hundred thousand years, attacking a 5-5-0 (formation) is very difficult."

Atletico captain Koke responded on Instagram with a picture of the club's crest and the caption: "In love with your story since prehistory. Proud to be from Atleti."

Lemar is asked what he would say to Simeone's critics. "I have nothing to say to them, except look at the results over the years. Look at the results since the coach arrived at Atletico Madrid."

"It might not look pretty, but it

works. Atletico win, that's the most important thing."

And while there has been a shift, a greater emphasis on possession this season, if only to accommodate their attacking talents, Lemar says Simeone's principles are unwavering.

"If you knew Simeone as a player, that's still the identity of Atletico now," Lemar says. "We're a feisty team. We get to every ball. We never accept defeat, in matches or in training."

"Everyone has to fight for their place. The coach always tells us never to take our spots for granted. He says competition and rivalry is what makes us grow."

Atletico have tended to grow in adversity too, Simeone's sides finding their fire burns brightest when their backs are against the wall.

It is why even though Manchester City were so clearly superior in the first leg, there is belief that a comeback is possible in the return at the Wanda Metropolitano on Wednesday.

"It's always been that way with Atleti but I'm not going to lie, and maybe it helps, but we get scared as well sometimes when we have to come from behind, even if we know we can change the game in a second," Lemar says.

"It was annoying to concede that goal against City but if you want to go through, you have to score. We saw there were some opportunities to get at them and we're going to go hard in this second leg. Let's hope it comes off."

AFP

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Tanzania's Paralympic athlete Sauda Njopeka takes part in training in Dar es Salaam recently ahead of this year's Commonwealth Games to be held in Birmingham, England from July 28 until August 8. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

## Dar to host classifications for Paralympic athletes

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA Paralympic Committee (TPC) says it plans to host the first-ever classifications for Paralympic athletes.

Vincent Kaduma, TPC vice-president, said the executive committee of the TPC is currently negotiating with the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) on the dates of the classifications.

He said classification comes after TPC had identified the national Paralympic team's athletes at the National Paralympic Championships which were held early this year at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

The official revealed: "We are currently working with IPC so that we can fix the dates for classifications, we identified athletes for the national team but we are left with classifications, so soon we will announce the dates for classification."

"Obviously, classifiers will come from outside the country, they will be supported by locals," he said.

The TPC official stopped short of mentioning the Paralympic athletes who were selected for the national team which will compete at next year's All Africa Games in Ghana and Paris Paralympics.

According to him, the names will be made public once the classifications are done.

Dar es Salaam-based athletes performed well in the National Paralympic Championships which took place at Uhuru Stadium.

The National Paralympic Championships, which were taking place in the country after many decades of absence, attracted more than 100 athletes from both Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar.

The championships were sponsored by Toyota Tanzania, Gold Star Paint, and National Sports Council (NSC).

The TPC vice-president Kaduma said he is delighted with the level of competition shown by the athletes.

He said the championships also saw students from Pugu Secondary School and Jangwani Secondary School compete, pupils from Salvation Army Primary School also attended the showdown.

The TPC official said Shukuru Khalfan was the winner in the men's 1500 meters category by clocking 5.25.22.

Naaman Hekima also from Dar es Salaam took the runner-up position, posting 5.25.27, while Manyara's athlete Nasri Juma was third after registering 5.49.01.

Khalfan went on to win the men's 800 meters category clocking 2.37.66 while Ruvuma's Goodluck Ligaluka who posted 2.45.15, settled for the second spot.

He said Abuu Bakari from Iringa was the winner in the men's 400 meters race, as he clocked 1.09.09.

Dar es Salaam-based athletes George Joseph and Felishan Robert ended as runner-up and second runner-up respectively in the race, posting 1.15.65 and 1.30.04.

Morogoro's John Pius, the only competitor in the men's 200 meters race for the visually impaired category, was the event's winner by clocking 33.34.

Dar es Salaam athletes dominated the top three spots in the women's 200m category.

Jackeline Kajaluo was the race winner after posting 33.99, Hawa Husein took runner-up place, recording 43.64, while Marriam Kipepe notched 48.22 to settle for third place.

Kaduma stated Dar es Salaam's Paul Nzala was the winner in the men's 200 meters race after notching 24.60.

Hamis Chole from Ruvuma posted 26.64 to emerge runner up and Pazy Mwinji was third as he posted 27.65.

Kaduma further said Nzala notched 11.19 to emerge first in the men's 100 meters race.

Abuu Zahoro from Iringa was runner-up, he clocked 11.96, Dar es Salaam's Pazy Mwinjinkuu ended third posting 12.94.

Sarafina Bedon of Dar es Salaam was the winner in the women's 100m event, posting 13.62, Happy Simon also from Dar es Salaam notched 14.28 to take the second position.

Dar es Salaam's Kennedy Godfrey was the winner in the men's 100 meters wheelchair race, posting 20.55 whereas Swahibu Rajabu also from Dar es Salaam was second with 23.26 and Morogoro's Ezra Mwambasi took the third spot notching 23.84.

## Dar athlete set to take part in 2022 Boston Marathon

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA's athlete Gabriel Geay is expected to depart for the United States of America (USA) at the end of this week to take part in this year's edition of the Boston Marathon which gets underway on Monday next week.

Athletics Tanzania (AT)'s Technical Director Michael Washa said Geay whose best time is 2:04 is currently training in Kenya ahead of the marathon.

The leader revealed: "Our athlete Geay is among the top athletes who will compete at this year's edition of the Boston Marathon."

"Geay is currently in Kenya preparing for the marathon and we are confident he will do well at the event," he said.

Some of his challengers in the Boston Marathon will be Ethiopian Kenenisa Bekele (2:01:41), Kenyans Benson Kipruto (2:05:13), and Evans Chebet (2:03:00).

Kenyans, Lawrence Cherono (2:03:04), Geoffrey Kamworor (2:05:23) Eric Kiptanui (2:05:47) Bethwell Yegon (2:06:14), and Geoffrey Kirui (2:06:27) are equally the contenders.

The Boston Marathon is an annual marathon race hosted by several cities and towns in greater Boston in eastern Massachusetts.

It is traditionally held on Patriots' Day, the third Monday of April, it is the world's oldest marathon having begun in 1897.

The event attracts 500,000 spectators each year, making it New England's most widely viewed sporting event. It started with 15 participants in 1897.

The event now attracts an average of about 30,000 registered participants each year.

It is one of six World Marathon Majors. Its course runs from Hopkinton in southern Middlesex County to Copley Square in Boston.

The Boston Athletic Association (B.A.A.) has organized this event annually since 1897, except for 2020 when it was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2021, it was held later, in October. The race has been managed by DMSE Sports, Inc., since 1988.

Amateur and professional runners from all over the world compete in the Boston Marathon each year, braving the hilly Massachusetts terrain and varying weather to take part in the race.

## Azam FC, Polisi Tanzania lock horns in 2021/22 Federation Cup last eight



Azam FC attacker, Prince Dube (R), dribbles past Polisi Tanzania's fullback, Yahya Mbegu, as the squads locked horns in the 2021/22 NBC Premier League duel which took place in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

AZAM FC and Polisi Tanzania will battle for a place in the semi-finals of this season's Federation Cup when they meet at the Azam Complex in Dar es Salaam tonight. The kick-off is at 20h15.

The two sides will go head to head for the third time this season having met twice in the NBC Premier League.

This will also be the third consecutive Federation Cup meeting between Azam FC and Polisi Tanzania in a head-to-head rivalry that has seen Azam FC lose the last two games and will be in search of revenge.

In eight competitive encounters between the two sides, Azam FC enjoyed the upper hand over the Killimanjaro side, claiming six wins and suffering just two defeats.

The teams' most recent meeting was a top-flight league clash in February which saw the law enforcers claim a 1-0 away win thanks to a first-half goal from Kassim Shabani Haruna to claim a first league double over Azam FC.

Azam FC, on the one hand, secured their place in this round of the Federation Cup after defeating the lower tier side, Coast Region's Baga Friends, at the same venue in February.

With the NBC Premier League title looking out of reach for Azam FC once again this season, their only hope for silverware is the Federation Cup.

On the other hand, Polisi Tanzania is high on confidence after holding defending champions Simba SC to a 0-0 draw on the last match-day at home on Sunday.

They booked their spot in this stage of the tournament after defeating fellow NBC Premier League side Prisons at the Sokoine Stadium in February.

And this is a chance that Polisi Tanzania could make good use of the Federation Cup.

They are comfortably placed in the mid-table of the league far from the threat of relegation.

As such, they could play without much pressure, and this upcoming encounter is an opportunity for them to progress

to the final four of the competition - which would be a huge achievement for the team.

The winner of the Federation Cup earns a ticket to represent Tanzania in CAF Confederation Cup next season. The competition's final four already have two slots filled.

Young Africans SC 'Yanga' were the first team to book their place in the last four after they defeated Geita Gold FC 7-6 on penalties following a 1-1 draw in the knockout clash that took place in Dar es Salaam on Sunday.

Coastal Union then emerged 5-4 winners on penalties following a 1-1 draw in the second quarterfinal tie against Kagera Sugar on Monday afternoon at Mkwakwani Stadium.

Tanga-based Coastal Union now awaits the winner of today's quarterfinal tie.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

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