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TATO discounts claims of Ruaha Park 'abuses'

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

Key tour operators are voicing their concerns over claims of human rights abuses by Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) in its efforts to incorporate the Ihefu and Usungu wetland into Ruaha National Park.

Sirili Akko, the Tanzania Association of Tour Operators (TATO) executive director, says claims by international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and allied media outlets on the issue are groundless.

In a statement, TATO highlights the negative impact the malicious allegations have created on the travel and tourism industry in the country, urging self-proclaimed whistle blowers to seek accurate information and take note of repercussions of spreading unsubstantiated claims.

TATO unequivocally defends TANAPA, condemning foreign actors who assert that the conservation and tourism agency is forcibly evicting people from their 'ancestral lands' for tourism purposes.

TATO's response was arguably directed at the US-based Oakland Institute, whose reservations and outright hostility to the conservation efforts on the wetland (an ecosystem covering land in two adjacent regions) recently led to World Bank funding of the conservation project being halted at two thirds mark.

A total of \$50m is reported to have been withheld by the global lender on account of the US NGO petitioning members of the US House of Representatives, which lately sent a team for a visit to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, whose plan to relocate arguably indigenous people from the area to preserve the now threatened wildlife sanctuary has met with withering criticism from a number of pro-indigenous people organisations.

Oakland Institute and its allies say that the government is engaged in forceful evictions of communities from ancestral lands, which TATO, housing over 300 professional tour operators, vehemently rejects.

It says that the decision dating 2008 to incorporate key water catchment areas of Ihefu and Usungu plains into Ruaha National Park was intended to curb unsustainable agricultural and pastoral practices.

Analysts recall that back in 2003, agricultural and pastoral activities in the context of population growth led to a drastic reduction in river flows across Tanzania. Hydropower generation suffered, resulting in widespread power outages, they say.

TATO points out that unlike neighboring countries with titles to ancestral lands, all land in Tanzania is vested in the public domain, so those offered land for any purposes are subject to relocation if it serves broader public interests.

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Clatous Chama's future with Simba to be decided this week



President Samia Suluhu Hassan welcomes children to State House in Dar es Salaam yesterday in marking June 16 as the International Day of the African Child, also known as the Day of the African Child. She underlined the need for the government, families and society to work together in safeguarding and promoting the upbringing of children, including by providing them with quality education. Photo: State House

CNG shift: Stakeholders faulting introducing levy

By Getrude Mbago

MOTOR vehicle operators have raised concern over the government's plan to levy compressed natural gas (CNG) used in motor vehicles, saying that

the move will frustrate efforts to shift from petrol and diesel as fuel.

In separate interviews over the weekend, a number of drivers faulted the move saying that it will increase costs for users.

Vehicle conversion expenses to adapt to gas use costs \$800 (2m/-) per vehicle, 'which is still a challenge to many,' they said, seeing the levy as worsening costs of adapting to gas.

When tabling the 49.35trn/-

central government budget for fiscal 2024/25 Finance minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba proposed amending the Road and

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Regional states think of joint medical industries

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

EAST, Central and Southern African countries are examining the possibility of setting up joint pharmaceutical industries to reduce dependency on foreign imports.

This proposal is one among resolutions of the east, central and southern African regional best practices forum and joint consultative committee meeting here at the weekend.

Dr Dingani Moyo, a Zimbabwean professor of oc-

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cupational health and key participant, told journalists that African countries intend to come up with joint pharm industries on a contractual basis, to contain diseases and

make treatments more affordable.

Frank Mmbando, a health sector official at the East African Community (EAC) secretariat said Tanzania was ready to offer land for such outlays would the need arise.

Vice President Dr Philip Mpango is expected to grace the climax of the regional event on Wednesday, featuring a ministerial conference for the golden jubilee of the regional health community forum.

Prof Yoswa Gambisya, the East, Central and

Southern Africa (ECSA) health community executive director, said that throughout the week the various countries will be showcasing achievements of ECSA operations for the past half century.

The ECSA ministerial conference for the health community's 50th anniversary has achievements it is fielding, including efforts to fight 'mortality' rates of organizations in the region, in maintaining regional health com

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Key ministers laud 1.2trn/- in tripartite Mkulazi pact

By Correspondent Paul Mabeja, Dodoma

THE Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) has signed agreements to lease 30,000 hectares of Mkulazi farms in Morogoro Region, to three companies for the production of sugar, soybeans and yellow corn with an investment pegged at 1.2trn/-.

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