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## Collect revenues for local projects, govt tells councils

*What TCB gets from people it returns through various projects, including supporting loans to venture capital groups*

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

**M**AYORS of city and municipal councils, chairpersons of councils and directors need to ensure that they create sources of income and prevent tax evasion loopholes in their councils.

Mohamed Mchengerwa, the Regional Administration and Local Governments state minister in the President's Office (PO-RALG), made this appeal at the opening of the 38th annual general meeting of the Association of Local Authorities of Tanzania (ALAT) here yesterday.

Standing in for President Samia Suluhu Hassan, he said that the councils must develop new sources of income, build efficiency and target people's development in each district council.

Those methods and revenue sources will provide the main impetus for development in the councils, managing council income and spending based on revenue collections, he

stated.

"Executives must be creative in decision making," he said, asserting that the various councils must invent methods and ways that we will ensure that they a large percentage of income is collected in the councils.

Income and spending must be adapted to needs for the people's development, the minister underlined.

Council directors need to ensure that they are fair in collection of government revenues, especially in the use of electronic systems, the speech underlined, hinting at information about the use of fake revenue collection machines.

This habit is depriving the government of a lot of revenue, thus council directors must effectively manage all projects implemented in their areas so that they are completed on time, it further noted.

"There are projects such as health, water education and road infrastructure, so

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## WB tasking EAC partner states over LVB funding

*The KGGTF year-9 grant supporting lake-wide inclusive sanitation for improving water quality in the Lake Victoria Basin will focus on working with the private sector to create low-skill green jobs along the sanitation service chain*

By Guardian Correspondent, Washington DC

EAST African Community (EAC) member countries are under pressure to put up funds for joint environment projects especially with regard to the Lake Victoria Basin (LVB).

This situation was in evidence when Treasury permanent secretary Dr Natu El-Maamry Mwamba appealed to EAC partner states to strive to become independent by strengthening the collection of domestic revenue instead of depending on loans and grants from abroad.

The remarks were made on the sidelines of

the spring meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank, where green growth strategies are being discussed to help bolster economic growth and social service provision in an environmentally sound framework.

She asked EAC states to join forces and put up robust strategies to increase internal revenue collection in order to facilitate smooth implementation of development projects.

This appeal was seen to be aligned with efforts of the World Bank as the main lender in regional environmental programmes, where

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By Getrude Mbago

THE government is facilitating a five-year initiative of the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) to accelerate transformation of national food systems to shift to healthier diets.

## GAIN (T) sets up a five-year 'nutritional paths' initiative

Prisca Rwezahura, the GAIN country director, said at the launch event in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the 'nourishing food pathway' (NFP) programme is designed to hasten progress towards the sustainable development goals (SDGs).

Being carried out in tern countries, it is geared to supporting inclusive and coherent food systems transformation in the listed countries, namely Tanzania, Benin, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Bangla-



### Minister: Receive pupils from all flooded schools

By Guardian Correspondent, Rufiji

PUPILS whose schools have been affected by flooding in various parts of the country can attend nearby schools to continue with studies, the government has stated.

Prof Adolf Mkenda, the Education, Science and Technology minister, issued this directive on Monday when visiting Rufiji and Kibiti districts in Coast Region.

He inspected schools affected by floods and visited camps for displaced people, and donated textbooks and exercise books to affected pupils housed in the shelters.

He also directed head teachers in the targeted schools to receive the pupils without setting conditions, to enable the children to maintain lessons follow-up in line with existing class schedules.

The schools heads need to inform district education officers to keep records of the number of children who will be attending the particular school, he said, visiting Muhoro Primary School which is surrounded by water, denying children the ability to study since late last month.

The government wants to ensure that pupils whose schools are affected by floods continue their studies wherever they are while other procedures are being pursued to improve school outlays to receive pupils in non-flooded areas, he said.

The president has directed the minis-

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Education, Science and Technology minister Prof Adolf Mkenda (R) exchanges ideas with Coast regional commissioner Abubakar Kunenge while aboard a boat they used on Monday during a visit to Muhoro Primary School in Rufiji District to assess the devastation caused by the recent floods. Photo: Correspondent Julieth Mkireri

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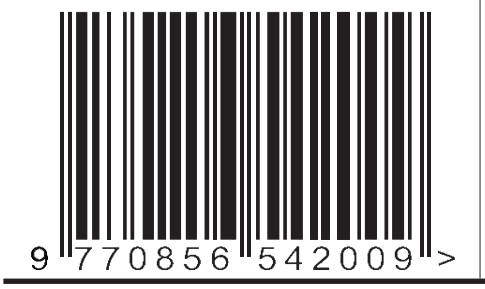
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these projects should be managed by reaching the project areas," he stated.

Masoud Ali Mohammed, state minister in the Zanzibar President's Office for Regional Administration, Local Governments and Special Departments, said that ALAT in the Mainland and the Zanzibar Local Governments Association (ZLGA) are vital entities for supervising government activities.

The failure of these institutions will lead to the failure of every part of the government because the government at the national level can have good laws, good allowances but if there is no political will then we will not succeed," the speech underlined, stressing the need for good performance in local authorities.

ALAT chairman Murshid Hashim Ngezi said the government's move

to increase allowances for directors, councillors and other officials is likely to inculcate efficiency at work.

Allowance increase will help executives to work efficiently and rely less on their councils, he said, hailing changes the government has instituted in the councils "to work on the challenges that exist in the councils."

He praised councils that have done well in revenue in collection, urging other councils to imitate those examples.

Adam Mihayo, the Tanzania Commercial Bank (TCB) chief executive officer, said the bank maintains its support for lower levels of the government in their various social projects.

What TCB gets from people it returns through various projects, including supporting loans to venture capital groups, he added.

## WB tasking EAC partner states over LVB funding

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reliance on multilateral agencies and other donor countries is noticeably high.

A recent write up of the World Bank in that regard does not directly indicate intent to reduce funding but it says that "taking heed of lessons from the multi-sector review - including on the need to be selective and the importance of a focus on people and livelihoods for sustainability of results, the World Bank Water Global Practice will now engage with the LVB countries on one of the key drivers of lake deterioration - the discharge of untreated human waste."

Despite support by the Korea Green Growth Trust Fund (KGGTF), and building on the Green, Resilient, and Inclusive Development and Citywide Inclusive Sanitation approaches anchored in World Bank lending, EAC states are being asked to do more.

The write up says the lender seeks engagement that will focus on developing a regional strategy for providing inclusive sanitation services in cities and towns that at

present release untreated human waste into the lake.

The KGGTF year-9 grant supporting lake-wide inclusive sanitation for improving water quality in the Lake Victoria Basin will focus on working with the private sector to create low-skill green jobs along the sanitation service chain, it said.

The key element is "prioritizing resource recovery and reuse, and integrating green and gray technologies to contribute to a greener recovery in the post-Covid 19 lending and adaptation situation," it asserted.

The Treasury executive said that EA countries, like many developing countries, make every effort to implement their budgets using domestic revenue, along with investing in development projects without solely relying on loans from abroad. "Despite these efforts, still the EA countries face several challenges to achieve their respective goals compared to many countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, where the tax-to-GDP ratio stood at 13.7 percent in 2023 compared to the 16.5 percent Sub-Saharan African average," she added.

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try to make more efforts to ensure that all pupils in affected areas go back to school and continue with studies, he emphasised, affirming that the government's major responsibility is to ensure that children access education.

So every parent affected by the floods should ensure that children go to a nearby school in the area where they moved, he said, underlining that all children should be accepted regardless of whether they have or do not have uniforms.

They should not wait for transfer procedures but school heads will inform education officers as the children continue with their studies, he affirmed.

"An assessment will be conducted to find out the actual number of affected pupils and ensure that they all eat well and get books and exercise to continue with their studies," he further noted.

The government will also construct dormitories to accommodate pupils who are living in flood-prone

areas to facilitate learning, he elaborated.

Prof Carolyne Nombo, the permanent secretary, said the government will ensure that all pupils affected by floods are well taken care of to enable them continue with their studies.

Abubakar Kunenge, the Coast regional commissioner, said efforts are ongoing to ensure that all people who have been affected are permanently moved to safer settlement areas.

"The first priority was for pupils who expect to sit for the national examinations later this year, where they are quickly connected to other schools to continue with their studies," he said, noting that pupils in affected areas are being connected to other schools.

Sara Mlaki, the regional education officer, said that in Rufiji District, a total of 7,264 pupils have been affected by floods in eleven schools. In Kibiti District, 824 pupils have been affected in seven schools, with three schools shut down, she added.

## Study: Alert as habitat loss sees animals eating bat poo

By Special Correspondent

SCIENTISTS say they have found evidence that changes in animal behaviour caused by damage to forests can lead to wildlife and humans being exposed to dangerous viruses.

A study led by Stirling and Wisconsin-Madison universities focused on a forest in western Ugan-

da where palm trees have become extinct as a result of people using them to dry tobacco leaves.

Scientists filmed chimpanzees and antelope finding an alternative source of minerals in bat excrement.

But tests found this contained several viruses including one related to the virus that caused the Covid-19 pandemic.



**SINKING - OR CRUMBLING?:** These houses at a section of 'Wavuvi Village' in the Mtoni Chaurembo suburb of Temeke municipality, Dar es Salaam, are at serious risk of being swept away by raging floodwaters. The recent collapse of a canal built primarily to lead the waters to the sea has made a bad situation all the worse. Romana Mallya captured this scene yesterday.

## Debts, frauds chocking NHIF - CAG

By Guardian Reporter

THE National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) is on the verge of bankruptcy due to government failure to pay a huge debt and rising fraud in card use, according to the latest audit on public sector expenditure.

The Controller and Auditor General's report for the 2022/2023 which was made public this week, said NHIF made a loss of 156.77bn/- during the year.

Although this is a 24 percent drop from the 205.95bn/- loss reported in 2021/2022, it is still the highest among public entities.

The Fund's financial situation was compounded by accumulated debts of 208bn/- owed by the government and 137.8bn/- bill for treatment of non-communicable diseases alone.

"Efforts are being made to clear the debts, but the fund is bearing a big financial burden," he said.

The NHIF, which currently has more than five million paying members, has been at loggerheads with private hospitals and pharmacy owners for some years over delayed refunds or payments for services provided to patients through NHIF cards.

Health authorities are trying to revitalise the fund under a new Universal Health Insurance Act passed last year and was set to become operational this month but remains stalled by an ongoing dispute between government and private healthcare providers over the revised payment rates for services rendered.

The new UHI legislation removes tax exemptions previously granted

to healthcare services while compelling every Tanzanian to enrol in a recognised health insurance scheme.

It also doesn't directly address challenges posed by the fast spread of non-communicable diseases in Tanzania which require costly treatments, including regular CT scans and MRI tests.

According to CAG's report, other state firms that recorded particularly big losses for the year were the TIB Development Bank at 131.07bn/-, Tanzania Railways Corporation at \$39.49 million, Tanzania National Oil company at 76.56bn/- and national carrier Air Tanzania at 56.64bn/-.

The report also noted the high rental expenses for Tanzania missions abroad with inflated rental charges for offices and accommo-

dation.

The CAG Charles Kichere said that rehabilitation of the Chancery in Kampala was not implemented despite 1.78/- being paid to the contractor in Uganda since July 2018.

Kichere further said that rehabilitation of the old chancery building in Washington DC had encountered setbacks, including inflated costs from unjustified value added tax of 20 percent.

He ordered relevant authorities to take appropriate action on individuals and public departments mentioned in the report before the parliament takes the report for deliberation.

The CAG reports include performance audits for local government departments, public business corporations and the central government.



**Long-serving Tanzanian journalist and media consultant Ndimara Tegambwage makes a presentation when conducting training on inclusive election coverage for editors and reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The programme is sponsored by the World Association of News Publishers (WAN-IFRA) and Women in News. Photo: Carlos Banda**

## GAIN (T) sets up five-year 'nutritional paths' initiative

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is intended to explore strategies to reach the poorest with safe and nutritious foods, she stated, pointing at the need to seek private sector investments in healthier diets sourced from more sustainable systems.

"It will provide technical assistance and support to the country's 'national food system transformation pathway' strategic approaches, aiding the implementation of commitments made by Tanzania at the United Nation Food Systems Summit," the director explained.

The focus is ensuring low-income consumers access markets within their food systems and leverage local food culture to shift consumer preferences towards nutritious and safe foods, she

specified.

Gungu Mibavu, the ministerial director of marketing and food security, expressed appreciation for GAIN in coming up with the programme, hailing the power of collaboration in facilitating change.

The initiative is indeed a tool for contributing to attaining Agenda 10/30 that envisages obtaining the growth rate of the agricultural sector by ten percent by 2030, he said.

Stakeholders need to integrate food system considerations into organisational strategies, working toward ensuring food and nutrition security for all, he said, stressing inclusion of the most vulnerable in our communities.

"Together, we can realize a future where sustainable food systems guarantee food and nutrition

security for all Tanzanians," he stated.

Dr Winfrida Mayilla, the GAIN (T) head of programmes, stated that working closely with government agencies and development partners gives programme managers the capacity to foster inclusive decision-making in food systems.

It will also facilitate policy coherence via priorities emerging from those processes, "connecting Tanzania with other African and Asian countries to exchange policy and best practices," she elaborated.

Equally important is empowering the youth by inclusive decisions on how communities feed and nourish, along with local government authorities, "to set coherent policies as essential enablers to achieving multiple food system

wins by 2030," she said.

Closely collaborating with the government and other development partners, GAIN (T) will also take an active role in setting up a national food system country advisory group.

"This commitment marks a crucial step towards enhancing coordination and providing advisory support, essential for the implementation of food system transformation pathways," she said.

"We will work to create incentives for businesses of all sizes to direct more of their investments to evidence-based actions that improve access to healthier diets, including the incorporation of nutrition considerations into environmental, social and governance (ESG) standards," she added





Same district administrative secretary Upendo Wella plants a seedling in Kisima ward at the weekend during a tree planting drive implemented as part of the countdown to the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the April 26 Union of Tanganyika and Zanzibar. Photo: Correspondent Ashrack Miraji

## Local authorities urged to work with NLUPC to end land conflicts

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE government has directed district authorities and local government leaders to work closely with the National Land Use Planning Commission (NLUPC) to ensure efficiency in their areas.

Speaking at the opening of a three-day land use planning stakeholders workshop in Dodoma on Monday, Deputy Minister for Lands, Housing and Human Settlement Development, Geoffrey Pinda, underscored the need for district executive directors to work closely with the commission to ensure efficiency, noting that poor cooperation between them contributes to increased boundary disputes and double allocation of plots.

The workshop themed 'Land Use Planning and Use of Technology in Ensuring Security of Tenure and Conflict Resolution' brought together stakeholders from public, private institutions and civil society and was meant to discuss land use planning issues, use of technology in land use planning process, securing land tenure and resolution of land conflicts.

"Double allocation of plots is a major challenge in almost all the regions countrywide. There are over 3,000 cases of double allocation of plots in Dodoma Region alone. Involvement of authorities as well as villagers would largely reduce the problem," he said.

He said the government is looking for funds to fast-track preparation of land use plans for all the villages countywide. He said out of the 12,318 villages, only 3,681 have land use plans.

Pinda was optimistic that introduction of the National Land Use Planning Information System (NLUIS) would simplify the planning of land use and the issuance of customary right of land ownership documents.

The new system developed

with funding from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) will also reduce cost and the number of days in preparation of land use plans.

Deputy Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism Danstan Kitandula said land use planning is crucial in ensuring sustainable conservation as 32 percent of the country's land is protected.

"Land use plans in our villages would help in reducing human wildlife conflicts as wildlife corridors will be protected. Enhanced conservation would improve the tourism sector and boost government coffers," he said.

Jason Ko, Biodiversity

Senior Technical Advisor at USAID said: "Land use planning is crucial for enhanced preservation of natural resources and sustainable wildlife protection. It is a solution to human-wildlife conflicts."

Prof Wakuru Maseka, NLUPC director general said land use planning is important because many Tanzanians live in villages. He said until June last year, only 32.4 percent of villages countrywide had successfully prepared land use plans.

"Land use planning helps in identifying administrative areas, wildlife corridors, agricultural land and water catchment areas. Allocation of these areas would ultimately reduce land disputes," said Prof Maseka.

## Experts discuss how to resolve marine conflicts in Africa

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

AFRICAN legal experts have camped in Arusha for seven days to extensively discuss the best ways to deal with conflicts in the seas and great lakes on the continent.

Opening the meeting here yesterday, Charles Mtae, legal officer in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, said that the meeting will build the capacity for them to criticize, especially when the issue of sea boundaries arises.

He said the meeting will help participants to better understand the laws of the sea and boundaries because there are experienced experts who are involved in the issues of conflict resolution.

"The presence of these experts here will help participants to increase their knowledge and understanding of the law and procedures regarding expansion and extension of sea borders in their respective

countries," he said.

Prof Mathias Sahinkuye, director of the African Institute of International Law, said that the institute was given the task of organizing the conference which brings together more than 50 participants from various African countries.

"A large number of participants come from Africa and some from Spain, Iceland, Denmark, and Oman. The meeting will focus more on discussing the laws of the sea because it is part of the implementation of our institution's plans, including promoting rule of law for African countries," he said.

Prof Sahinkuye said that many people do not know the laws of the sea boundaries and sometimes they cause conflicts between countries, adding that they will use the opportunity of the meeting to increase knowledge of experts so that they can provide education to the people.

Khadija Shamte, Judge of the High

Court in Zanzibar, said the meeting was beneficial for Tanzania as was to discuss formulation of good policies and laws for the settlement of maritime disputes.

"Since the laws of the sea are an international issue, there are things that can happen, including legal conflicts; so, we should have good laws and policies that help us resolve sea conflicts when they occur," she said.

She said that since participating countries have a lot of resources in the sea and the great lakes, they should use them well by having good policies that manage the blue economy.

"These laws are an important asset for citizens and the government has been striving to provide education by using various platforms because the laws of the high seas are governed by international agreements to control some things, including resources that are allowed to be transported to other countries," she said.

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# Campaigns see more women own land in Kisarawe

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya,

Kisarawe

SUSTAINED awareness campaigns have resulted in more women owning land in Kisarawe District, Coast Region.

This development has led to some couples jointly owning land without discriminating based on gender, in contrast to the past when only men had the right to own land.

Some residents of Kisarawe District yesterday attributed the previous lack of understanding of land rights issues as the main cause. Salma Pazi, a resident of Kisarawe, said that many women still face challenges in owning land and property within marriage.

Maua Rajabu attributed the situation to ignorance. She explained that women used to be in the dark, resulting in scenarios where they would buy plots or farms but wouldn't be involved in selling the produce.

During a three-day training organized by stakeholders who implement the 'Stand For Her Land -S4HL' campaign in the villages of Mfuru, Mhaga and Vilabwa in Kisarawe District, a representative from Tanzania Women Lawyers Association (TAWLA), Lightness Raymos, outlined one of the objectives of the training.

"As TAWLA we focus on educating women about the importance of participation in decision-making bodies and leadership. We have observed that when women are involved in decision-making at various levels, they champion the agenda of their fellow women who still lag behind," she said.

Saleh Magendo, accompanied by his wife Sophia Ally, said he bought land for his spouse and legalized

her ownership, a practice that was previously unthinkable

"I decided to buy my wife land separately to ensure that she doesn't face oppression in the future because she has done so much for me," he said.

Khalid Tambulegeni, a land officer in Kisarawe District Council, said that the council has a total of 64 villages but only 44 villages implement land use plans. He explained that land use plans help in land resource management in villages and reduce various land conflicts.

S4HL is a global campaign that aims to secure women's land rights and promote gender equality in land ownership and tenure.

It is a collaborative effort led by multiple organizations, including the Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI), Landesa and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) among others.



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Works minister Innocent Bashungwa (R) speaks at yesterday's launch in Dodoma city of the Road Fund Board Workers' Council and the Monitoring and Evaluation System to be used by the ministry and all agencies and institutions under it. Photo: Correspondent Neema Emmanuel

## Govt refutes claims of abuse against indigenous people

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA has refuted claims of threats and abuse against indigenous people, saying the reports were fabricated and baseless.

Prof Hamis Malebo, executive secretary for the National Commission for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) told the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) which is ongoing in the US that Tanzania was among the countries governed by principles of the rule of law.

"It is sad that the forum is

wrongly used by being given false information which has no point of truth on indigenous people in Tanzania," he said.

Prof Malebo said during the meeting he heard one of the representatives of the International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA) who accused the government of Tanzania of mistreating indigenous people.

He reminded the meeting that Tanzania has been a trusted partner and participant in the protection of the rights of indigenous people, saying it is committed to protecting them.

He said Tanzania's stance is stipulated in the constitution where

there are no indigenous people and that there was no group of people which is more important than the other.

Prof Malebo added that the government was not supporting incidents of violence and abuse against indigenous people, saying its officials were abiding by good governance principles.

He said that the government of Tanzania was a signatory to various international protocols on the protection of the economic, social and cultural rights of all its citizens based on the principles of human rights of equality and non-discrimination of its citizens.

"Article 18 of the Constitution of

the United Republic of Tanzania provides for freedom of expression and there is no threats or harassment of citizens who raise their voices in accordance with the rule of law," he said.

Prof Malebo emphasized that the government has continued to strengthen efforts to protect human rights by allowing, among other things, freedom of expression, free and peaceful assembly for political meetings in accordance with the constitution.

Other delegates attending the meeting include Zuleikha Tambwe, Senior Foreign Affairs Officer in the Permanent Mission of Tanzania at the United Nations.

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan is today scheduled to launch the 60th anniversary book of the Vice President's Office which coincides with the 60th anniversary of the union between Tanganyika and Zanzibar.

Dr Selemani Jafu, Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment) said this here yesterday when presenting a review of implementation of plan and budget for the year 2023/24 and the estimated income and expenditure of 62.7bn/- for the financial year 2024/25.

Dr Jafu said the book is to be launched at Chamwino State House in Dodoma and is aimed at educating the public about the importance of the union. He said that the purpose of the information is to give people the opportunity to understand the implementation of the office's responsibilities, the services provided and the success of its institutions.

## Samia to launch book on 60th anniversary of VP's office

The minister also stated that the celebration involved the union institutions' exhibitions that started from April 14 to 20 in Zanzibar and April 19 to 25 in Dar es Salaam.

During this period, the Vice-President's Office started preparations to establish the Union Archives and Documents Centre where the work carried out includes holding meetings of stakeholders from both sides of the union and collecting information about union issues that will be stored.

In addition, he said the collected information includes documents about union issues, books, publications, photos, biographies of leaders, various speeches and government announcements.

Debating the budget estimates, MPs asked the government to change some of the laws that hinder progressive activities in the union,

including the laws that control Constituency Development Fund (CDF).

Pandani MP Maryam Omar Said (CUF) said that despite some of the problems being resolved, the CDF is still governed separately by laws of Zanzibar as well as Tanzania Mainland.

She said that acquisition of such funds becomes difficult especially in Zanzibar where the MP's job is only to sign to receive but they do not have the right to decide where to direct the funds.

Wingwi MP Omar Issa Kombo (CCM) asked for the CDF law to remain under the management of Parliament as it is for MPs in the Tanzania Mainland.

"Here is where the big problem is that CDF is being guided by two different laws—Zanzibar and Tanzania Mainland," he said.



Cosmas Mazuma (L), chairman of Chikago village in Ulanga District, pictured yesterday briefing Dr Rose Rwakatare (2nd-R), chairperson of CCM's parents' wing for Morogoro Region, on how floodwaters have swamped his family paddy farm. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

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## ACCESS MICROFINANCE BANK TANZANIA LIMITED

## PUBLICATION OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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

## CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

(Amounts in million shillings)

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	31 March 2024	31 December 2023
<b>A. ASSETS</b>		
1 Cash	6,191	8,403
2 Balances with Bank of Tanzania	7,017	6,516
3 Investment in government securities	-	-
4 Balances with other banks and financial institutions	221	147
5 Cheques and Items for clearing	13	17
6 Inter branch float items	-	-
7 Bills negotiated	-	-
8 Customers' liabilities for acceptances	-	-
9 Interbank loans receivable	200	204
10 Investment in other securities	-	-
Loans, advances and overdrafts (Net of allowances for probable losses)	59,216	55,240
12 Other assets	4,803	4,623
13 Equity investments	-	-
14 Underwriting accounts	-	-
15 Property, plant and equipment (net)	3,189	3,428
16 <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>80,850</b>	<b>78,579</b>
<b>B. LIABILITIES</b>		
17 Deposits from other banks and financial institutions	-	501
18 Customer deposits	64,068	61,735
19 Cash letters of credit	-	-
20 Special deposits	-	-
21 Payment orders/transfers payable	-	-
22 Bankers' cheques and drafts issued	-	-
23 Accrued taxes and expenses payable	889	1,055
24 Acceptances outstanding	-	-
25 Inter branch float items	-	-
26 Unearned income and other deferred charges	1,569	1,408
27 Other liabilities	5,381	5,251
28 Borrowings	-	-
29 <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>71,907</b>	<b>69,950</b>
30 <b>NET ASSETS / (LIABILITIES) (16 minus 29)</b>	<b>8,943</b>	<b>8,629</b>
<b>C. SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>		
31 Paid up share capital	40,000	40,000
32 Deposits for shares	-	-
33 Retained Earnings	(31,371)	(32,537)
34 Profit/(Loss) account	314	1,166
35 Regulatory Reserve	-	-
36 Minority interest	-	-
37 <b>TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>	<b>8,943</b>	<b>8,629</b>
38 Contingent liabilities	235	653
39 Non performing loans & advances	3,573	3,780
40 Allowances for probable losses	4,514	4,761
41 Other non performing assets	64	64
<b>D. SELECTED FINANCIAL CONDITION INDICATORS</b>		
(i) Shareholders' funds to total assets	11.06%	10.98%
(ii) Non performing loans to total gross loans	5.61%	6.31%
(iii) Gross loans and advances to total deposits	99.47%	96.41%
(iv) Loans and advances to total assets	73.24%	70.30%
(v) Earning assets to total assets	73.49%	70.56%
(vi) Deposits growth	2.94%	4.32%
(vii) Assets growth	2.89%	1.72%

## CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS STATEMENT FOR QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

(Amounts in million shillings)

	Current Quarter 31 March 2024	Previous Quarter 31 December 2023	Cumulative Current Year 31 March 2024	Comparative year Cumulative 31 March 2023
<b>I: Cash flow from operating activities:</b>				
Net (loss)/profit before tax	417	99	417	572
Adjustments for:				
- Amortization/depreciation charges	409	338	409	894
- net change in loans and advances	(3,976)	(1,295)	(3,976)	(3,352)
- gain/(loss) on sale of assets	(8)	(19)	(8)	-
- net change in deposits	1,833	2,588	1,833	1,686
- net change in short term negotiable securities	-	-	-	-
- net change in other liabilities	479	(968)	479	137
- net change in other assets	(261)	(176)	(261)	(366)
- tax paid	(63)	(55)	(63)	(75)
- others Net change in SMR	(279)	(88)	(279)	(58)
<b>Net cash provided (used) by operating activities</b>	<b>(1,449)</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>(1,449)</b>	<b>(563)</b>
<b>II: Cash flow from investing activities:</b>				
Dividend received	-	-	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets	(129)	(43)	(129)	(43)
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	8	19	8	-
Purchase of non-dealing securities	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of non-dealing securities	-	-	-	-
Deferred revenue grant	(31)	(47)	(31)	(17)
<b>Net cash provided (used) by investing activities</b>	<b>(152)</b>	<b>(71)</b>	<b>(152)</b>	<b>(60)</b>
<b>III: Cash from financing activities:</b>				
Repayment of long term debt	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from issuance of long term debt	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from issuance of share capital	-	-	-	-
Payment of cash dividends	-	-	-	-
Net change in other borrowings	-	-	-	-
Lease payments	(324)	(143)	(324)	(225)
<b>Net cash provided (used) by financing activities</b>	<b>(324)</b>	<b>(143)</b>	<b>(324)</b>	<b>(225)</b>
<b>IV: Cash and cash equivalents:</b>				
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(1,925)	210	(1,925)	(848)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the quarter/year	11,744	11,534	11,744	10,277
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the quarter/year	9,819	11,744	9,819	9,429

## CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

(Amounts in million shillings)

	Share Capital	Share Premium	Retained Earnings	Statutory Reserve	General Provision Reserve	Deposit for shares	Total
<b>Current period up to 31 March 2024</b>							
Balance as at the beginning of the year 2024	40,000	-	(31,371)	-	-	-	8,629
Profit for the period	-	-	314	-	-	-	314
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance as at 31 March 2024</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(31,057)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,943</b>
<b>Previous Year up to 31 December 2023</b>							
Balance as at the beginning of the year 2023	40,000	-	(32,537)	-	-	-	7,463
Profit for the year	-	-	1,166	-	-	-	1,166
Transfer to Statutory Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance as at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(31,371)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,629</b>

## CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

(Amounts in million)

	Current Quarter ended 31 March 2024	Comparative Quarter ended 31 March 2023	Current Year Cumulative 31 March 2024	Comparative Year Cumulative 31 March 2023
1 Interest income	130	117	131	117
2 Interest expense	6,677	5,872	6,677	5,872
3 <b>Net interest income</b>	<b>(6,547)</b>	<b>(5,755)</b>	<b>(6,546)</b>	<b>(5,755)</b>
4 Bad debts written-off	-	-	-	-
5 Impairment losses on loans and advances	(356)	(465)	(356)	(465)
6 <b>Non-interest income:</b>	<b>1,191</b>	<b>1,267</b>	<b>1,191</b>	<b>1,267</b>
6.1 Foreign currency dealings and translation gains/(losses)	(46)	25	(46)	25
6.2 Fees and commissions	386	351	386	351
6.3 Dividend income	-	-	-	-
6.4 Other operating income	850	891	850	891
7 <b>Non interest expenses</b>	<b>(5,921)</b>	<b>(4,898)</b>	<b>(5,921)</b>	<b>(4,898)</b>
7.1 Salaries and benefits	(3,306)	(3,147)	(3,306)	(3,147)
7.2 Fees and commission	(156)	(130)	(156)	(130)
7.3 Other operating expense	(2,460)	(1,621)	(2,460)	(1,621)
8 <b>Operating income/(loss)</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>576</b>
9 Income tax provision	(103)	(172)	(103)	(172)
10 <b>Net profit/(loss) after income tax</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>404</b>
11 <b>Other Comprehensive Income (itemize)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
12 <b>Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>404</b>
13 Number of employees	376	392	376	392
14 Basic Earnings Per Share	31	40	31	40
15 Number of branches	8	8	8	8
<b>SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS</b>				
(i) Return on average total assets	1.56%	2.23%	1.56%	2.23%
(ii) Return on average ordinary shareholders' funds	14.23%	20.77%	14.23%	20.77%
(iii) Non interest expense to gross income	75.25%	68.61%	75.25%	68.61%
(iv) Net Interest income to average earning assets	37.89%	37.93%	37.89%	37.93%

In preparation of the quarterly financial statements, consistent accounting policies have been used as those applicable to the previous year audited financial statements.

Signed by: Julius J. Ruwaichi Chief Executive Officer Date: 22 April 2024

Signed by: Tajinder Singh Chief Financial Officer Date: 22 April 2024

Signed by: Beatrice Temba Ag. Head of Internal Audit Date: 22 April 2024

We the undersigned Directors attest to the faithful representation of the above statements. We declare that the statements have been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief have been prepared in conformance with International Financial Reporting Standards and requirements of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 2016 and they present a true and fair view.

Signed by: Thomas Engelhardt Chairperson Date: 22 April 2024

Signed by: Johannes Mainhardt Director Date: 22 April 2024

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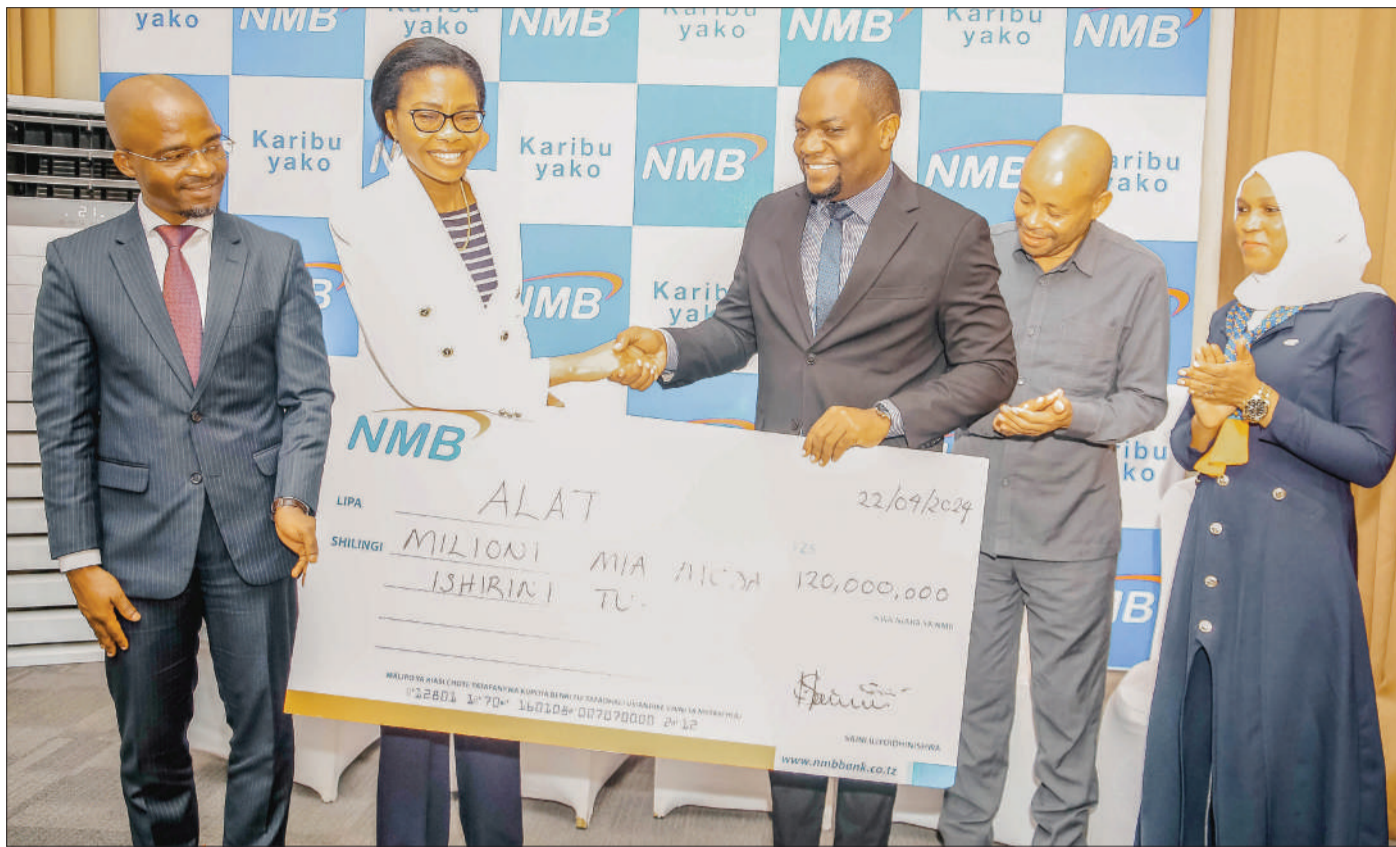
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NMB Bank CEO Ruth Zaipuna (2nd-L) pictured in Zanzibar on Monday presenting a dummy cheque for 120m/- to Association of Local Authorities of Tanzania (ALAT) vice chairman Sema Constantine Sema in part-sponsorship of the body's general meeting which opened yesterday. Switnessing the event are NMB's Chief Officer for Wholesale Banking and Government, Alfred Shao (L), the bank's Commercial Manager for Zanzibar, Naima Said Shaame (R), and ALAT acting secretary general Mohamed Maje. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# HakiElimu makes recommendations on FY 2024/2025 Education budget

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

HAKIELIMU has made five recommendations on effective budget for education sector in the financial year 2024/2025 for successful implementation of the new primary and secondary education curriculum.

Dr John Kalage, HakiElimu executive director, made the recommendations in Dar es Salaam yesterday as he briefed journalists on the organisation's pre-budget key points for this year's education sector budget expected to be tabled in the National Assembly next month.

Dr Kalage said the government should bear full responsibility of ensuring sufficient budget for printing and distribution of textbooks in schools based on the analysis indicating that many schools, especially public ones, have not yet received hard copies of the new textbooks for implementation.

"We are aware that the government has been retaining 40 percent of subsidy for textbook distribution which, however, has proven to be insufficient. The government should establish a special distribution plan for textbooks in schools with specific timeline for completing this task. This plan will assist schools, teachers and communities in planning and contributing in areas where the government may delay reaching," he said.

Dr Kalage said that the new curriculum has brought additional responsibilities for teachers at both levels of primary and secondary schools, adding that to ensure the effective implementation of the new curriculum, all teachers not only need to understand it well but also need to be capacitated on how to implement it effectively.

"HakiElimu proposes that since it is crucial for every teacher to understand and receive training on implementation of the new early childhood and primary school curriculum, the government should come up with a clear budget plan showing how all primary school teachers nationwide will be reached and trained; 4,900 teachers are a very small number compared to over 200,000 teachers currently in primary schools and eligible for the training," he said.

Making a reference to the Curriculum Training Director at the Tanzania Institute of Education (TIE) at the end of November 2023, 4,900 teachers were expected to

receive training on the implementation of the new early childhood and primary education curriculum which officially began in January 2024. The teachers were from Iringa Region (1,832), Mwanza Region (2,100), and Dar es Salaam and the Coast Region (1,110).

According to the Government Education Statistics (GEST 2022), there were a total of 197,919 primary school teachers in the country, with 171,993 teachers in public schools and 25,926 teachers in private schools and all are eligible for in-service training on execution of the new curriculum.

With budgeting for a thorough revision of Education Act (2002) and development of the Fourth Education Sector Development Plan (ESDP IV), the director recommended for the government through the Ministry of Education to set budget and plan for commencement of development of the Fourth Education Development Plan during the financial year 2024/2025.

On the aspect of integration of technology in the implementation of the new education curriculum, he said it was evident that effective implementation of the new curriculum, especially in execution of vocational pathway and practical education aspects, will heavily rely on the use of technology and technological tools. Since this curriculum is a tool to drive this nation towards 2050, the implementation framework must clearly embrace the use of technology from grassroots level.

"While HakiElimu commends the government for such initiatives which also involve the establishment and development of 800 centres in primary schools or teacher centres for delivering ICT-based training through digital libraries and online learning management systems, we urge the government to ensure that these plans are inclusive and implemented in all schools to provide equal opportunities for every child in the country to access quality education," he said.

He called on the government's reassessment and approval of new grant amounts for schools as the capitation grant should address the costs of ongoing maintenance of tools, equipment and materials used in technical training programmes to facilitate the provision of practical education. Schools will now need workshops and laboratories with equipment that will undoubtedly incur costs in maintenance and repair.

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

# 'Tourist arrivals rose by 32% from 2022 to 2023'

THE number of tourists has increased from 1.4 million in 2022 to 1.8 million in 2023 with the increase attributed to various promotion efforts.

The arrivals reached 118 percent in 2023, which is an increase of 32 percent before the outbreak of Covid-19, according to Natural Resources and Tourism Minister Angellah Kairuki.

She spoke here during an event to announce results of wildlife census and launch of report on tourists who visited the country in 2023.

She said tourism sector in the world was improving despite the Covid-19 challenge, which had significantly affected the sector in the last four years.

"In Tanzania, we have broken records due to strengthening of tourism sector. We have surpassed the world average by 24.3 percent," she said.

Tourists from Europe, the United States

and other African countries topped the list of visitors who entered the country and toured various attractions.

Kairuki said that for the year 2023, tourists from the United States increased by 16 percent, Italy by 8 percent, Canada by 7.6 percent, the UK by 5.9 percent and France by 5.4 percent.

As for African countries, she said more tourists came from Zambia, Kenya, Burundi, Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Kairuki said the government was increasing efforts to promote tourism in China, India, Saudi Arabia and Latin America.

Kairuki also launched an animal census report showing that elephants

have increased in game reserves and zoos in the country.

Animal census was conducted in three out of 11 ecological areas in the country namely Nyerere-Selous, Mikumi-Saadani-Wamimbiki and Serengeti.

Dr Eblate Mjinga, director of Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI), said in the study they found that poaching has dropped from 16 percent to 0.8 percent.

He also said that research has revealed that there are risk indicators that are challenging for wildlife habitats.

"Dangerous indicators are animal husbandry, cutting down trees and construction of shelters in protected areas," he said.

## ACCESS MICROFINANCE BANK TANZANIA LIMITED MINIMUM DISCLOSURES OF BANK CHARGES AND FEES

DESCRIPTION	CHARGE/FEE		SPECIAL ACCESS MICROFINANCE ACCOUNT		NIFAKA TRANSACTIONAL ACCOUNT		NORMAL CURRENT ACCOUNT (NIFAKA ACCOUNTS)	
	TZS	USD	TZS	USD/EURO	TZS	USD/EURO	TZS	USD/EURO
Account opening balance	10,000.00	50.00	10,000.00	50.00	10,000.00	50.00	10,000.00	50.00
Monthly service fee	6,000.00	30.00	6,000.00	30.00	6,000.00	30.00	6,000.00	30.00
Cash withdrawal over counter up to 10M	3,000.00	15.00	3,000.00	15.00	3,000.00	15.00	3,000.00	15.00
Cash withdrawal over counter >10M	10,000.00	50.00	10,000.00	50.00	10,000.00	50.00	10,000.00	50.00
Bank statement (free per month)	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE
Bank statement subsequent months	10,000.00	50.00	10,000.00	50.00	10,000.00	50.00	10,000.00	50.00
New ATM card issuance	10,000.00	50.00	10,000.00	50.00	10,000.00	50.00	10,000.00	50.00
ATM card renewal or replacement	10,000.00	50.00	10,000.00	50.00	10,000.00	50.00	10,000.00	50.00
Replacement of PIN	10,000.00	50.00	10,000.00	50.00	10,000.00	50.00	10,000.00	50.00
Standing order Internal	2,000.00	10.00	2,000.00	10.00	2,000.00	10.00	2,000.00	10.00
Standing order External	12,000.00	60.00	12,000.00	60.00	12,000.00	60.00	12,000.00	60.00
Domestic account fee	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE
Interbank transfer	2,000.00	10.00	2,000.00	10.00	2,000.00	10.00	2,000.00	10.00
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International transfer	10,000.00	50.00	10,000.00	50.00	10,000.00	50.00	10,000.00	50.00
Closed account	10,000.00	50.00	10,000.00	50.00	10,000.00	50.00	10,000.00	50.00
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International transfer	10,000.00	50.00	10,000.00	50.00	10,000.00	50.00	10,000.00	50.00
Closed account	10,000.00	50.00	10,000.00	50.00	10,000.00	50.00	10,000.00	50.00



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## Acting on CAG's annual reports should see more fire than smoke

WITH overall intolerance for corruption on the rise, both on the global stage and at the local level, it is not surprising to see that high-level administrators in our country are adding fire to what there is already in terms of combating graft in the corridors of power.

Vice President Dr Philip Mpango was on hand at the start of the week to add graft to what many see as a general decline of moral standards though, in truth, stealing public funds is not central to what is routinely recognised as such.

This feature alone is a sort of warning signal that grouping corruption with morality as such is not all that workable.

Indeed, it is possible that the media have been sort of amalgamating the two while the VP may have kept them sufficiently distinct in his remarks.

There is a sense in which those taking money from public coffers for private use are viewed as heroes in the sense of people having achieved a lot. They also once in a while exercise a certain amount of charity, drawing large crowds of admirers or sympathisers.

In that case, when fairly big numbers of members of society see such individuals as caring, sensitive and mindful of the sufferings of others, stating or even merely suggesting the latter are involved in graft poses a few problems.

Changing personnel in the government or other layers of public office hinges on the neutrality or otherwise of the public on such changes, and thus it is workable.

However, direct accusations of graft could lead the accusers into trouble. This would apply even if it is the government pointing the accusing fingers, and it would at times need to spend a range of resources - time, energy, finances, etc. - just to show that it had the best of intentions.

As they say, prevention is better than cure, so the government always takes care not to hurt people's feelings

unnecessarily and then be compelled to go into a defensive situation approximating an apology.

In that case, being made to feel compelled to account for negligence or laxity and seeing the government losing funds has never been pivotal in its orientation and indeed the CAG reports are mostly advisory in character.

The reports were previously not being tabled in the legislature, the reason being that most of what is there isn't individual action as in routine audits.

Personalised graft is something that is fairly easily detected in internal audit - that a certain amount of money is missing or has not been collected, and for no apparent reason.

When public institutions open their books of accounts for audit by the National Audit Office headed by the CAG, they aren't seeking a complementary audit to their own work but asking for appreciation of what they have been doing.

There will often be weaknesses, but they will not be situations where this or that director will have siphoned funds.

So, what is usually called corruption isn't what is brought out on an individual basis in the CAG's reports but rather the framework in which public entities operate.

The pecuniary interests of the respective entities' board members, higher management and staff will usually be evident in the manner in which cash is spent.

These would be the sorts of malaise that national audit staff battle with every day, whether with intent to see the situation as routine if unpleasant, or sanction it with a qualified view.

In other words, the very idea of taking action would be misplaced in the one can't really sanction entities as such. With this scenario, there is a very need to ensure that there is much more punch in action is taken on the CAG's annual reports than hitherto witnessed.

## Neighbours should help Burundi, even given their own nightmares

WHILE we are experiencing weeks of destructive flooding and subsequent displacement of people each passing day, it is not out of question to actively sympathize with those near our borders who are in even more perilous situations.

Reports in regional and international media talk of large numbers of people in Burundi struggling to cope with flooding after months of heavy rains.

Hundreds of thousands are being displaced as homes, schools and other public facilities are damaged or destroyed, and one can imagine how much the government there has to face up to.

Ordinarily, governments are expected to have something in reserve or in store - something meant for the rainy day, the difference being that this is an expression glancing at a household unable to cook as the wood is too wet to be usable.

The situation there includes this aspect but more significantly they have nowhere to sleep and even find food when everything is washed away, as we have seen here with the Hanang' or Rufiji situations.

Trouble is that the rains aren't stopping anytime soon, and no one knows what more disruptions the weather may bring up in various localities - particularly to infrastructure.

That evident uncertainty will likely hold the hands of decision makers from moving to take something out of the store.

But there is every reason to make an effort to see what we, however only sparingly more fortunate we may be than they are, can spare. It could be in our capacity as a nation (government) or as individuals.

Saying that all this ought to be left to

the international community would amount to excessive dependency and in a way add to misfortunes, as helping someone in need is itself a prayer to have the same avoided in one's own regard.

It isn't proof that no misfortune will occur but we all need benediction so as to avoid the worst. And the regional setting implies structured sympathy.

If someone's house is burning, neighbours will ordinarily do what most they can and with whatever means they can muster to save people and salvage whatever they can.

They will not just stand idle or remain inside and ring the fire and rescue brigades as that would be grossly unbecoming.

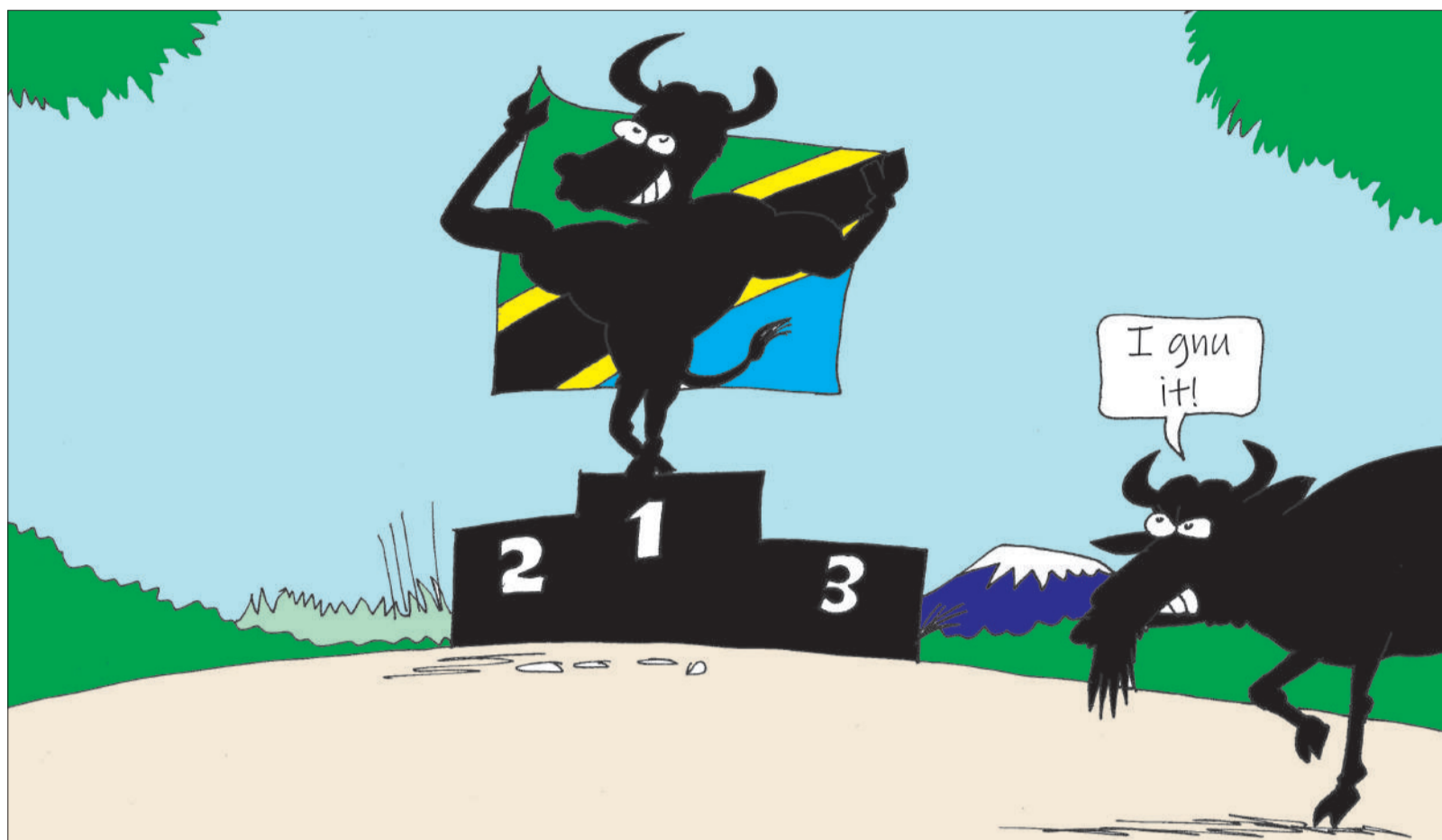
What forms a community is sympathy, in line with the adage to the effect that a friend in need is a friend indeed.

Moving to chip in with assistance would not necessarily suggest that we care for our neighbours intensely but firstly that we are aware of duty to assist anyone in danger.

There is some reciprocity about helping those in need and remaining just and fair among ourselves. That a family which cares about a neighbour or relative in need is unlikely to show a lack of interest in the lot of a family member if something negative were to happen.

The spirit of charity is a defensive enzyme and not a just a proactive, outstretched function directed to the needs of others but having no relevance to our own needs. Of course, this should not mean seeking to do the impossible.

Charity is a confirmation of civility. Ignoring it when an appeal whether silent or otherwise rings out damages the fabric on which that very family, entity or society is built and could elicit negative impressions.



## Will a Two-State Solution include Palestine as a UN Member State?

By Thalif Deen, UNITED NATIONS

THE Biden administration, once again displayed its political hypocrisy by denying UN membership to Palestine, while continuing to advocate a "two-state" solution to the crisis in the Middle East.

But one lingering question remains: will the two-state solution include - or exclude - Palestine as a full-fledged UN member state?

Sarah Leah Whitson, Executive Director of the Washington-based Democracy for the Arab World Now (DAWN), told IPS: "That the US has once again resorted to its well-worn veto to block Palestine's UN membership is all you need to know about why its pretend commitment to a 'two-state solution' is nothing but empty rhetoric".

The US has been Israel's number one weapons supplier in ensuring that a Palestinian state never emerges, both by blocking meaningful action from the international community and providing Israel with a bottomless arsenal of weapons with which to terrorize Palestinians, she pointed out.

Meanwhile, the denial of UN membership to Palestine also underlines the continued abuse of veto powers not only by the US but also China and Russia who use it as a weapon to protect their political and military allies worldwide.

The beneficiaries mostly include Israel, North Korea, Syria and Myanmar. Since 1992, according to Wikipedia, Russia has been the most frequent user of the veto, followed by the United States and China.

As of March 2024, Russia/USSR has used its veto 128 times, the US 85 times, the UK 29 times, China 19 times, and France 16 times. On 26 April 2022, the General Assembly adopted a resolution mandating a debate when a veto is cast in the Security Council.

Norman Solomon, Executive Director, Institute for Public Accuracy and National Director, RootsAction.org told IPS the U.S. solo veto again underscored its chosen isolation from world opinion and governmental lineup about Israel and the human rights of Palestinian people.

Washington's position is morally untenable, based squarely on



Mahmoud Abbas (centre right), President of the State of Palestine, addresses an event to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Nakba, held by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People on 15 May 2023.

"might makes right" geopolitics, he said.

Even inside the United States, the political tide is shifting away from reflexive support for Israel, but - rhetoric aside - the White House remains locked into support for the Israeli system of apartheid and occupation, while a majority of Congress remains willing to fund Israel's genocidal war on people in Gaza, Solomon pointed out.

"The U.S. government doesn't want Palestine to have a seat at the U.N. table because the U.S. government actually doesn't recognize that such an entity as 'Palestine' even exists. Nor do top policymakers in the U.S. executive and legislative branches truly proceed as though Palestinian people have legitimate claims on Palestine".

The tacit U.S. approach, he said, is that history in the region begins whenever convenient for the U.S.-Israeli alliance, whether in 1948 or 1967 or on Oct. 7, 2023.

There are many flaws in the stances and pretensions of members of the Security Council, whether permanent or rotating. The governments they represent vary from having significant elements of democracy to operating as de facto dictatorships.

"Yet, to a notable degree and to a wide extent, on matters involving Israel and Palestinians, the votes

cast at the U.N. in both the Security Council and the General Assembly reflect as close to a consensus of governments and peoples as exists in the world today".

Israel is an apartheid state, its occupation of territories since 1967 is absolutely illegitimate, and its war on the people living and dying in Gaza is mass murder, said Solomon, author of "War Made Invisible: How America Hides the Human Toll of Its Military Machine".

According to an April 22 report on Cable News Network (CNN), Israel's Foreign Ministry will summon ambassadors from several countries later this week to express its displeasure for their support for Palestinian membership at the UN, Israeli Foreign Minister Israel Katz was quoted as saying.

"The diplomatic push involves countries that have voted in favor of Palestinian membership in the UN and have ambassadors stationed in Israel, including France, Ecuador, Japan, Malta, South Korea, Slovenia, China and Russia".

Algeria, Sierra Leone, Guyana and Mozambique - which also supported the proposal - do not have embassies in Israel, CNN said.

In a statement last week, the Washington, D.C., based Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) said: "The

Biden administration should be ashamed and embarrassed after 12 nations rejected its plea to vote against membership for the State of Palestine, forcing the United States to stand alone with another unjust veto.

"For decades, the UN Security Council has failed to prevent unjust wars and genocide around the world. The world should no longer accept a flawed system in which five nations can exercise veto power over the affairs of more than eight billion people, including nearly two billion Muslims who are not represented among the five permanent members." CAIR said.

"Nations and people of the world must push for the UN Security Council to be either radically reformed or abolished altogether in the years ahead."

According to the UN, States are admitted to UN membership by a decision of the 193-member General Assembly upon the recommendation of the 15-member Security Council.

The resolution needs a two-thirds majority (currently 128 votes) in the General Assembly and no vetoes in the Security Council. The State of Palestine was accepted as "a non-member observer state" of the UN General Assembly in November 2012.



By Anastazia Rugaba

# Rising burden of NCDs: Need for comprehensive public awareness, improved health care services



In addition to raising awareness and fostering accountability, the media can also advocate for policies and programs that promote NCD prevention and control. By providing a platform for experts, policymakers, and community leaders to discuss strategies for addressing NCDs, the media can amplify their voices and catalyze public support for evidence-based interventions, such as tobacco control measures, healthy food policies, and initiatives to promote physical activity.

Furthermore, the media can play a crucial role in destigmatizing NCDs and raising awareness about the importance of early detection and treatment. By featuring stories of individuals living with NCDs and showcasing the impact of timely interventions, the media can help reduce fear, misinformation, and discrimination surrounding these conditions, encouraging individuals to seek healthcare services and adhere to treatment regimens.

The media has immense potential to drive positive change in the fight against NCDs in Tanzania. By harnessing its power to inform, educate, advocate, and inspire, the media can contribute to a nationwide effort to prevent and control NCDs, ultimately saving lives and improving the health and well-being of all Tanzanians. It's time for media organizations, journalists, and content creators to recognize their role as allies in the fight against NCDs and to use their platforms to make a difference.

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Non-communicable diseases (NCDs) are on the rise in Tanzania, posing a significant threat to public health. From cancer to cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, and chronic respiratory diseases, these silent killers are claiming lives and burdening our healthcare system. Moreover, conditions like sickle cell disease, genetic disorders, mental health issues, violence, injuries, and oral, hearing, and eye disorders further compound the challenges we face.

The statistics are alarming. In 2019 alone, NCDs accounted for 37 percent of deaths in Sub-Saharan Africa, a stark increase from 24 percent in 2000. What's more concerning is that chronic and severe NCDs, such as type 1 diabetes, acute rheumatic fever, rheumatic heart disease, and sickle cell disease, disproportionately affect our children and young adults. Early diagnosis, treatment, and care are essential to mitigate the devastating effects of these conditions.

Unfortunately, awareness of NCDs remains low among Tanzanians. Many people are unaware of the risk factors, symptoms, and preventive measures associated with these diseases. This lack of awareness, coupled with poor access to healthcare services and weak health systems, contributes to the high mortality and morbidity rates we witness.

In response to this growing crisis, Tanzania must take proactive measures to raise awareness and implement local mitigation and solutions.

We need to launch comprehensive public awareness campaigns to educate Tanzanians about the risk factors, symptoms, and preventive measures for NCDs. These campaigns should utilize various media channels, including television, radio, social media, and community outreach programs.

We need to invest in strengthening our healthcare systems to improve access to quality healthcare services, especially in rural and peri-urban areas. This includes expanding healthcare infrastructure, training healthcare professionals, and ensuring the availability of essential medicines and equipment.

We need to promote and encourage the adoption of healthy lifestyles through education and advocacy initiatives. This includes promoting regular exercise, healthy eating habits, smoking cessation, and reducing alcohol consumption.

Dr Janabi has been taken advantage of most of the time but how I wish Tanzanians would have taken him seriously.

We also need to foster collaboration between government agencies, healthcare providers, civil society organizations, and the private sector to develop and implement comprehensive NCD prevention and control programs. This collaborative approach will maximize resources and expertise to address the complex challenges posed by NCDs.

We should moreover, invest in research and innovation to develop locally relevant solutions for preventing, diagnosing, and treating NCDs. This includes supporting research institutions, encouraging innovation in healthcare delivery, and leveraging technology to improve healthcare access and delivery.

## The role of religious leaders

Religious leaders have a unique platform to reach and engage with large segments of the population. Their sermons, teachings, and community outreach activities offer opportunities to educate people about the importance of healthy lifestyles and preventive healthcare measures. By integrating messages about NCD prevention and control into their religious teachings, leaders can raise awareness and inspire positive behavior change.

Moreover, religious institutions often serve as hubs of social support and community cohesion. They can leverage this role to facilitate health promotion activities, such as organizing health screenings, educational workshops, and support groups for individuals affected by NCDs. By providing a supportive environment for healthy living, religious communities can empower their members to make informed choices about their health and well-being.

Religious leaders can also advocate for policy changes and initiatives that promote NCD prevention and control at the national level. By lending their moral authority and influence, they can amplify the voices of communities affected by NCDs and advocate for policies that address underlying social determinants of health, such as poverty, inequality, and access to healthcare.

Furthermore, religious leaders can lead by example by adopting healthy behaviors themselves and encouraging their congregations to do the same. Whether it's promoting physical activity, healthy eating, or smoking cessation, their commitment to health can inspire others to follow suit and create a culture of wellness within their communities.

## Media role

The media, in its various forms - from television and radio to newspapers and social media platforms - has an unparalleled ability to disseminate information to large audiences across the country. By dedicating airtime, column space, and online platforms to NCD-related content, media outlets can ensure that critical health messages reach individuals in both urban and rural areas.

Through informative programs, documentaries, and news reports, the media can educate the public about the risk factors associated with NCDs, such as tobacco use, unhealthy diets, physical inactivity, and harmful alcohol consumption. By highlighting the consequences of these behaviors and showcasing success stories of individuals who have adopted healthier lifestyles, the media can inspire positive behavior change and empower viewers to take control of their health.

Moreover, the media can serve as a watchdog, holding policymakers and stakeholders accountable for their actions - or inactions - in addressing the NCD epidemic. Investigative journalism can shine a spotlight on issues such as inadequate healthcare infrastructure, limited access to essential medicines, and gaps in policy implementation, prompting policymakers to take action and allocate resources where they are most needed.



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CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MARCH 2024			
(Amount in million shillings)			
	Current quarter March 31, 2024	Previous quarter December 31, 2023	
<b>A. ASSETS</b>			
1 Cash	26,153	28,567	
2 Balance with Bank of Tanzania	114,052	163,788	
3 Investment in Government securities	406,636	388,983	
4 Balances with Other banks and financial institutions	41,839	49,694	
5 Cheques and items for clearing	219	128	
6 Interbranch float items	-	-	
7 Bills negotiated	-	-	
8 Customers' liabilities for acceptances	-	-	
9 Interbank loans receivables	19,224	86,861	
10 Investments in other securities	-	-	
11 Loans, Advances and overdrafts	-	-	
(net of allowances for probable losses)	978,030	959,655	
12 Other Assets	62,546	54,522	
13 Equity investments	-	-	
14 Underwriting accounts	-	-	
15 Property, Plant and equipment	33,617	34,728	
16 Right of use asset	22,673	22,012	
17 TOTAL ASSETS	1,804,988	1,788,938	
<b>B. LIABILITIES</b>			
18 Deposits from other banks and financial institutions	24,404	2,899	
19 Customer deposits	1,463,606	1,488,441	
20 Cash letters of credit	4,652	5,276	
21 Special deposits	16,952	1,558	
22 Payment orders/transfers payable	-	-	
23 Bankers Cheques and drafts issued	-	-	
24 Accrued taxes and other expenses payable	2,861	2,530	
25 Acceptances outstanding	-	-	
26 Interbranch float items	-	-	
27 Unearned income and other deferred charges	2,451	2,507	
28 Other liabilities	16,742	15,052	
29 Long-term borrowing	1,938	3,943	
30 Provisions liability	19,681	19,087	
31 TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,553,287	1,541,232	
32 NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) (16 minus 29)	251,702	247,706	
<b>C. SHAREHOLDERS' FUND</b>			
33 Paid up share capital	2,520	2,520	
34 Capital reserves	45,935	45,935	
35 Retained earnings	193,109	175,836	
36 Profit/(loss) account	8,753	14,733	
37 Other capital accounts	1,385	6,142	
38 Minority interest	-	-	
39 TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	251,702	247,706	
40 Contingent liabilities	157,121	143,328	
41 Non performing loans & advances	80,019	76,822	
42 Allowances for probable losses	62,765	55,337	
43 Other non performing assets	-	-	
<b>D. SELECTED FINANCIAL CONDITION INDICATORS</b>			
(i) Shareholders fund to total assets	13.9%	13.8%	
(ii) Non performing loans to total gross loans	7.7%	7.6%	
(iii) Gross loans and advances to total deposits	68.9%	67.8%	
(iv) Loans and advances to total assets	54.2%	53.6%	
(v) Lending assets to Total Assets	82.4%	79.0%	
(vi) Annualized deposits growth	3.7%	4.6%	
(vii) Annualized assets growth	3.6%	5.7%	

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW STATEMENT				
FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2024				
(Amounts in million shillings)				
	Current quarter March 31, 2024	Previous quarter December 31, 2023	Current Year Cumulative March 31, 2024	Comparative Year (Previous Year) Cumulative March 31, 2023
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>				
Net income	12,505	13,611	12,505	5,543
Adjustments for:				
Impairment/ Amortization	11,369	5,794	11,369	7,716
Net change in loans and advances	(25,514)	(66,127)	(25,514)	(34,947)
loss on sale of assets	(56)	(12)	(56)	(1)
Net change in deposits	11,228	21,059	11,228	52,313
Net change in Short term Negotiable Securities	(22,482)	33,930	(22,482)	(89,756)
Net change in Other liabilities	1,172	1,380	1,172	3,010
Net change in Other Assets	(8,850)	4,136	(8,850)	(14,217)
Income tax paid	(4,363)	(3,558)	(4,363)	(3,557)
Others (specify)	-	-	-	-
<b>Net cash provided (used) by operating activities</b>	<b>(24,991)</b>	<b>10,213</b>	<b>(24,991)</b>	<b>(73,896)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>				
Dividend Received	-	-	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets	(1,054)	(2,344)	(1,054)	(1,624)
Proceeds from sale of Fixed Assets	3	6	3	12
Purchase of Non-Dealing Securities	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of Non-Dealing Securities	-	-	-	-
Others (specify)	-	-	-	-
<b>Net cash provided (used) by investing activities</b>	<b>(1,051)</b>	<b>(2,338)</b>	<b>(1,051)</b>	<b>(1,612)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>				
Repayment of long-term Debt	(2,119)	-	(2,119)	(2,062)
Proceeds from issuance of Long Term debt	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from issuance of share Capital	-	-	-	-
Payment of Cash Dividends	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Other Borrowings	-	-	-	-
Others (specify)	-	20,031	-	-
<b>Net cash used by financing activities</b>	<b>(2,119)</b>	<b>20,031</b>	<b>(2,119)</b>	<b>(2,062)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents:</b>				
Net increase (Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(28,161)	27,906	(28,161)	(77,570)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Quarter/Year	243,979	216,073	243,979	266,766
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the Quarter/Year	<b>215,818</b>	<b>243,979</b>	<b>215,818</b>	<b>189,196</b>

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 31 MARCH 2024					
	Share Capital	Share Premium	Retained Earnings	Others	Total
<b>Current Year</b>					
Balance as at the beginning of the year	2,520	45,935	193,109	6,142	247,706
Profit for the year	-	-	-	8,753	8,753
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	(4,757)	(4,757)
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	-	-	-
General Provision Reserve	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at the end of the current period	2,520	45,935	193,109	10,138	251,702
<b>Previous Year</b>					
Balance as at the beginning of the year	2,520	45,935	175,527	14,640	238,622
Profit for the year	-	-	-	3,880	3,880
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	(1,540)	(1,540)
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	-	-	-
General Provision Reserve	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at the end of the previous period	2,520	45,935	175,527	16,980	240,962

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME				
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024				
(Amount in million shillings)				
	Current Quarter March 31, 2024	Previous Quarter Comparative March 31, 2023	Current Year Cumulative March 31, 2024	Previous Year Comparative March 31, 2023
1 Interest Income	36,830	30,822	36,830	30,822
2 Interest Expense	(10,846)	(9,099)	(10,846)	(9,099)
3 Net Interest Income (1 minus 2)	25,984	21,723	25,984	21,723
4 Bad Debts Written Off	(3)	(558)	(3)	(558)
5 Impairment on loans and Advances	(6,905)	(4,553)	(6,905)	(4,553)
6 Non-Interest Income:	14,992	9,068	14,992	9,068
6.1 Foreign Currency Dealings and Translation Gains	9,903	4,167	9,903	4,167
6.2 Fee and Commissions	5,116	4,864	5,116	4,864
6.3 Dividend Income	-	-	-	-
6.4 Other Operating Income	(27)	37	(27)	37
7 Non interest expense	21,563	20,037	21,563	20,037
7.1 Salaries and Benefits	8,566	7,715	8,566	7,715
7.2 Fees and Commission	9	8	9	8
7.3 Other Operating expenses	12,979	12,314	12,979	12,314
8 Operating Income	12,505	13,611	12,505	13,611
9 Income Tax Provision	(3,752)	(1,663)	(3,752)	(1,663)
10 Net Income/(loss) After Income Tax	8,753	3,880	8,753	3,880
11 Other Comprehensive Income (Items)	(4,757)	(1,540)	(4,757)	(1,540)
12 Total comprehensive income for the year	3,996	2,340	3,996	2,340
13 Number of employees	602	581	602	581
14 Basic Earning Per Share	1,389	616	1,389	616
15 Number of Branches	29	29	29	29
<b>SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS</b>				
(i) Return on average total assets	1.9%	0.9%	1.9%	0.9%
(ii) Return on average shareholders' fund	14.0%	6.5%	14.0%	6.5%
(iii) Non interest expense to gross income	52.6%	65.1%	52.6%	65.1%
(iv) Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets	7.4%	6.7%	7.4%	6.7%

**SELECTED EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

In preparation of the quarterly financial statements, consistent accounting policies have been used as those applicable to the previous year audited financial statements.

Name and Title	Date
Executive Chairman	April 23, 2024
Chief Executive Officer	-
Joseph Mwalimu	April 23, 2024
Chief Finance Officer	-
Christopher Chacha	April 23, 2024
Head - Internal Audit	-

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

Name	Date
Yusef Jamal - Director	April 23, 2024
Zakaria Shaha - Director	April 23, 2024

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By Patrick Lee

# Turtles swimming into extinction in Malaysia as male hatchlings feel heat

**U**NDER a full moon, a bulbous creature emerges from the South China Sea onto a quiet beach on the Malaysian island of Redang.

Watched closely by a team of volunteers, the green sea turtle moves slowly up the fine white sand to the top of the beach, using its flippers to dig into the sand before laying its precious cargo of eggs.

The watchers, from the Chagar Hutang Turtle Sanctuary in the northeastern state of Terengganu, creep close, recording the number of eggs and measuring the turtle as she nests on the sand.

"Redang is known for its turtles. We want to protect our treasure here," Muhammad Hafizudin Mohd Sarpar, 24, a ranger at the sanctuary, told Al Jazeera a little later that night.

But such sights might soon become a thing of the past as Malaysia's already endangered sea turtles face a new threat from the rising temperatures caused by climate change. Scientists in the Southeast Asian nation say the heat is warming the sand and disturbing the balance of male and female hatchlings the turtles need to survive.

Observations from Chagar Hutang, one of the country's most important nesting sites, show very few males have hatched from nests in recent years. It is a similar story on other beaches along the east coast.

"For many areas on the east coast of the peninsula from 2019 until 2022, the number of male turtles hatched is almost zero," Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT) turtle expert Mohd Uzair Rusli said.

"With global warming, this will result in no males being hatched."

Eggs laid by turtles incubate for as long as 60 days in the sand and are extremely sensitive to temperature.

At 29.2 degrees Celsius (84.6 Fahrenheit), a green turtle nest will result in an equal share of males and females, but a single degree in temperature change can completely shift the hatchlings' sex in one or another direction.

Uzair said this narrow range was believed to be "an evolutionary adaptation that balanced the advantages of producing both males and females".

He added that Malaysian beach temperatures were not being monitored, given that turtles nested at random sites even on the same beach, and that UMT relied on sea surface temperature reports over the decades.

The turtles, which when fully grown return to the same beach they were hatched to lay their eggs, already face enormous challenges. On average, only one out of every 1,000 turtle hatchlings will survive the 15-year journey to adulthood. Uzair worries that, with the higher temperatures, one day there may not be enough males in Malaysian waters to mate with the females.

"We predict that if we still fail to see males being hatched, maybe in about 10 to 15 years, turtles may lay their eggs but they won't hatch," he said.

Malaysia is home to four species of sea turtles, with the country's beaches once visited by thousands of the sea reptiles every year, especially in Terengganu.

Their numbers have dwindled over the decades mainly as a result of human activity - from fishing to pollution and habitat loss as well as people stealing their eggs to eat.

As turtle numbers have fallen, environmentalists have scrambled to help Malaysia's turtle populations recover.

In 1993, the isolated 350m-long Chagar Hutang beach was chosen by authorities as a conservation site to be managed by UMT, with a volunteer programme set up a few years later.

Since then, the university has been recording turtle arrivals and relocating nests away from predators - monitor lizards are partial to the eggs - as well as human threats.

Their efforts have paid off. From a few hundred nests every year in the 1990s, there were a record 2,180 nests in 2022.

But their success is being overshadowed by global warming and other man-made factors.

A record daily sea surface temperature of 21.07C (69.93F) was recorded in March, according to the United States's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Last month was also the planet's warmest March in 175 years of climate data, the NOAA said, warning there was a 99 percent chance that 2024 would be among the top five hottest years on record.

Oceans cover 70 percent of the planet and absorb 90 percent of the excess heat resulting from carbon dioxide and methane emissions produced by the burning of coal, oil and natural gas.

Plastic is compounding the problem. Improperly managed waste floating in the oceans will eventually wash ashore, absorbing even more heat and releasing it into



A turtle crawls back to the sea after laying eggs on the beach.

the sand.

Volunteers have been trying to clear the rubbish.

One morning in late March, students and university staff gathered on Chagar Hutang to clean the beach. In a single morning, they gathered enough rubbish - rope, nets and plastic - from the South China Sea to fill several small boats.

"We didn't get anywhere near all of it, and that's just from a few hundred metres of coastline," visiting Belgian student Jonas Goemans, 22, said as the team stuffed the waste into bags and loaded it onto a larger boat to be disposed of on the mainland, some 50km (31 miles) away.

"It's horrifying, and especially finding it in a place that's supposed to be a sanctuary, it's even worse," Goemans said.

Research from the US-based Florida State University in 2023 found that large amounts of microplastics, fragments of plastic less than 5mm (0.2 inches) in length, could critically raise beach sand temperatures.

The study found samples with a 30 percent concentration - nearly six times the highest-reported amounts - of black microplastics were 0.58C (33F) warmer than sand that was not contaminated with plastic.

Some studies have suggested making sand cooler for nests by shading them, although doing it for hundreds or even thousands would be difficult. Nests under trees risk hatchlings becoming entangled in their roots and could be a target for invading ants.

Improper artificial shading can also prevent rainfall from cooling hot beaches, while excess water unable to evaporate quickly enough could cause fungal infections in the nests.

"It's going to take a lot of effort to make sure that we're managing nests to produce hatchlings at cooler temperatures," said Nicholas Tolen, a researcher and PhD student with UMT.

Vital role

Having existed since the time of the dinosaurs, sea turtles play a vital role in the world's oceans and marine food chains. Leatherbacks, for example, control jellyfish populations, while green turtles feed on seagrass beds, stimulating the growth of these saltwater plants.

Among other things, seagrass helps to clean surrounding waters, reduce coastal erosion and provide habitat for small fish and other marine species.

Even before the climate crisis, Malaysia was seeing fewer and fewer turtle landings, particularly of the leatherback, the world's largest turtle, which is considered critically endangered.

Uzair said the last two leatherback turtle nests discovered in Terengganu were recorded in 2017, with eggs in both found to be infertile. In 1953, there were some 10,000 nests, according to NOAA.

Only a few sites around Malaysia still see large numbers of turtles coming ashore, and total landings are much fewer than gen-

erations before.

Even on Chagar Hutang, only the green turtle lands in large numbers with a handful of hawksbills coming ashore there every year. The green turtle is considered endangered, while the hawksbill is listed as critically endangered.

Hafizudin says he cannot imagine a Malaysia without turtles.

A Redang local himself, he says tourism is the island's main source of income, with visitors arriving primarily to catch a glimpse of its sea reptiles.

"They are like my siblings. Like my second family. When I became a ranger, I developed these feelings for them, especially when I learned they were [in danger] of becoming extinct," he said.

"If there are no turtles, the tourists will not come. There will be no attraction."

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# Dar rotary club stages a free medical camp in Bagamoyo

By Henry Mwangonde

THE Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam, Oysterbay, has conducted a free medical camp to residents of Kerege in Bagamoyo District, Coast Region.

The free screening and treatment camp took place at the weekend as part of Rotary Family Health Days (RFHD), an event which implements community development and humanitarian service programmes for preventive health care.

Abdulrahman Hussein, president of Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam Oysterbay, said the signature event was the second such programme to take place under the current rotary year.

The camp provided Malaria screening and treatment, dental screening and dental kits distribution, eye screening and treatment, menstrual hygiene education and sanitary pads distribution and non-communicable diseases (NCDs) screening treatment and education.

The camp benefited a total of 1,650 pupils from Kerege Primary School, 799 of whom were girls.

"This second programme follows the success of our first medical camp and we will continue in other areas."

"This medical camp is aligned with our overall vision of providing healthcare services to rural communities that are often underserved," he said.

Through the medical camp, the club also distributed 89 cartons of disposable sanitary pads as well as 40 packets of reusable pads for girls and women, and dental kits for pupils.

He said the success of the Kerege medical camp was based on the collaborative efforts of sponsors, volunteers and community partners who generously contributed their time, resources and expertise to make the event possible.

He added that their dedication reflects the spirit of rotary's motto 'Service Above Self' and reinforces the club's mission to create positive change in the world.

The undertaking was made possible through partnership with Tarmal Industries, Light of the World, Mastercable, White Sands, Chemicotex, Footsteps, SGA Security and PepsiCo. Other partners include over 30 medical practitioners and over 250 volunteers.



National Assembly Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson (L), who is also Mbeya Urban constituency legislator, exchanges greetings in Itezi ward, Mbeya District, at the weekend with Ismani (Iringa Region) constituency MP William Lukuvi. The latter, also a member of the team of advisors in President Samia Suluhu Hassan's Private Office, had gone to Mbeya District to comfort people rendered homeless and otherwise affected by mudslides recently. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

# JKCI schedules heart surgery camp to cater for 60 children

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

A TOTAL of 60 children with congenital heart problems are scheduled to undergo heart surgery at a medical camp to be held at Jakaya Kikwete Heart Institute (JKCI) in Dar es Salaam soon.

The eight-day major and minor heart surgery camp will be conducted by JKCI experts in collaboration with their colleagues from the Little Heart project of Muntada Aid Organization based in London.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday about the camp, head of division of child diseases for children at JKCI Dr Sulende Kubhoja, said that during the camp, children will be examined and those found with problems that require surgery will undergo minor heart surgery through a small hole by using Cathlab machine as well as major heart surgery by opening the chest.

"We ask parents with children suffering from heart problems including holes, blood vessels and heart valves to bring them to JKCI for examination and treatment," he said.

"We also ask doctors from all hospitals in the country to refer children with these problems to JKCI to get specialist medical services," said the paediatric cardiologist.

Dr Alex Joseph, heart surgeon at JKCI, said they

expect to perform a major open chest surgery on 20 children.

"A patient undergoing major heart surgery needs a lot of blood; we are thankful that we have enough blood for the children undergoing surgery. We ask citizens to continue donating blood for our children undergoing heart surgery," he said.

Dr Stella Mongella, a cardiologist for children at JKCI, said that in the camp 40 children will undergo minor heart surgery through a small hole by using Cathlab machine.

"Cathlab machine is a specialized laboratory that uses radiation to diagnose and treat heart; the treatment we provide is to seal holes in the heart as well as unblocked clogged blood vessels," she said.

Kabir Miah, project manager at Muntada Aid Organization, said that the organization has many projects including health, education and water and it works in various countries whereas in Africa it works in 30 countries including Tanzania.

"This is the ninth time we have come to Tanzania to help children with heart problems and we have performed surgery on 475 children; we are happy to see that we have been able to save the lives of children who after recovery continue their lives like other children who were not born with heart problems," he said.

# The Guardian journos among Merck media awardees 2023

By Guardian Reporter

MERCK Foundation, a branch of Merck KGaA Germany, in collaboration with first ladies of African countries has announced 11 journalists from Tanzania as winners of its awards, including four from The Guardian Limited.

The 'Merck Foundation Media Recognition Awards 2023' recognize contribution of media outlets in the protection of women and girls' dignity and public health education against Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs).

Among 11 awardees are journalists from The Guardian Limited, namely Marco Maduhu, Shaban Njia and Christina Mwakangale of Nipashe newspaper and Beatrice Philemon of The Guardian newspaper.

Others are Aveline Kitomary (Habari Leo), Veronica Mrema (matukio na maisha blog), Adam Hando (CG Fm), Tulinagwe Malopa (Gazetini), Lucy John Bosco (Mwananchi), Mwanaisha Makumbuli (Highlands Fm) and Olga Lungala (Moshi Fm).

Maduhu won second place in the 'More Than a Mother' award, a category on protection of girls and women's integrity and addressing discrimination against

their health and gender.

Mwakangale won first place in the category which recognises health journalism against NCDs and Philemon won third place in the category for women's economy and protection of their dignity.

The foundation announces the awards every year to provide an opportunity for journalists from the African continent to compete in various zones namely Southern Africa; East Africa and West Africa as well as countries that speak Portuguese and French.

Dr Rasha Kelej, Chief Executive Officer of the foundation announced the winners in an online meeting which brought together the participants at the weekend.

He said the objective is to increase awareness especially in the health sector so that the society can stop discrimination against barrenness and take precautions against NCDs.

Dr Kelej said that 53 participants from Africa competed in the category of 'More Than a Mother' to combat abuse, aid education for girls and women empowerment and 29 participants took part in the category on diabetes and hypertension.

"I am happy to announce win-

ners of the Merck Foundation in 2023 who have become the voice of the voiceless. The winners of these awards have made a major contribution to educate the public on hypertension and diabetes so that they can change their lifestyles," he said.

"All winners will be given awards including cash prizes, medals and certificates. They are now ready to become ambassadors and we welcome others to join and send their applications to contest for the 2024 awards."



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MANTRA TANZANIA ROSATOM

## INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE COLLECTION, RECYCLE AND REUSE OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS AT MANTRA TANZANIA - MKUJU RIVER PROJECT

### I. INTRODUCTION

Mantra Tanzania - Mkuju River Project is a prospecting uranium mining project located in Southern Tanzania, within the Namtumbo District of Ruvuma Region. The site is located approximately 80km from Namtumbo Township and about 180km from Songea Regional Centre.

Mantra is committed to operating in environmental responsible manner and ensure that our activities and those of our contractors are guided by principles of sustainability whilst supporting the successful growth of our business.

The company is in a process of procuring Service of Collecting, Recycling, Reuse, Treatment and/or disposal of Recyclable Materials, and is therefore inviting eligible contractor to submit expression of interest to provide such services.

### II. MATERIALS TO BE COLLECTED FOR RECYCLING, REUSE, TREATMENT AND/OR DISPOSAL

- Scrap Metals (Iron, Aluminium, Tins, Metal Plates etc);
- Spent Tyres;
- Plastic Bottles, PVC and HDPE Pipes;
- Glass (Bottles, Bulbs, Broken Mirrors etc);
- Scrap Timber; and
- Electronic Wastes.

### III. INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR TENDER QUALIFICATION

REQUIREMENTS	WEIGHT
<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>30%</b>
(i) Company Profile	
(ii) Copy of Company Registration Certificate	
(iii) Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	
(iv) Company Shareholding Structure and Copies of Directors IDs (NIDA / Passport)	
(v) Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations of 2018	
<b>SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALIFICATIONS</b>	<b>70%</b>
i. Must have a permit from the National Environmental Management Council for handling of hazardous waste / materials.	20
ii. Environmental Management Plan for Premises used for handling recyclable waste / materials.	20
iii. Relevant experience in performing similar work.	10
iv. OSHA Compliance Certificate.	10
v. Health and Safety Program.	10

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**Deadline for submission of EOIs is on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 1600hours.** EOIs and supporting documents must be received via email addresses [mantra@uranium1.co.tz](mailto:mantra@uranium1.co.tz) and [mantraprocurement@uranium1.co.tz](mailto:mantraprocurement@uranium1.co.tz) or physically submitted to Mantra offices located in the 02nd floor, Masaki iKon Building. The submission should not exceed 10MB per email, in case the email exceeds 10MB, please zip the files.



CLIMATE CHANGE

Creating credible carbon market in Africa

By Special Correspondent

CARBON markets are increasingly dominating conversations about climate change interventions, especially in Africa. The world's largest carbon market auction was held last June in Nairobi, where more than 2.2 million tonnes of carbon credits sold.

What is the current situation with carbon credits and market?

The voluntary carbon trading sector has been growing exponentially, hitting \$2 billion in 2022. In recent months, we have seen carbon markets mature rapidly.

Policy frameworks are being drawn up and trading infrastructure is becoming more sophisticated. These developments create a real opportunity for us, particularly in the lead up to the launch of our exchange. We recognise that for the market to reach its potential and play a meaningful role in decarbonization, we must be strict on issues of integrity.

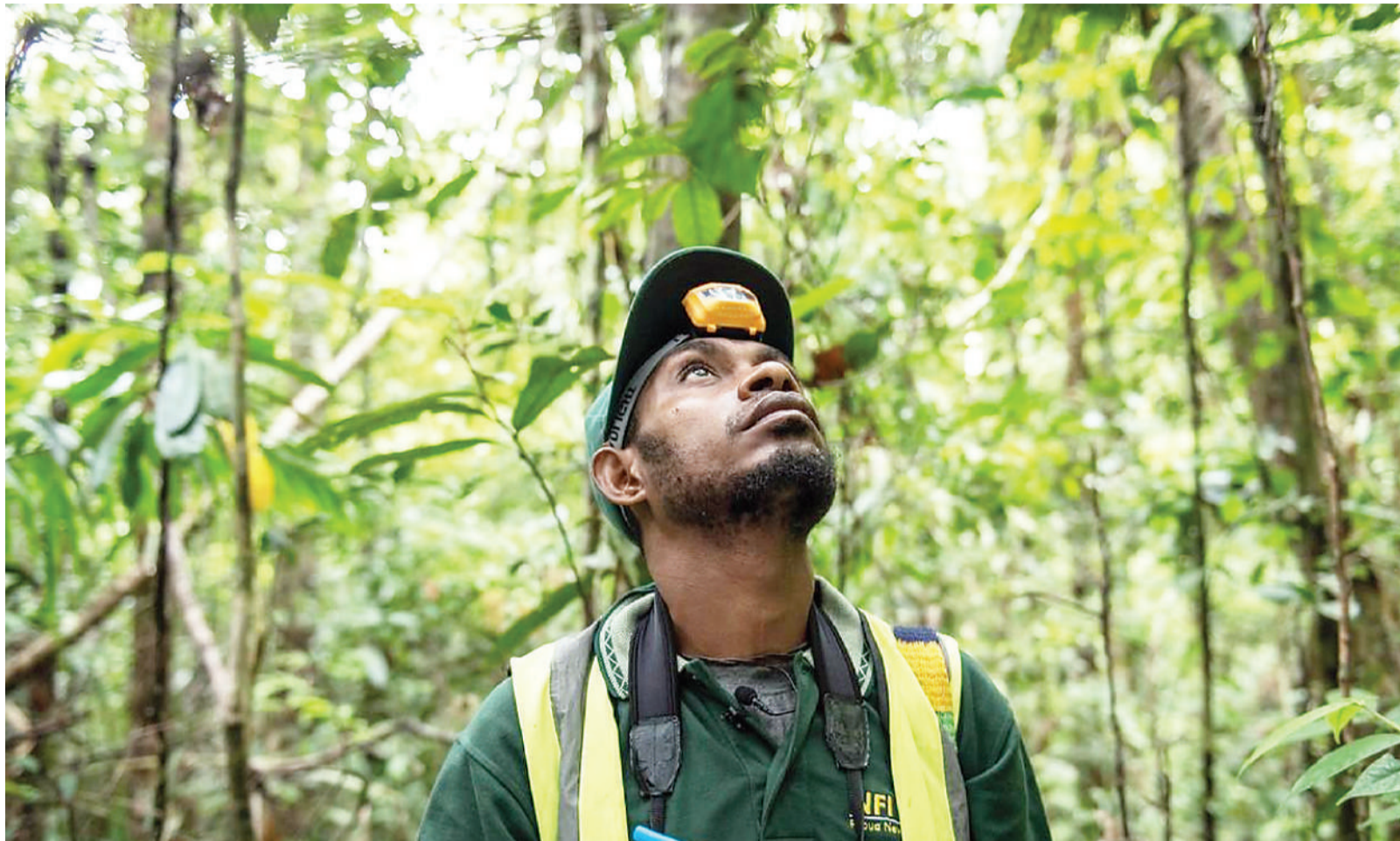
That is why we only trade in high quality carbon credits that have undergone significant due diligence and meet the highest international standards. But to mature further, the market also needs innovation in the form of new ways of channeling climate finance to projects and regions that need it most, such as those in the Global South.

Having held two of our largest carbon credit auctions, we are committed to creating a thriving market for carbon offsets that play a role in tackling climate change while improving livelihoods across the Global South.

Can you tell us in a nutshell about the work of Regional Voluntary Carbon Market?

We are creating a credible voluntary carbon market at speed and at scale - one that has integrity at its core, channels finance towards climate action, and seeks to improve livelihoods across the Global South.

Our aim is to create a robust and



Samuel Jepi, National Forest Initiative, outside of the NFI camp near Kupiano, Papua New Guinea. May 23, 2019

successful market for both the generation and use of voluntary carbon credits in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region and play a meaningful role in assisting the transition to a low carbon global economy.

What are carbon markets?

Carbon markets are trading systems in which carbon credits are sold and bought. Companies or individuals can use carbon markets to compensate for their greenhouse gas emissions by purchasing carbon credits from entities that remove or reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

One tradable carbon credit equals one tonne

of carbon dioxide, or the equivalent amount of a different greenhouse gas reduced, sequestered or avoided.

When a credit is used to reduce, sequester, or avoid emissions, it becomes an offset and is no longer tradable.

Why are carbon markets important?

The bad news: Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are still rising across all major sectors globally, albeit at a slower pace. The good news: renewables are now cheaper often than coal, oil, and gas.

Despite some progress, the world faces a far-

midable challenge. Scientists warn 2°C of warming will be exceeded during the 21st century unless we achieve deep reductions in GHG emissions now.

Effective action will require concerted and sufficient investment, knowing also that the costs of inaction will be far higher.

So how do we drive - and finance - the transition needed to address the climate crisis?

Many countries are looking to carbon markets as part of the answer.

How many types of carbon markets are there?

There are broadly two types of carbon markets: compliance and voluntary.

Compliance markets are created as a result of any national, regional and/or international policy or regulatory requirement.

Voluntary carbon markets - national and international - refer to the issuance, buying and selling of carbon credits, on a voluntary basis.

Why are we hearing more about carbon markets?

Carbon finance will be key for the implementation of the NDCs, and the Paris Agreement enables the use of such market mechanisms through Article 6.

What are the challenges?

Progress has been made towards agreeing on the processes and methodologies that countries need to follow to access the carbon markets.

However, there are also serious concerns including issues related to double-counting of GHG emission reductions, human rights abuses, and greenwashing (in which companies falsely market their green credentials, for example, misrepresentations of climate-neutral products or services).

What was the voluntary carbon credit auction in Nairobi all about and could you share some of the highlights and outcomes?

In June 2023, we hosted a carbon market auction in Nairobi, Kenya, selling over 2.2 million tonnes of carbon credits, and becoming the world's largest auction. The auction basket contained high quality CORSIA-eligible and Verra-registered carbon credits, with three quarters of the credits originating from countries across MENA, which is the region we have been targeting for growth.

The projects related to the Nairobi auction were a mix of CO2 avoidance and removal, the majority of which are originated in Africa. This includes the supply of improved

clean cookstoves to communities in Kenya and Rwanda, and renewable energy projects in Egypt and South Africa.

Sixteen Saudi regional and international companies took part in the auction, with Aramco, Saudi Electricity Company (SEC) and ENOWA, purchasing the largest number of carbon credits.

The auction was a demonstration of Saudi Arabia's commitment to tackling climate change in line with the Saudi Green Initiative and Vision 2030.

What efforts are you engaged in to drive funds needed to deliver climate action and improve livelihoods across the Global South?

At RVCMC we believe that voluntary carbon markets will be key to driving both livelihoods and climate action. And these go hand in hand.

Today MENA accounts for only 2% of demand for carbon credits, mostly delivered by the RVCMC. From our base in Saudi Arabia, RVCMC is well-positioned to shape this market going forward and is committed to investing in carbon mitigation projects across the Global South including Africa.

The world's 50 poorest nations contributed only 1% of emissions but suffer 99% of climate related deaths. We want to make a difference.

There are concerns that the carbon markets risks becoming a failing model especially if there is lack of environmental transparency. What is your view?

We need to tackle climate change using every tool at our disposal. We know that carbon offsets are an important instrument to help accelerate companies' net-zero strategies. This is a new and fast-growing space, and as with any developing industry, there will be issues and challenges, in this case, questions around varying standards and protocol.

Going forward, developing robust verification methods will be crucial to supporting the efficiency of carbon trading as the industry evolves.

RVCMC is already committed to exclusively facilitating the trading of high-quality carbon credits. Our recent auction only offered CORSI-eligible and Verra-registered credits. The company also works with two separate, independent expert teams to vet projects that contribute credits for sale.

We support efforts to increase transparency and are confident that our track record shows we can continue to build a credible voluntary carbon market at speed and at scale, with integrity at its core.

How can Africa benefit from partnerships in terms of carbon credits economy?

RVCMC is committed to improving livelihoods in the Global South, and Africa is an important market for us, being the source of significant nature and technology-based carbon project opportunities.

We recently committed to developing a relationship with stakeholders in Africa by signing two MoUs: one with Eveready East Africa Plc and another with Carbon Vista Nigeria LP.

We will keep building on these relationships, focusing on securing buyer and seller relationships that will ultimately drive growth across the continent.

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and solutions. Clues include: 1. Country supporting Hamas, 2. the ninth day before the ides in the ancient Roman, 3. Capital city of Tanzania, 4. device which records images, 6. Extended Term Insurance, 7. written records of facts, 8. any of the five digits at the end of human foot, 12.let, 13.a feeling of uneasiness, 16.recall to the conscious mind, 17.a very young child, 18.propel oneself through water, 22.lion, tiger, leopard etc, 23.colour used to warn, 24.Mister.

Word search puzzle grid with words like ULAMA, GAMAY, ALLAH, RATE: EAR, ALLOWED, MALTA, DHABA, NUANCE, AMOEBA, AMEN:GUN, SNR: USD, REDOUND, AGE: ESE, GUARDIANS, AMUCK.

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## BUSINESS

## General Motors surpasses quarterly results targets

DETROIT

GENERAL Motors yesterday posted quarterly results that topped Wall Street targets and raised its annual forecast, citing stable pricing and demand for its gas-engine vehicles, sending shares up 3.45 percent in pre-market trading.

The Michigan automaker upped its adjusted pretax profit projection to \$12.5 billion to \$14.5 billion, from its previous stated range of \$12 billion to \$14 billion for the year.

"Our consumer has been remarkably resilient in this period of higher interest rates," GM Chief Financial Officer Paul Jacobson said.

The automaker reported that net income in the first quarter rose 24.4 percent over the year-ago period to \$3 billion, on a 7.6 percent rise in revenue to \$43 billion.

Adjusted earnings per share of \$2.62 beat the average Wall Street target of \$2.15, according to LSEG data. Revenue topped the Wall Street target of \$41.9 billion in the March quarter.

While the company started 2024 strong, CEO Mary Barra still has two large challenges ahead: turning around GM's shrinking sales in China, and salvaging Cruise, its robotaxi unit.

Cruise halted operations late last year after one of its self-driving cars dragged a woman down a San Francisco street. Company officials shared earlier this year that GM would cut spending on this unit by \$1 billion.

The robotaxi business lost \$2.7 billion last year, not including \$500 million in restructuring costs incurred in the fourth quarter as the unit cut staff. GM spent \$400 million on Cruise in the first quarter.

Barra said the business is making progress, citing the return of its vehicles to roads in Phoenix, Arizona, earlier this month, with human drivers and no passengers.

GM's business in China - previously

the automaker's largest market - has also been faltering. Chinese automakers and Tesla have gobbled up market share in the region, aided by deep price cuts and refreshed technology offerings.

GM lost \$106 million in China in the quarter, which CFO Jacobson told reporters was less than his team expected, as it worked through inventory.

The carmaker and its crosstown rival Ford Motor are counting on profit from gas-engine trucks to ease investors' concerns as they continue to funnel cash into costly EV development.

GM has not broken out financial results for its EV business, but Jacobson stuck to previous forecasts for turning a profit. He still expects so-called variable profit, which excludes fixed costs, to be positive by the second half of 2024.

Barra told investors in an earnings release: "We also continue to see sequential and year-over-year improvements in profitability as we benefit from scale, material cost and mix improvements."

The company's joint venture with LG Energy Solution, called Ultium Cells, is ramping up production of battery cells at plants in Ohio and Tennessee, Barra said.

Questions about the market for battery-powered vehicles have increased as EV leader Tesla laid off more than 10 percent of its global staff earlier this month and slashed prices on its models across several markets.

Tesla will release quarterly earnings on Tuesday, and the EV maker is expected to post its first revenue drop and lowest gross margin in nearly four years, according to LSEG data.

GM outlined last year a \$10 billion stock buyback on the heels of reaching a costly new labor agreement with the United Auto Workers union.

The first tranche of this was completed in the first quarter, the company said.



## Bunyu graphite project undergo advance sample testing

By Guardian Correspondent

Volt Resources Ltd, the graphite producer and developer of natural graphite anodes announced that has followed up positive results by conducting further tests on graphite samples from the Bunyu Graphite Project in Tanzania.

According to a statement issued yesterday by Volt Resources, a consignment of Bunyu graphite concentrate was delivered to a customer-designated testing partner in January this year.

Prior to shipping the sample, Volt has ensured that it met the requirements specified by the customer via analysis conducted by a reputable institute.

This pre-shipment analysis verified the particle size, distribution, density, moisture content and carbon content of the graphite.

"Over the past three months, the customer-designated testing partner has conducted testing of the Bunyu sample," said Volt Resources in a statement.

Volt said the testing confirmed there was an excellent match between its results and those obtained by the customer-designated testing partner.

The current focus is on optimising the surface area of the graphite, a critical factor in enhancing the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of graphite anode production.

A refined sample will be sent for further evaluation soon.

Following further customer interest, Volt has also provided detailed documentation related to the Bunyu project.

This includes the feasibility study, cost estimates, details of the process plant, implementation schedule, hydrology and metallurgical studies, as well as reports on the tailings storage facility and the environmental and social impact.

Volt said that it remains committed to building a supply chain that aligns with key legislation such as the US Inflation Reduction Act and Europe's Critical Minerals Act.

This strategy underscores the company's dedication to meeting the stringent requirements of its target customers and supports the ongoing evaluation and data exchange essential for advancing the Bunyu project.

The company further said that during the half-year ended 31 December 2023, on the downstream side, the focus was to further its development of natural graphite anode, secure commercial and production partnerships and create a robust non-dilutive funding pipeline.

On the upstream side, the company published a revised and much improved feasibility study for the Bunyu Stage 1 project, mined over 100 tonnes ore for samples at Bunyu and sent for customer evaluation.

The Bunyu Graphite Project is ideally located near to critical infrastructure with sealed roads running through the project area and ready access to the deep-water port of Mtwara 140km from the Project.

In August 2023, Volt reported the completion of the revised Feasibility Study ("FS") for Stage 1 development of the Bunyu Graphite Project. The

Stage 1 development is based on a mining and processing plant annual throughput rate of 400,000 tonnes of ore to produce on average 24,780 tpa of graphite products.

Key objectives of Stage 1 development are to establish Bunyu Graphite Project as a world-class supplier of graphite products, grow Volt's existing natural flake graphite business, provide cash-flow, and establish infrastructure in support of the development of the significantly larger Stage 2 expansion project.

Stage 1 is based on a mining and processing plant throughput rate of 400 ktpa of ore to produce on average 24,780 tpa of graphite products, positioning Volt as a dominant participant in the global flake graphite market.

In November 2023, the US Department of Energy announced US\$ 3.5 billion in grants for Battery Materials Processing and Battery Manufacturing.

In response to this opportunity, the Company's subsidiary, Volt Energy Materials LLC, is creating a consortium to submit a Concept Paper in January 2024 and Full Proposal in March 2024.

By Guardian Reporter

## Bank set to arm online businesses with management skills

ONLINE business operators are expected to benefit from the capacity building training on business management skills, planned by CRDB Bank Plc, to enable them to increase productivity.

This was announced yesterday by the bank's acting head of retail business, Farid Seif, who said the current technological development has changed the way businesses are conducted, as thousands of Tanzanians are joining their fellow across the world to benefit from opportunities brought by the advancement of science and technology.

"Apart from abundant opportunities found online, CRDB Bank recognizes challenges facing entrepreneurs who are already conducting their businesses and those wishing to start. That is why, since 2022, we established a platform namely 'Instaprenyua' in order to build their capacities in order to exploit opportunities or tackling challenges they are facing. This



CRDB Bank's Farid Seif (C), acting head of retail banking, briefs journalists yesterday on the planned capacity building seminar on how to grow businesses for online business operators. Others are Joshua Moshi, managing director, Infocus Studios (L) and Dickson Njunwa, senior marketing manager, CRDB Bank (R). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

seminar will be held on 4th May, so we invite all online entrepreneurs to register for this event," he said.

He said the efforts is to build their understanding on how to avoid risks associated with online businesses started in July 2022.

"Apart from building their capacities, CRDB Bank also share financing opportunities available for them to improve the income of not only their households, but also the national economy," he said.

He mentioned papers to be presented by professionals during the event include how to expand business, marketing skills, pricing of goods and services, delivery of goods, payments and general knowledge on how to grow their businesses.

"Besides skills that will be acquired during the seminar from presentations, it will be important for them to know our financial services related to their

businesses. CRDB is the leading bank in empowering entrepreneurs through our free monthly fee's Hodari account, which also enable a customer to secure a loan for paying ordered goods from manufacturer outside the country," he explained.

Other partners in preparing the capacity building are Simba Courier, Mwananchi Communications Limited (MCL) and Infocus Studio Limited.

Speaking during the announcement, Infocus Studio Limited managing director Joshua Moshi said there are millions of social media networks, who are potential customers of goods and services, which has attracted many entrepreneurs.

"Each business is now venturing into online platforms because it is a place where everyone is using most of his/her time and if they like your good or service, they can order easily. There is no any business activity that does not need a capacity building for improvement," he said.

## Africa gets funding for fertiliser to enhance farm output

By Guardian Correspondent

GLOBAL Affairs Canada has provided \$7.3 million in funding to the Africa Fertilizer Financing Mechanism (AFFM) to enhance sustainable agricultural productivity and smallholder farmer livelihoods, particularly women and youth across Africa.

The financing will aid the Mechanism in replicating its credit guarantee programs, enabling fertilizer importers and aggregators to access the product on credit. It will also boost efforts to improve soil health and provide technical assistance to farmers.

The funding agreement between the earmarks CAD\$10 million specifically to the Mechanism's 'Fostering Africa's agricultural productivity through fertilizer value chain financing'

(FOSTER) program was signed at the end of last month.

Administered by the African Development Bank Group (AfDB), the mechanism provides innovative financing to accelerate fertilizer use in Africa and improve agricultural productivity across the Bank's regional member countries.

"We thank Global Affairs Canada for its support to advance the Africa Fertilizer Financing Mechanism's implementation of its Strategic Plan 2022-2028, which focuses on broadening access to finance through capital investments and policy reforms, among other priorities that benefit Africa's smallholder farmers," said Dr Beth Dunford, the Bank's Vice President for Agriculture, Human and Social Development.

Fertilizer is essential for food



production, yet it is significantly underutilized in sub-Saharan Africa's agriculture sector due to limited financing and technical know-how among farmers.

The FOSTER program targets 800,000 smallholder farmers, with 40 percent of beneficiaries expected to be women and 10

percent youth.

It aims to provide access to and improve the utilization of 80,000 tons of organic and inorganic fertilizer, which is expected to increase yields by 30 percent.

Canada's Minister of International Development, Ahmed

Hussen, said: "Canada is proud to support resilient, climate-smart agriculture and adaptable food production systems in Africa. We remain committed to promoting inclusive, green growth in partnership with the African Development Bank, including through our contri-

tribution to the Africa Fertilizer Financing Mechanism."

Under the FOSTER program, the Mechanism will extend credit guarantee facilities to the inputs supply chain in eight African countries. The program will also facilitate the formulation of fertilizer policies and regulatory frameworks to foster gender-sensitive and sustainable soil management practices.

Marie Claire Kalihangabo, Coordinator of the Mechanism, welcomed Global Affairs Canada as a new member and expressed readiness to collaborate with Canada to fulfill the AFFM's mandate effectively.

The FOSTER program aligns with the United Nations' 2030 Agenda, the Sustainable Development Goals, the African Union's Agenda 2063, and the Malabo Declaration.

The program also resonates with Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy and its efforts towards gender equality and women's empowerment. It also complements Canada's "Africa Fertilizer and Soil Health" initiative to boost food security and sustainability.

This initiative seeks to overhaul African agriculture into a productive, competitive, and sustainable sector through national Food and Agriculture Delivery Compacts that were developed at the Dakar 2 Food Summit in January 2023, co-organized by the African Development Bank.

Canada's funding announcement comes just weeks ahead of the African Union Commission's Africa Fertilizer and Soil Health Summit scheduled for 7-9 May 2024 in Nairobi.



## Chinese firm for highly profitable gold production

LAS VEGAS

TITAN Lithium Inc announced that China Dongsheng International Inc. (CDSG) has entered into a co-production agreement with a company based in Tanzania to recover gold from the processed tailings within the heart of the gold region of Tanzania.

China Dongsheng International Inc through its wholly owned subsidiary Titan Lithium Inc is a lithium explorer and developer with operations in Nevada, USA and Tanzania.

The Company is presently planning a 200 ton per day Carbon in Pulp ("CIP") processing plant that will serve to initially process 20,000 - 30,000 tons of tailings annually.

CDSG has begun sourcing out prefabricated Carbon-in-pulp (CIP) plants that are available. Typically, CIP plant costs include all materials, shipping and construction.

Operating costs per gold ounce for the CIP plant is anticipated to be extremely low, between \$400 - \$500 per ounce, which will allow the company to achieve robust profits per ounce.

The processing project is located in the northwest of Tanzania within a world class region containing many large gold deposits including the Geita mine, operated by Anglo-Gold Ashanti, a deposit which has been in operation for over 50 years and still contains 9.9 Moz of gold resources and the



Bulyanhulu mine containing gold, silver and copper operated by Barrick Gold. Recently, a CIP pilot test program at the site proved very effective in recovering gold at the site. CDSG intends to rapidly develop positive cash flow for the company.

Predicted annual operating costs of under \$2.0 million could generate over \$5 million in positive cash flow which could run for 7 to 10 years.

Harpeet Singh Sangha, Chairman of CDSG states, "This step into gold production is game changer for the company. The market conditions are excellent for low-cost gold production and nearby to the CIP plant our local geologic team has identified at least 7 other gold targets which will allow us to expand our production efforts in the area."



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## African lithium production to surge to 10pc of global output

JOHANNESBURG

UBS, the global firm providing financial services in over 50 countries, expects the world's lithium production to leap 40 percent this year, thanks to new production capacities in Zimbabwe and Mali, Africa could play a major role in the surge.

By 2024, Africa is projected to account for 10 percent of global lithium production, up from 4 percent in 2023, according to Benchmark Mineral Intelligence.

This substantial progress can be largely attributed to China's increasing investments in the continent.

The most important use of lithium is in rechargeable batteries for mobile phones, laptops, digital cameras and electric vehicles.

Lithium is also used in some non-rechargeable batteries for things like heart pacemakers, toys and clocks.

Zimbabwe, where Chinese

groups have invested over \$1 billion between 2021 and 2023, is expected to contribute significantly to the increased supply.

Also, Mali's first two lithium mines should commence production in 2024. The projects are co-financed by Chinese companies Ganfeng Lithium and Hainan Mining.

Benchmark estimates that over 90 percent of Africa's planned lithium supply for this decade will come from projects partially owned by Chinese entities.

Besides China, Australian companies are also present in the lithium sector, such as Atlantic Lithium, which is developing the Ewoyaa project in Ghana.

This marks Ghana's first lithium mine, with construction co-financed by American Piedmont Lithium.

In recent months, global prices fell but the direct impact of this drop on ongoing lithium projects in Africa is yet to be apparent, ac-



As the world produces more batteries and EVs, the demand for lithium is projected to reach 1.5 million tonnes of lithium carbonate equivalent (LCE) by 2025 and over 3 million tonnes by 2030.

ording to a March report by Ecofin Pro.

The report notes that countries with lithium resources have not fully benefited from the price surge observed a few years ago and must now develop strategies to expedite the potential of their projects.

The world's mine production of lithium reached a new high of 180,000 metric tons in 2023. This represented a significant increase from 2010, when global lithium production stood at about 28,100 metric tons.

Australia alone produces 52 percent of the world's lithium. Unlike Chile, where lithium is extracted from brines, Australian lithium comes from hard-rock mines for the mineral spodumene.

China, the third-largest producer, has a strong foothold in the lithium supply chain.

Alongside developing domestic mines, Chinese companies have acquired around \$5.6 billion worth of lithium assets in countries like Chile, Canada, and Australia over the last decade.

It also hosts 60 percent of the world's lithium refining capacity for batteries.

## Embracing ESG principles key to responsible business

By Guardian Reporter

CORPORATE landscape, Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) is gaining prominence as pillars shaping the way businesses operate, prioritize and are evaluated globally towards responsible and sustainable practices.

Sanjeev Chadha, Chairman, ICRA Rating, said in a recent interview that investors have recognized that companies that excel in ESG principles tend to perform better over the long term, adding sustainable practices, reducing operational risks, enhancing brand reputation, and attracting investors who prioritize ethical investments.

Chadha said his firm is at the forefront of assessing companies' ESG performance.

He said their ESG rating process is comprehensive and tailored, providing companies with valuable insights into their environmental impact, social responsibility efforts, and governance practices.

This rating serves as a beacon of transparency, helping investors make informed decisions and encouraging companies to strive for continuous improvement.

"Our ESG vision strengthens our enduring commitments to fundamental areas such as climate change, technology for positive change, diversity and inclusion, local ethical standards, transparency, achieving net zero emissions, sustainable business practices advocating cleaner air and water, as well as the implementation of new regulations and taxes, incentives, and compliance mechanisms that will impact various aspects, ranging from enterprise carbon footprints and their management of land, water, and plastics to the intricacies of their global supply chain, the digital economy, and much more," he remarked.

He said the environmental aspect focuses on a company's impact on the planet such as carbon emissions reduction, implementing eco-friendly practices and waste management.

On social, he said investors would like to know the company's relationship with people which includes providing fair wages and benefits, engaging with communities and supporting social causes.

Governance zooms in on how a company is man-



ICRA Rating chairman Sanjeev Chadha

aged and governed and whether it has an independent board and robust risk management.

According to Chadha, embracing ESG principles is not just about ticking boxes; it is about future-proofing operations and contributing to a more sustainable future.

He added: "The era of prioritizing profits at the expense of people and the planet is fading, making room for a new paradigm—

responsible capitalism." Companies that embrace ESG principles are not just doing good; they are securing their place in a rapidly evolving global economy, where sustainability is not just a choice but a necessity.

ICRA has organized a webinar on April 25th this year where experienced speakers will discuss ESG and its role in the financial ecosystem.

## India watchdog queries global funds on Adani Group stocks manipulation

By Saikat Das

INDIA'S capital markets regulator has asked a clutch of global funds to defend themselves against allegations of improper disclosures and market manipulation relating to trading of Adani Group stocks, according to people familiar with the matter.

The Securities and Exchange Board of India, or Sebi, has taken this action against two separate groups of foreign portfolio investors. The group facing market manipulation allegations are suspected to have shorted stocks in firms led by billionaire Gautam Adani after getting wind that a short seller report would be published soon, the people said, asking not to be identified as the details are not public. The people did not name the funds.

The short seller report in question, from US-based Hindenburg Research, sliced off over \$100 billion in market value for the Adani Group soon after it was published in January 2023.

The second group to receive Sebi's so called show-cause notices are overseas funds that Hindenburg alleged were linked to the Adani Group's founders. Sebi is seeking an explanation from these funds as it looks into possible violation of disclosure norms, the people said. The conglomerate has repeatedly denied any links to the funds, which faced intense scrutiny in June 2021 for investing almost all of their assets in Adani stocks.

A representative for Sebi didn't immediately respond to a request for comment. A spokesperson for the Adani Group did not offer any comment. The regulator will issue a final order in these probes, which could take a few months or more, after hearing the funds' explanations.

Sebi's findings in these two long-standing probes will draw a line under the Hindenburg episode, at least domestically. India's top court said in January that there would be no more probes in this saga after the regulator closes its investigation.

The Indian markets regulator has accused the funds of failing to maintain and disclose information about their ultimate beneficial owners as well as for breaching investment limits in listed entities of Adani Group during certain periods, according to a report Monday in The Economic Times.

The legal representatives of eight investors in this group of investors – Albula Investment Fund, Cresta Fund, MGC Fund, Asia Investment Corporation (Mauritius), APMS Investment Fund, Elara India Opportunities Fund, Vespera Fund and LTS Investment Fund – are looking to settle with Sebi by paying fines without admission of guilt, the media report said. The Sebi probe was expanded at the Supreme Court's behest to include market manipulation after Hindenburg accused the Adani Group of fraudulently pumping up its stock prices through a web of undisclosed overseas funds.



# Bank pledges to continue supporting local governments

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

NBC Bank has reaffirmed its commitment to supporting Local Government Authorities (LGAs) for empowerment and inclusive development. The announcement came during the Association of Local Authorities of Tanzania (ALAT) Annual General Meeting held in Zanzibar, where NBC Bank is one of the chief sponsors.

James Meitaron, the bank's director for corporate and investment banking expressed appreciation for the pivotal role played by local authorities in driving economic progress across Tanzania.

He emphasized NBC's dedication to providing tailored banking solutions aligned with the evolving needs of LGAs.

Meitaron highlighted NBC Bank's substantial contribution to the national economy, with over 66.5bn/- remitted to national coffers in 2023 alone, underscoring the institution's pride in being an integral part of Tanzania's development journey, vowing continued support for LGAs and all Tanzanians.

According to Meitaron, NBC Bank offers a suite of innovative electronic solutions designed to streamline revenue collection and payment processes for the Government and Municipal Councils. These solutions, including GePG-compliant capabilities, NBC Wakala footprint, POS machines, and Mobile and Internet Banking, enhance financial efficiency and transparency.

Moreover, Meitaron highlighted the Bank's involvement in financing



Mohamed Mchengerwa (2nd L) Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments), presents a certificate of recognition and gratitude to the NBC Bank Director for Corporate and Investment Banking James Meitaron (2nd R) as a sign of acknowledging the bank's contribution in facilitating the 38th Annual General Meeting of the Association of Local Authorities of Tanzania (ALAT) held in Zanzibar. With him are ALAT Vice Chairman Sima Constantine (L) and the Bank's Head of the Public Relations Department Godwin Semuny (R). Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

and structuring major strategic projects such as the SGR railway and the Tanga Urban Water Green Bond, demonstrating its proactive role in driving national infrastructure development. He emphasized NBC's dedication to supporting special interest groups, including SMEs, the agri-

cultural value chain, and various grassroots enterprises.

Highlighting NBC Bank's prowess in arranging major credit facilities, Meitaron cited examples like the \$200 million credit facility to the Zanzibar government and financial lead arrangements for municipal bonds.

He extended a welcoming hand to government institutions seeking structured finances for significant projects, emphasizing NBC's expertise and capability in facilitating such initiatives.

Meitaron also assured LGAs of NBC Bank's commitment to their financial needs, underlining the

institution's digital readiness and robust financial position.

As a government-owned bank and a trusted partner in national development, NBC Bank stands ready to empower LGAs with tailored solutions for revenue enhancement and sustainable growth.

# Oil steadies with bullish spreads countering over easing M. East's tension

SINGAPORE

OIL steadied as positive sentiment across markets and signs of nearby strength countered indications of easing hostilities in the Middle East.

Brent traded above \$87 a barrel after slipping 0.3 percent on Monday, and West Texas Intermediate hovered around \$82.

The dollar dipped, making commodities priced in the currency more appealing, while equities rose. Key timespreads also climbed, indicating stronger physical markets.

Geopolitical risks continue lingering over the market as Israel returns to its goals of eliminating what it says is the last remaining stronghold of Hamas in Gaza and of freeing the remaining hostages, which will keep tensions elevated.

Still, options markets have grown more sanguine in recent days about the risks of a price spike.

After a large bout of volatility, prices remain shy of \$90 a barrel ahead of a summer period that normally is the peak demand season. That has many analysts expecting higher prices later this year, even after a recent small pullback in prices.

"The odds of this thing going over \$100 are extraordinarily high," Jeff Currie, chief strategy officer of energy pathways at Carlyle Group, said in an interview on Bloomberg Television. "The question is: How high can you get before you start to see OPEC begin to adjust the system? Timespreads don't lie. They tell you that this market is tight."

Futures are coming off back-to-back weekly losses but remain higher this year due to geopolitical risks and OPEC+ supply cuts that have tightened the market. The US Congress has moved to further curb Iran's oil sector, although analysts see a muted impact on exports.

# Dollar value extend gain against marketers' wish

LONDON

THE world's financial markets are encountering a force they didn't bet on for 2024: A strong dollar is back and looks set to stay.

Having entered the year predicting the greenback would decline, investors have been forced into a rethink by a red-hot US economy and sticky inflation requiring the Federal Reserve to hold off cutting interest rates.

With the International Monetary Fund predicting output stateside will grow at twice the clip of its Group-of-Seven peers, talk of "US exceptionalism" is rife and supporting stocks and bond yields, adding to the dollar's appeal. And in a time of mounting geopolitical strife, the currency still stands as the ultimate currency haven.

A Bloomberg dollar index has gained more than 4 percent this year, reflecting advances against all major developed and emerging-market counterparts. One popular gauge of trader sentiment pointed bearish at the start of the year, but has since flipped to become the most bullish since 2019, according to data from the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

Among those recalibrating their strategies for the dollar is the world's second-biggest money manager Vanguard Group Inc., which is now calling for sustained strength.

UBS Asset Management says the dollar has probably got further to rise despite being 20% more expensive than it's typically valued. Meantime, Wells Fargo Investment Institute capitulated on forecasts for weakness by year-end and now reckons it will extend its climb through 2025.

"If other countries can't match the growth and inflation of the US, there's just no other option than to buy the dollar," said Ales Koutny, head of international rates at Vanguard. "What was a very tactical trade for us before has become much more of a long-term structural view regarding sustained dollar and US economic strength."

The greenback's resurgence has come on the back of a slew of signs that the US economy swerved the slowdown many anticipated. The labor market has stayed tight and manufacturing activity continues to expand. The resulting persistence in inflation has led Fed Chair Jerome Powell and fellow policymakers to wait longer than expected to cut rates.

New York Fed President John Williams has even suggested the possibility of resuming rate hikes if warranted.

"At the beginning of the year I was more of a dollar bear, but that's no longer the case," said Rajeev De Mello, global macro portfolio manager at Gama Asset Management SA. "Powell's comments definitely changed things."

Of course, the surge in the world's reserve currency inflicts a price on its counterparts and their economies, which traders are also scrambling to address. India and Nigeria are among the countries seeing their exchange rates plumb record lows, while threats of intervention are being heard from Japan to Poland.

Central banks in developed markets such as Australia, the euro-area and UK may find their room for lowering rates limited if weaker exchange rates fan domestic inflation. Those countries burdened by foreign debt, including the Maldives and Bolivia, as well as those heavily reliant on American imports, may be among the most hurt.



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## WORLD



US President Joe Biden speaks at Prince William Forest Park on Earth Day, on Monday, in Triangle, Virginia. AP

## Biden vows quick provision of additional arms to Ukraine

WASHINGTON

US President Joe Biden told Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky over the phone on Monday that his administration will soon quickly provide additional arms to Ukraine once a bill authorizing related funds clears Congress and becomes law.

"President Biden shared that his administration will quickly provide significant new security assistance packages to meet Ukraine's urgent battlefield and air defense needs as soon as the Senate passes the national security supplemental and he signs it into law," the White House said in a readout of the call.

Biden was referring to the \$61 billion aid for Ukraine that the House passed Saturday.

The measure, now bundled with other foreign aid funds, will be voted on as a comprehensive national security supplemental appropriations bill in the Senate this week,

with passage all but certain and Biden pledging to sign it as soon as it descends on his desk.

"President Biden also underscored that the US economic assistance will help maintain financial stability, build back critical infrastructure," the readout said, adding that the economic assistance will also "support reform as Ukraine moves forward on the path of Euro-Atlantic integration".

On the Ukrainian side, Zelensky said on Telegram that the new aid from Washington is expected to strengthen Ukraine's air defense as well as long-range and artillery capabilities.

The Ukrainian president also discussed with Biden the work on a bilateral security agreement and the preparations for the Global Peace Summit in Switzerland slated for mid-June, he said.

US Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, a Democrat from the state of New York, said on X on Saturday that senators reached an agreement to vote on the national security supplemental on Tuesday.

## UN chief calls for urgent restoration of harmony with nature

UNITED NATIONS

IN a stern warning on International Mother Earth Day, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres emphasized on Monday the urgent need for global cooperation to restore environmental harmony.

"Humanity is acting like Mother Earth's delinquent child," the secretary-general said, outlining the extensive harm caused by human activities such as pollution, biodiversity loss, and unchecked greenhouse gas emissions, which jeopardize essential natural resources and destabilize the climate.

"These actions harm nature, and they harm humanity," Guterres said, highlighting the threats to food production, ocean and air quality, and overall environmental stability. He added that achieving sustainable development hinges on restoring balance with nature and adopting sustainable production and consumption practices.

The top UN official called for decisive actions to halt biodiversity loss, end pollution, and significantly reduce global greenhouse gas emissions.

He emphasized the importance of supporting communities most affected by environmental crises, including indigenous peoples and local communities.

While calling for "delivering climate

justice to countries on the frontline of climate chaos," he advocated for swift mobilization of the necessary finance and support to enable countries to protect nature and foster sustainable development.

Guterres also demanded that countries generate new national climate plans aimed at capping the global temperature rise at 1.5 degrees Celsius. These plans should serve as frameworks for national transitions and investments to sustain future generations, he said.

Additionally, he challenged the G20 nations to lead a rapid, equitable, and well-funded global phase-out of fossil fuels and eliminate harmful subsidies, particularly those fostering the production of environmentally damaging plastics.

"Repairing relations with Mother Earth is the mother of all of humanity's challenges," the secretary-general warned, calling for immediate, collective action to secure a sustainable future for all. The UN General Assembly proclaimed April 22 as International Mother Earth Day through a resolution adopted in 2009.

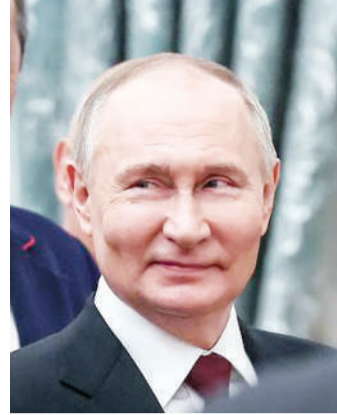
The day recognizes the Earth and its ecosystems as humanity's common home and the need to protect her to enhance people's livelihoods, counteract climate change, and stop the collapse of biodiversity.

## Putin's inauguration to take place on May 7, senator says

MOSCOW

THE inauguration of Russian President Vladimir Putin will take place on May 7, Andrey Klishas, chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Legislation and Statehood in the upper house Federation Council, said.

"The inauguration will be held on [May] 7. There will be additional information about the [PCR] tests for [senators attending the inauguration]. This is a standard procedure, it will take place once, on [May] 6," Klishas said at a committee meeting.



The senator also said that the State Duma could consider the candidacy of Russia's new prime minister as early as May 8

if the president "sees fit."

"The State Duma will return to work on [May] 6. Accordingly, there will be a session on May 8. Perhaps, if the president sees fit, they will consider the candidacy of the new Russian prime minister," he said.

According to the law, the president-elect takes office for six years. In 2018, Putin's inauguration took place on May 7.

The Russian government will resign on the day of the inauguration of the newly elected president and a process of forming a new government will begin.

## Top UN officials call on UK to reconsider Rwanda plan as 5 migrants drown in Channel

GENEVA

TWO United Nations top officials on Tuesday called on the UK to reconsider its plan to transfer asylum seekers to Rwanda as five people died while trying to cross the English Channel to Britain.

In a joint statement, Filippo Grandi, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, and Volker Turk, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, called on the UK to instead take practical measures to address irregular flows of migrants and refugees.

"The new legislation marks a further step away from the UK's long tradition of providing refuge to those in need, in breach of the Refugee Convention," said Grandi.

Turk, who has criticized the plan before, said that the legislation "seriously hinders the rule of law in the UK and sets a perilous precedent globally".

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak promised on Monday to start sending



British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak speaks at a press conference at Downing Street, in London on Monday. AP

asylum seekers to Rwanda within 10 to 12 weeks as the upper house of parliament passed legislation that had been delayed for weeks by attempts to alter the plan.

Other countries are considering tough measures to stem illegal migration, with Italy planning to build reception camps in Albania for thousands of migrants arriving by sea. Separately, at least five people died while trying to cross the English Channel to Britain off the coast of northern France on Monday night, French media reported.

It is unknown how many migrant

boats attempted to set sail during the night. The attempts turned into a tragedy, and at least five people died, reported French daily La Voix du Nord, adding that a major rescue was underway offshore and on the beach of Wimereux.

The region around Calais in northern France is the jumping-off point for the shortest crossing to Britain. In 2023, about 36,000 people made the dangerous crossing in small boats, according to figures by the French maritime authorities.

## Under PM Modi, definition, thinking of politics have changed: JP Nadda

TIKAMGARH

BHARATIYA Janata Party National President JP Nadda said on Tuesday that under the leadership of Modi ji, the definition of politics, the culture of politics, the thinking of politics—all this has changed.

Addressing a public meeting here today, Nadda said that today people have realised that the country is moving on the path of development.

"Under the leadership of Modi ji, the definition of politics, the culture of politics, the thinking of politics. All this has changed. 10 years ago you were the one who used to say that there will be no change in politics, it will continue like this. There was an atmosphere of despair everywhere. Today the common man has started saying that the country has changed and has moved on the path of development," he said.

"In 2019, you took an important decision by pressing the



EVM button, which led to the formation of a stable government in the country. It is the result of a stable government that Article 370 was abolished from Jammu and Kashmir," Nadda added.

Further, the BJP national president said that India has come to

third position in export of toys.

"10 years ago you used to buy toys from China and during Diwali our Ganesh ji also used to come from China and sit in our house. Today India has come third in the world in exporting toys. We have come from number 4 to number 2 in steel production. We have taken a huge leap in terms of development. Today, approval has been given to connect this area with the National Highway. Electrification of 51,886 km of railway routes has been done. This is just a picture from the resolution of Viksit Bharat," JP Nadda said.

"Have you ever thought that India will become the fifth largest economy in the world? But India became the 5th largest economy in the world, leaving behind Britain, which ruled India for 200 years. Make Modi ji the Prime Minister for the third time in 2024, the country will become the third largest economy in the world," he added.

ANI

## US, India regularly consult at highest levels on democracy, human rights issues

WASHINGTON

THE United States and India regularly consult at the highest levels on democracy and human rights issues, a senior US State Department official said on Monday (local time) in response to an official report released.

"What I will say is the US and India regularly consult at the highest levels on democracy and human rights issues," a senior official from the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labour, Robert S Gilchrist, told reporters after the annual Country Reports on Human Rights Practices was released by US Secretary of State Antony Blinken.

"We strongly encourage, and urge India to uphold its human rights obligations and commitments. We also regularly meet with civil society representatives, both in the US and India, to hear their perspectives, and those sorts of perspectives inform the Human Rights Report," he said.

"And we encourage the Government of India to consult and meet regularly with civil society organizations representing a diversity of people. So there are a number of steps. It remains a key component of our - not just our dialogue but in terms of our engagement with India," he asserted.

Gilchrist's remarks came in response to a query raised by a reporter of a Bangladesh news portal.

US Secretary of State Blinken in his remarks on the annual report of the State Department which is mandated by the US Congress, addressed the human rights concerns stating, "The conflict between Israel and Hamas in Gaza continues to raise deeply troubling concerns for human rights."

He added that the US has condemned the October 7 Hamas terrorist attacks while urging Israel to minimize civilian harm in its response.

The section on Israel, which runs 103 pages, documents "credible reports" of more than a dozen types of human rights abuses, including extrajudicial killings, torture, arbitrary detention, conflict-related sexual violence or punishment, and the punishment of family members for alleged offences by a relative.

The resulting conflict between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip has had a "significant negative impact" on the human rights status in Israel, the report said. It further cited credible reports of "unlawful killings" by both Hamas and the Israeli government.

Blinken said the United States would continue to make assessments about foreign nations' records on human rights, and potentially authorize consequences for countries that fall short, regardless of their status as an enemy or partner of the United States. ANI



**And we encourage the Government of India to consult and meet regularly with civil society organizations representing a diversity of people**

JAPANESE Prime Minister Fumio Kishida recently made provocative remarks on the Taiwan question, maritime issues, and regional security during his visit to the United States.

His blatant interference in China's internal affairs and collusion with relevant countries to incite confrontation in the Asia-Pacific region seriously violated the basic norms in international relations. Such Cold War mentality and small group politics severely undermine the strategic security and interests of regional

## Japan should not be a disrupter of a stable Asia-Pacific

countries.

If the Japanese side keeps to its conspiracy and wrong perception of China, and acts recklessly, China will resolutely make necessary responses.

When discussing the situation in the Taiwan Strait, the United States and Japan expressed "strong opposition to any attempts to unilaterally change the status quo by force or coercion," which is a blatant interference in China's internal affairs.

It is a historical fact and an international consensus that there is only one China. The real status quo of the Taiwan question is: there is but one China in the world and Taiwan is part of China. The biggest threat to cross-strait peace now is the separatist activities of "Taiwan independence" and the interference of external forces. It is for the purpose of safeguarding cross-strait peace and stability that China resolutely curbs separatist ac-

tivities and interference from external forces.

Both the United States and Japanese governments have made serious commitments to China on the Taiwan question. In particular, Japan bears serious historical responsibilities for its aggression against Taiwan and colonial rule over the island, and should all the more honor its words and act prudently.

China's activities in the East China Sea and South China

Sea are in full compliance with international law and there's nothing wrong about them. Diaoyu Dao and its affiliated islands are China's inherent territory. China will take firm measures against illegal moves that violate its sovereignty. China has indisputable sovereignty over Nanshai Zhudao and its adjacent waters. China stands ready to continue to properly handle maritime issues with parties concerned through dialogue

and consultation and jointly uphold peace and stability in the South China Sea. In the meantime, no one should violate China's territorial sovereignty and maritime rights and interests, and China remains steadfast in safeguarding its lawful rights.

A few countries including the United States and Japan wish nothing but chaos in the South China Sea. They blatantly support and back the Philippines' provocations and

violation of China's sovereignty, stirring up troubles in the South China Sea, which causes serious threat to regional peace and stability.

Neither the United States nor Japan is directly involved in the South China Sea issue. They should respect the efforts made by regional countries in developing norms through negotiations and upholding peace and stability in the South China Sea. They should stop stirring up trouble and confrontation in the South China Sea.

People's Daily



## 75 years on, a stronger PLA Navy to contribute more to world peace

BEIJING

MIN Jiangtao, a 34-year-old junior officer in China's navy, has witnessed the launch of all three aircraft carriers of China, dubbed Liaoning, Shandong and Fujian.

About seven decades ago when the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) Navy had just been established, then naval commander Xiao Jinguang had to take a fishing boat to inspect Liugong Island, about 2.1 nautical miles from the coast of China's Shandong Province, a fact recorded in a stele inscription on the island.

This year marks the 75th founding anniversary of the PLA Navy. Over the decades, the PLA Navy has undergone steady development, starting from scratch and growing into a strategic force consisting of five services, armed with both nuclear and conventional weapons.

Poised to become a world-class naval force, the PLA Navy is determined to gain the capability to fulfill its missions and tasks in the new era, and to contribute more to maintaining peace in the world.

### TOWARD A WORLD-CLASS NAVY

The PLA Navy's weaponry and equipment development has come a long way. In the early days of the establishment of the navy, the total tonnage of its vessels was just a few thousand tonnes, which was less than a single destroyer in the navy of a major power.

The 18th National Congress of the



The 46th fleet of the Chinese People's Liberation Army Navy sets sail from a military port in Zhanjiang, south China's Guangdong Province, Feb. 21, 2024. (Photo by Yang Jie/Xinhua)

Communist Party of China in 2012 marked the start of a "golden period" for the navy's development. The achievements included the launching of the first amphibious assault ship independently developed by China in September 2019 and the commissioning of the new 10,000-tonne destroyer Nanchang in January 2020.

In June 2022, the first ejection aircraft carrier independently designed and built by China, the Fujian, was launched and named.

### COMMITMENT TO PEACE

The Chinese Navy owes its development to peace and is going beyond the national borders for peace.

The Ningbo-Zhoushan Port, a commerce and trade hub in east China's Zhejiang Province, has witnessed the many departures of the Chinese naval hospital ship "Peace Ark"

on its various humanitarian missions.

The ship has provided medical services for more than 290,000 patients from 45 countries and regions since its commissioning in 2008.

As the main maritime force of the country, the PLA Navy plays an active role in maritime public affairs, maintaining maritime peace, tranquility and order, while continuously providing public security products to the international community.

In April 2023, the Chinese navy participated in the evacuation of Chinese nationals from Sudan following the outbreak of armed conflict in the country.

It was the third overseas evacuation of civilians carried out by the Chinese navy in recent years, following two previous operations in Libya and Yemen in 2011 and 2015, respectively.

During the overseas evacuation of civil-

ians, the Chinese navy demonstrated its commitment to international humanitarian assistance by helping hundreds of foreigners leave the crisis-torn countries.

Over the years, the Chinese navy has been active in carrying out the country's assistance to other countries, including delivering 960 tonnes of fresh water to the Maldives during a water crisis caused by a fire incident in 2014, and sailing over 5,200 nautical miles to assist in disaster relief efforts in the wake of a volcanic eruption in Tonga in 2022.

In the Gulf of Aden and the waters off Somalia, Chinese naval ships have been carrying out vessel protection operations since December 2008.

Over the years, 46 consecutive fleets with over 150 vessels of the PLA Navy have joined the efforts, escorting more than 7,200 Chinese and foreign vessels, helping transform the area once known as "the world's most dangerous area" into a "golden waterway."

The 19th Western Pacific Naval Symposium (WPNS) is being held in east China's port city of Qingdao, gathering delegations from 29 countries. This is the second time the WPNS has been held in China after the country first hosted the event in 2014.

Addressing the opening event on Monday, Zhang Youxia, vice chairman of the Central Military Commission, said that China's armed forces have actively participated in international cooperation of maritime security and provided maritime public security goods, adding that China will play a more positive and open role in international military cooperation.

Xinhua

## UN: Asia is most climate disaster-impacted region

GENEVA

ASIA was the world's most disaster-hit region by climate-related hazards last year, the World Meteorological Organization said, with floods and storms causing the highest number of casualties.

In a report published on Tuesday, WMO said that 79 disasters linked to hydro-meteorological events had been reported in Asia in 2023. More than 80 percent of these were related to floods and storms that caused more than 2,000 deaths.

"Many countries in the region experienced their hottest year on record in 2023, along with a barrage of extreme conditions, from droughts and heatwaves to floods and storms," said WMO Secretary-General Celeste Saulo.

"Climate change exacerbated the frequency and severity of such events."

Asia is warming faster than the global average, according to WMO.

The report also highlighted that most glaciers in the high-mountain region in Asia had lost significant mass because of record-breaking high temperatures and dry conditions.

### World's workers at risk

More than 70 percent of the global workforce is exposed to risks linked to climate change that cause hundreds of thousands of deaths each year, the International Labour Organization said on Monday, adding governments would need to act as the numbers



A wooden boat is seen on the dry bed of a reservoir in Wonogiri district, Central Java, Indonesia, Aug 10, 2023. File photo

rise.

Workers, especially the world's poorest, are more vulnerable than the general population to the dangers of climate extremes such as heatwaves, droughts, wildfires, and hurricanes because they are often the first exposed, or exposed for longer periods and at greater intensity.

As climate change accelerates, governments and employers are struggling to protect employees, the ILO said in a report.

"A staggering number of workers are already being exposed to climate change-related hazards in the workplace, and these

figures are only likely to get worse," the report entitled "Ensuring safety and health at work in a changing climate" said in its conclusions.

"As (the hazards) evolve and intensify, it will be necessary to re-evaluate existing legislation or create new regulations and guidance."

However, rules to govern other dangers like growing pesticide use for agricultural workers are less common.

"We do have some (countries) that already limit exposure to high temperatures and also limit exposure to air pollution, but

we rarely have occupational exposure limits set for the other hazards," said Manal Azzi, ILO Senior Specialist on occupational safety and health.

The share of global workers exposed to the most widespread hazard, surging temperatures, has risen by around 5 percentage points over the last two decades to 70.9 percent, the report said.

Other climate dangers often co-exist, creating a "cocktail of hazards," the report said, with UV radiation and air pollution each affecting 1.6 billion people.

Because a worker is likely to be exposed to multiple dangers at once, an ILO spokesperson said it was impossible to calculate exactly what portion of the 3.4 billion global workforce was at risk.

Climate-related hazards are being linked to a cancer, kidney dysfunction, and respiratory illnesses, leading to deaths or debilitating chronic conditions or disabilities.

Air pollution is the most deadly risk, causing some 860,000 work-related deaths among outdoor workers annually, the ILO report said. Excessive heat causes 18,970 occupational deaths each year and UV radiation kills 18,960 through non melanoma skin cancer, it said.

"The greatest impacts will be felt by the working poor, those working in the informal economy, seasonal workers and workers in micro and small enterprises," the report said.

In some cases, the very technologies meant to slow climate change like solar panels and lithium-ion batteries for electric vehicles can end up producing new dangers since they contain toxic chemicals, it said.

The ILO plans a major meeting in 2025 of government, employer and worker representatives to provide policy guidance on climate hazards.

## Robust start of China's economy boosts global economic prospects

CHINA'S gross domestic product (GDP) in the first quarter of this year grew by 5.3 percent year-on-year, an increase of 1.6 percent from the previous quarter, according to statistics released by the country's National Bureau of Statistics on April 16.

The Chinese economy has kicked off a steady start in 2024 with continuous recovery and stable growth, which further enhances the international community's positive expectations for China's development prospects.

It is reported by international media outlets that China's economy has got off to a good start and confidence is keep recovering.

Currently, the positive factors supporting the continued recovery and improvement of China's economy are accumulating, laying a relatively good foundation

for achieving the goals and tasks for the whole year.

In the first quarter, the four major macroeconomic indicators of growth, employment, inflation, and international balance of payments generally remained stable.

The growth of fixed asset investment increased by 1.5 percentage points compared with that in 2023, and the total retail sales of consumer goods and services went up by 4.7 percent and 10 percent, respectively. The growth of imports and exports hit a new high in the past six quarters, and per capita disposable income of residents increased by 6.2 percent.

Recently, international financial institutions such as the Asian Development Bank (ADB), Goldman Sachs, and Morgan Stanley have raised their forecasts for China's economic growth rate

this year. Asian Development Outlook April 2024 released by ADB predicted that from 2024 to 2025, China will account for 46 percent of the economic growth of Asian developing countries and remain the largest contributor to the global economic growth.

The Q1 economic performance of China showed new progress made by new quality productive forces in industries, business activities, and products.

In the first quarter, the value-added by high-tech manufacturing enterprises above designated size grew by 7.5 percent year-on-year, an increase of 2.6 percentage points compared with that in the fourth quarter of last year. Investment in high-tech industries grew by 11.4 percent year-on-year, up 1.1 percentage points from 2023. Investment in

high-tech services was up by 12.7 percent.

Despite rapid growth in previous years, the output of new energy vehicles in the first quarter of this year grew by 29.2 percent. In the same period, the output of charging piles, 3D printing equipment, and electronic components surged by 41.7 percent, 40.6 percent, and 39.5 percent year-on-year, respectively.

China's accelerated development of new quality productive forces not only creates new momentum and advantages for its own development, but also injects new impetus for international cooperation.

China's exports of electric vehicles, lithium batteries, photovoltaic products, and others have enriched global supply, eased global inflationary pressures, and made a tremendous

contribution to global efforts to address climate change and the green and low-carbon transition.

The continued rebound of the Chinese economy is an important positive factor for the world economy. Steven Alan Barnett, senior resident representative in China of the International Monetary Fund, estimates that 1 percentage point more growth in China fuels 0.3 percentage points of growth elsewhere. He said the Chinese economy remains an important engine driving the global economy.

In the first quarter, China's total trade with Belt and Road partner countries grew by 5.5 percent, continuing to be an important driver of global trade growth.

The positive outlook for China's economy is also attracting

more multinational companies to come and explore opportunities and seek cooperation. Leaders of over 100 multinational corporations visited China. The 4th China International Consumer Products Expo attracted over 4,000 brands from 71 countries and regions. Over 60,000 overseas buyers were present at the 135th session of the China Import and Export Fair on the event's inaugural day. In the first two months of this year, the number of newly established foreign-invested enterprises in China increased by 34.9 percent year-on-year, reaching the highest level in the recent five years.

Oliver Zipse, chairman of the Board of Management of BMW AG, believes that China is BMW's largest global market, and it is where the future lies. For some time, there have

been voices deliberately exaggerating the challenges facing China's economy and hyping up the so-called "China peak theory," which are complete misreading of China's economic situation and development prospects.

China's economy has a solid foundation and various strengths. It has great resilience, vitality and potential. These characteristics remain unchanged. The fundamentals sustaining China's long-term economic recovery and growth also remain unchanged.

A China that continues to promote high-quality development and advance Chinese modernization will not only bring a better life to the Chinese people, but also make greater contributions to the recovery and development of the world economy. **People's Daily**

## Sudanese launch charity initiatives to help displaced people amid civil war

KHARTOUM

IN November 2023, Osman Al-Jundi, a Sudanese journalist, launched the Fak Riq Takia to provide food for displaced people in Omdurman, a city located northwest of the Sudanese capital Khartoum.

After the outbreak of the conflict between the Sudanese Armed Forces and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces on April 15, 2023, Sudanese activists and volunteers, including individuals like Al-Jundi, set up Takias in Khartoum and other cities, where they offered food and support to residents grappling with severe livelihood and security challenges resulting from the conflict.

The term Takia originated from the Arabic word "mutaka." In Sudan, it refers to a place where people perform religious rituals, such as the memorization of the Holy Quran by religious students, while also serving as a sanctuary for the impoverished and needy, providing them with access to food and refuge.

"At first, the idea was to offer morning tea with milk and locally baked goods, but it evolved into providing daily lunch and Friday breakfast for more than 300 families affected by war. These families were scattered at homes and four shelter centers in the neighborhoods of Al-Hattana, Al-Manara, and Al-Waha in Omdurman," he said.

Fak Riq Takia, a local colloquial term for morning breakfast and one of the most notable Takias in Sudan, receives both financial and in-kind support from public and private bodies, as well as Sudanese expatriates, Al-Jundi noted. In addition to food assistance, Fak Riq Takia also provided other services, such as giving clothing to families affected by the conflict, many of whom had fled their homes without their belongings, according to Al-Jundi.

"Furthermore, we distributed bags containing baked goods, sweets, and children's clothing to needy families during the recent Eid al-Fitr celebration, which marks the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan," he added.

Since the conflict began in April last year, more than 14,700 fatalities have been recorded, while the number of people displaced inside and outside of Sudan has reached 8.2 million, according to figures published by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

Many displaced Sudanese rely on charities for their daily sustenance. "The threat of falling shells forced my family and me to flee our area and come here, where we've been receiving food from the Takia ever since," said Nimeiry Taha, a Sudanese displaced from the Al-Omda neighborhood in central Omdurman.

He noted that such community initiatives have significantly mitigated the impact of the war, serving as vital community institutions in the absence of government assistance.

Al-Tayeb Al-Muzamil, who was displaced from the Al-Fetaihab neighborhood in western Omdurman, emphasized that the Takia now serves as more than just a food provider.

For Al-Muzamil, it has become a "social club" where displaced individuals from various areas meet every day for social interactions. Mobadiron is a Takia in southern Khartoum that relies on financial and material aid from charitable individuals both within and outside Sudan.

Ahmed Khojali, a volunteer at Mobadiron Takia, highlighted the challenges they currently face due to disruptions in communication networks and the internet in Khartoum, which have interrupted financial transactions. "Despite our modest resources, we are trying to offer food to dozens of families in the southern Khartoum area," said Khojali.



# SPORT

## Jonas Mkude enjoys brilliant form at Yanga

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

SOCCER lovers in Tanzania and South Africa recently witnessed how Young Africans SC, one of the most popular soccer outfits in Tanzania, competently battled for progression to this season's CAF Champions League semi-finals.

The Tanzanian outfit, alias Yanga, confronted South African soccer big gun, Mamelodi Sundowns, in the last-eight phase of the premier continental showpiece, with the latter eventually securing qualification for the semi-finals through penalties.

The last-eight's first leg tie between the two sides, which took place in Dar es Salaam on March 30, ended in a 0-0 draw and the rematch, which took place in Pretoria on April 5, culminated in the same scoreline and penalty shootout had to settle the encounter.

Defensive midfielder, Jonas Mkude (pictured), will certainly go down on Yanga's records as one of the outfit's performers who put solid showing to help the club push Mamelodi Sundowns to the spot kicks, which were won by Mamelodi Sundowns.

In the first leg clash, both teams resorted to a defensive mechanism, as Mamelodi Sundowns' head coach Rulani Mokwena chose the 3-4-3 tactical approach, whilst his Yanga counterpart, Miguel Gamondi, opted for the 5-2-3 formation.

Yanga played without three key players, namely Pacome Zouzoua, Kouasi Attohoulou, and Ugandan defensive midfielder Khalid Aucho.

As per the statistics, Yanga and Mamelodi Sundowns had previously met in the 2001 CAF Champions League preliminary phase, in which the first leg- which took place in South Africa- had Yanga losing 3-2.

The return leg held in Mwanza had the two teams settling for a thrilling 3-3 draw, the aggregate results therefore had Mamelodi Sundowns making it to the following phase.

For that matter, the two clubs' coaches were supposed to be careful because for almost 22 years the sides have undergone massive changes, with the clubs' investors having put a lot of funds into improving the sides.

Mkude, one of the standout footballers for the Jangwani Street club in the two last-eight encounters, was turning out for Yanga for the first time on the stage.

He joined Yanga after having parted ways with his former outfit, Simba SC, a side he played for successfully for almost 13 years.

Mkude gained prominence once he was promoted to Simba SC's senior outfit after shining for the side's youth team, popularly known as Simba B when the club's management resorted to setting up a talent development initiative.

He played for the youth squad for two years and thereafter secured a move to the senior squad in 2010.

He had regularly been assigned to play as a central defensive midfielder and the footballer helped Simba SC lift various trophies including the Premier League, the then Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC), and the Mapiinduzi Cup.

Mkude moreover had helped the Msimbazi Street side excel in African inter-club competitions. It, during his stint, secured progression to the showpieces' last eight phases four times.

The side, on three occasions, qualified for the CAF Champions League last eight and made it to the stage once in the CAF Confederation Cup.

When Mkude joined Yanga during the 2023/24 mini-transfer window, a section of soccer fanatics in Tanzania, some of whom are rooting for Simba SC, attempted to make a mockery of the signing.

The soccer fans were alleging that Yanga had roped in a footballer who was past his prime and had regularly been accused of showing indiscipline behaviour, therefore, the midfielder would hardly be



successful at the club.

The supporters' jibes somewhat seemed to have lived up to their billing during the early stage of Mkude's spell at Yanga, given the midfielder rarely featured for the team in the NBC Premier League.

Mkude did not have much opportunity to take the pitch in the league's fixtures and at some point, he was coming from the bench and playing a few minutes.

During this year's Mapiinduzi Cup tournament which took place in Zanzibar however, Mkude was handed the captain's armband and led his new outfit's teammates in the showdown. The midfielder performed well in all matches he featured in.

When Yanga's management announced the club would miss several key players in the CAF Champions League quarterfinal versus Mamelodi Sundowns, some of the Jangwani Street club's followers feared their side was bound to suffer a humiliating loss to the South African opponent.

The supporters hardly thought Mkude would efficiently replace Aucho on the pitch and ensure Yanga successfully kept Mamelodi Sundowns at bay.

According to some soccer analysts, an outfit's success on the pitch does not bank on certain players but it is all about how the selected players keenly follow their coach's directives.

Mkude and his teammates, therefore, had carefully followed Yanga's technical bench directives and showcased brilliant footwork. They put in a spirited teamwork and almost all of their club's enthusiasts appreciated them.

What set Mkude apart from Aucho in the CAF Champions League last-eight matches is the former did not commit dangerous fouls, which could have put the Jangwani Street club in trouble.

He accomplished his responsibilities disciplinedly and his performance, coupled with good coordination with other midfielders, had Yanga playing solidly in the two ties.

## SPORTS

# CECAFA Senior Challenge Cup pushed back to July

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

THE highly anticipated CECAFA Senior Challenge Cup, set to grace the beautiful islands of Zanzibar this year, has undergone a schedule change.

The tournament, previously slated for a June 29 kick-off, will now commence on July 6, 2024.

Hussein Ahmada Vuai, Zanzibar Football Federation (ZFF) secretary-general, explained the postponement.

He cited reasons beyond the federation's control, including crucial requests from sponsors who preferred a July start.

This shift promises an even more exciting competition, with participating nations now gearing up for a clash from July 6-21.

Vuai expressed confidence in Zanzibar's readiness to host the event. He highlighted a recent inspection visit by the CECAFA team, who assessed the entire infrastructure, including facilities intended for the youth school competition.

While the inspectors were generally satisfied with what they saw, a follow-up visit is expected as part of their standard procedures.

"We in Zanzibar are fully prepared for the competition, the public should anticipate a second and final round of inspections within the next month, but so far, everything is progressing smoothly," Vuai declared.

He emphasized the positive collaboration with CECAFA and the ZFF's unwavering commitment to ensuring a successful tournament.

This schedule change offers Zanzibar additional time to finalize preparations.



Zanzibar Football Federation (ZFF) secretary-general Hussein Ahmada Vuai.

Fans can expect well-maintained infrastructure and facilities that will enhance the overall experience for players and spectators alike.

The news also provides participating nations with a slightly longer window to solidify their strategies and finalize team selections.

This could potentially translate into a more intense and competitive tournament, with teams arriving finely tuned and ready to battle it out for the coveted CECAFA title.

The decision to move the tournament to July suggests a significant role played by sponsors.

Their involvement is crucial for the success of the CECAFA Senior Challenge Cup. Their financial support ensures the smooth running of the event, covering everything from logistics and marketing to player compensation and prize money.

While the specific reasons behind the sponsors' request for a July commencement have not been disclosed, it is likely tied to factors that could benefit the tournament.

These might include scheduling conflicts with other sporting events, maximizing viewership opportunities, or aligning with commercial marketing campaigns.

The CECAFA Senior Challenge Cup in Zanzibar promises to be a marquee event, showcasing the finest footballing talent in the East and Central African region.

The delay allows both the host nation and participating teams to be even more prepared, potentially leading to a higher level of competition and more thrilling matches.

With Zanzibar's infrastructure receiving positive preliminary assessments and sponsors playing a crucial role, the stage is being set for a truly memorable tournament.

The ZFF's commitment to smooth collaboration with CECAFA further enhances optimism for a successful event.

Fans across the region can eagerly anticipate the second and final round of inspections, which will provide a definitive picture of Zanzibar's readiness.

As July 6 approaches, excitement will undoubtedly build, culminating in a spectacular celebration of footballing talent and regional spirit.

## Gamondi refutes NBC PL title-clinching talks

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

YANGA's head coach Miguel Gamondi has lauded his team's performance and experience, having garnered a 2-1 win against Simba SC in a 2023/24 NBC Premier League fixture at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on April 20.

The Jangwani Street squad's goals were scored by the league's leading goal scorer, Stephane Aziz Ki, who extended his tally to 15 goals while Joseph Guede scored the second to maintain his goal-scoring form.

Ivorian goal-getter Freddy Kouablan netted a consolation goal for Simba SC, which was not enough to secure a point for the Msimbazi Street club.

Gamondi (pictured) said he has been pleased with his players' courage throughout the game, which turned out to be a tough derby, given Simba SC missed several attempts in front of Yanga's goal in the early stages of the match.

"I am happy with my players' performance in big games like this, we didn't start well the game because Simba pushed us so much into our box and missed various scoring opportunities, I think from Sadio Kanoute to Fabrice Ngoma, and from those moments we grew into the game and controlled the match," the Argentinian tactician noted.

"You know a derby is a huge game, despite Simba SC's struggles this season, they showed us why they are a big team



in Tanzania," Gamondi remarked.

"My players' experience, thanks to playing in the CAF Champions League, showed us why we can be courageous even when the game is not going our way," the tactician pointed out.

The Argentinian coach said he would not be carried away by the Saturday results, noting they hardly feel they have already secured the league title, for that matter, they need to respectfully treat the remaining seven games.

"We have not secured the league title already, we need to treat every tie with a different approach and respect, we have a game on Tuesday and later on Saturday... we need to win, I understand the gap is huge but we won't let that sock in," the Argentine stated.

"We need to put energy and concentration in the

remaining games so that we can win, and when the Federation Cup games kick in then we can be in a good position in terms of rotation," Gamondi revealed.

Yanga is the league leader with 58 points, 12 points clear of third-placed Simba SC which has 46 points and two ties in hand, and boasts a seven-point gap with second-placed Azam FC which has posted 51 points.

# Dar chess player battles it out in international tourney in Poland

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadono

TANZANIA's top chess player Cleophas Charles was among players from five countries that battled it out in the just-ended Academic National Championships which took place in Poland.

The championships attracted 384 chess players from countries namely Ukraine, Slovakia, Tanzania, an independent Belarussian who represented FIDE, and the host Poland.

Konrad Czernichowski, a lecturer from Maria Curie-Skłodowska University (UMCS) who is also a visiting scholar at Morogoro-based Jordan University College, said Charles was the only African player playing in the championships.

He said there were three tournaments in the championships for men (individual), women (individual), and



Chess players from various countries battle it out in the Academic National Championships which took place in Poland recently. Tanzanian chess player Cleophas Charles took part in the showdown. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

team tournament.

Czernichowski described the showdown as very competitive, given it attracted two Grand Masters (GMs). They are GM Igor Janik and Woman Grand Master (WGM) Julia Antolak.

Also in attendance were six International Masters, four Women International Masters, 15 FIDE Masters, four Women FIDE Masters, five Candidate Masters, and five Women Candidate Masters battling for medals and trophies for their respective universities.

"In the individual tournament, Charles was classified in the 210th position. He lost the first round to IM Janik but, later, he scored 3.5 points," Czernichowski noted.

He said: "In the team tournament, he always played on the second board as he had the second highest ranking

(1541) at his university (University of Maria Curie-Skłodowska (UMCS) in Lublin). He scored 1.5 points for UMCS, which was classified in the 33rd place."

He pointed out that UMCS offers studies not only to talented chess players but also to athletes in other disciplines, insisting they need to have a good record of success.

"They can win the Best Applicant Contest, which will allow them to study free of charge, the applications for the Best Applicant Contest will be available online starting from the coming May," he said.

Recently, Charles ended third in the Inter-School African Championship that took place in Poland. The Tanzanian chess player is, at UMCS, studying Business Analytics, a Faculty of Economics that is one of the most prestigious courses at the university.



## Barca chief wants Clasico replay if Yamal 'ghost goal' call wrong

BARCELONA

BARCELONA president Joan Laporta said Monday the club will demand a Clasico replay if they can prove officials made a mistake by not allowing Lamine Yamal's "ghost goal".

The champions fell to a 3-2 defeat against Real Madrid at the Santiago Bernabeu on Sunday in a match which featured multiple controversial incidents, leaving their arch-rivals 11 points clear at the top of La Liga.

The most debated was 16-year-old winger Yamal's first-half flick from a corner which may have crossed the line before Madrid goalkeeper Andriy Lunin pushed it away.

Without goal-line technology in Spain, officials used VAR to try and confirm if the ball had crossed the line but could not be certain it had and so play continued with the score level at 1-1.

Laporta demanded the Spanish football federation and the refereeing committee send Barcelona all footage of the incident and audio recordings of the officials' conversations.

"If, once the documentation has been analysed, the club understands that there was an error in

the assessment of the play, as we think there was, we will take all the necessary steps to reverse the situation, without ruling out any legal action that may be necessary," said Laporta in a video published by Barcelona.

"If it is confirmed that it was a legal goal, as we believe it was, we will go further and ask for a replay of the match, as has happened in another European match due to a VAR error."

Laporta was referring to a match between Anderlecht and Genk in January in the Belgian top flight which was initially scheduled to be replayed because of a misapplication of the laws of the game, but in the end it was ruled that Anderlecht's 2-1 win would stand.

Barcelona coach Xavi Hernandez said Sunday it was a "disgrace" that Spanish football did not have goal-line technology.

Laporta also criticised a general "misuse" of VAR, saying there appeared to be "contradictory criteria" for its intervention depending on the teams involved.

Barcelona had two penalty appeals turned down during the Clasico defeat for what they said were fouls on Yamal and Fermin Lopez.

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## Forest call for release of VAR audio as FA probe referee blasts

LONDON

NOTTINGHAM Forest have asked for the VAR audio to be released from their three denied penalty appeals in a 2-0 defeat at Everton that sparked the club to call into question the integrity of Premier League officiating.

Forest issued an extraordinary post on social media soon after the final whistle at Goodison Park on Sunday saying they had "warned" referees body the Professional Game Match Officials Limited (PGMOL) that VAR official Stuart Attwell is a fan of relegation rivals Luton.

Forest are just one point and one place above Luton, who are in the drop zone.

"Nottingham Forest has today submitted a formal request to the PGMOL to release into the public domain the audio recordings between officials during yesterday's match against Everton at Goodison Park," Forest said in a statement on Monday.

"The club has requested this be shared for three key match incidents - Ashley Young's challenge on Giovanni Reyna (24th minute), Ashley Young's handball (44th minute) and Ashley Young's challenge on Callum Hudson-Odoi (56th minute).

"We firmly advocate for the broader football community and supporters to have access to the audio and transcript for full transparency, ensuring the integrity of our sport."

PGMOL have been pressured into releasing audio recordings of controversial incidents earlier in the season.

Referees' chiefs were forced to admit an error after Liverpool had a goal at Tottenham wrongly ruled out for offside as the VAR officials thought the goal had been awarded.

Audio of other selected incidents has also been broadcast on the "Match Officials Mic'd Up" programme during the season, but the laws of the game prevent such audio being broadcast live.

Meanwhile, the Football Association has asked Forest manager Nuno Espirito Santo, defender Neco Williams and referee analyst Mark Clattenburg to explain comments they made post-match.

Forest enlisted the services of former referee Clattenburg in February as a consultant analyst to fight their corner after believing they had been on the wrong end of a series of contentious decisions.

Writing in his Daily Mail column, Clattenburg said: "One of these errors would have been bad enough.

"Three was a joke, and that is why Nottingham Forest were left feeling victimised after another defeat in which zero big decisions went their way."

However, Forest's public blast at the officials has been hit with a backlash. Former Liverpool defender Jamie Carragher accused the two-time European champions of sounding like a "fan in a pub."

"Stuart Attwell and Anthony Taylor (the referee) have had an horrific day today, awful, and they should be rightly criticised for that and that could have real implications for Nottingham Forest," said Carragher, now a Sky Sports pundit.

"I get the frustration, but that, what I've just read there on social media, that's like a fan in a pub. That is embarrassing from Nottingham Forest. I get the frustration.

Fellow pundit Gary Neville called on Clattenburg to resign from his role with the club.

"If he sees those words go out, which question the integrity and essentially call a VAR official a cheat because he supports a certain club, then he's supporting what's being said and he would basically lose all credibility, I think, with referees in the game."

The win for Everton lifted them five points clear of the relegation zone with five games to play, despite being deducted eight points this season for breaches of financial rules.

Forest have been docked four points for the same reason.

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# Inter Milan seal Scudetto in derby thriller with AC Milan

MILAN

INTER Milan sealed the Serie A title on Monday after beating AC Milan 2-1 and creating an unassailable lead at the top of the league with their sixth straight derby victory.

Goals from Francesco Acerbi and Marcus Thuram gave Inter a 17-point advantage over closest challengers Milan and secured their 20th league crown with five matches of the season remaining.

Inter last won Serie A in 2021, followed by AC Milan in 2022 and Napoli last year.

For Simone Inzaghi it was the first league title as a manager and on a cold, soaking wet evening at the San Siro he strode proudly in front of a clutch of Inter's "away" fans in the 75,000 crowd as they roared in delight and fired fireworks from the stands at the final whistle.

Milan made a fight of it in the final moments after Fikayo Tomori pulled one back with 10 minutes remaining but Inter held out to kick off a title party after a stormy ending to the match which featured three red cards.

"I feel like crying because we worked so hard, we deserve this joy," said tearful captain Lautaro Martinez.

"It's been wonderful but we have to keep going because we've already won a lot of trophies and we want to win many more."

Inter have become the second team to win 20 Italian league titles, and will have a second star stitched onto their jersey, after Juventus who are way out in the lead with 36 league crowns.

- In style -

Inzaghi's team did it style, laying waste to the rest of the division and becoming the first team to claim the title by winning the Milan derby and leaving his opposite number Pioli on the verge of the sack.

"He was struggling 14 months ago



according to the media and look what he has achieved since. I am happy here, I work well and I think the team has margin for improvement," insisted 2022 Scudetto winner Pioli.

With outgoing champions Napoli crashing and burning early in the campaign and Milan falling away in the autumn Inter raced off into the distance at the turn of the year.

Juve looked like putting up a fight but they collapsed in February just as Inter strung together a run of 13 wins which also gave them hope of repeating a deep run in the Champions League.

Inter failed in that mission as they were knocked out of the Champions League by Atletico Madrid in mid-March, but by that time the domestic damage had already been done.

The future looks bright too as Inzaghi, Martinez and Italy midfielder Nicolo Barella are all set to renew their contracts while smart work in the transfer market and increased revenue have helped mitigate significant financial harm wrought by the

Covid-19 pandemic.

Piotr Zielinski and Mehdi Taremi will arrive from Napoli and Porto as free agents in the close season while big stars like Thuram should stay.

"Crazy feeling, crazy game. We wanted to do it for our fans and we did it. It's my first league title and I'm very proud of it," said Thuram.

The nominal away side on Monday, Inter were on their way to a title party in the 18th minute when Acerbi was left completely free to head home Benjamin Pavard's flick-on.

- Stormy finish -

Inter should have been two ahead seven minutes later through Lautaro Martinez who lost his footing when Federico Dimarco's perfect cut-back fell to the Argentina striker.

And his strike partner Thuram was equally at fault for Inter not increasing their lead seven minutes before the break as he shot a great chance just wide after being set up by Nicolo Barella.

But shortly after half-time Thuram made up for that miss with a brilliant

individual goal which took his tally for his debut Serie A season to 12.

France forward Thuram collected Alessandro Bastoni's long pass on the left and eventually cut inside before drilling home at Mike Maignan's near post.

Yann Sommer did well to keep out Theo Hernandez's well-struck shot as Milan fans let go a barrage of flares in the stands.

The resulting smoke mixed with the persistent rain to create a misty atmosphere around the San Siro, and just as Inter looked set to see the match out Tomori made sure it would be a grandstand finish when he headed home on the rebound.

However instead of levelling the match Milan lost their heads, with both Theo Hernandez and Davide Calabria receiving straight red cards in stoppage time.

Inter's Denzel Dumfries was also sent off in the closing minutes, but that will matter less to his team who danced and bounced in front of joyous fans.

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## Inzaghi rises to managerial elite after romping to first Scudetto

MILAN

SIMONE Inzaghi claimed his place at football management's top table after sealing the first Serie A title of his coaching career in spectacular fashion in the Milan derby on Monday.

Inter Milan's Scudetto is easily Inzaghi's biggest honour since winning it as a player with Lazio 24 years ago, and comes after three years of off-field turbulence and serious financial problems which he has navigated with aplomb.

Inzaghi, 48, had a lower-key playing career than his elder sibling Filippo, who was a prolific goalscorer for AC Milan and Juventus, a two-time European champion and World Cup winner.

The younger Inzaghi, also a striker, played most of his career for Lazio, where he is loved by fans despite a modest goal record and a single league title.

However in the managerial game it is Simone who is leading the way, at the helm of one of Europe's traditional powerhouses while Filippo struggles to find his place after a stellar playing career.

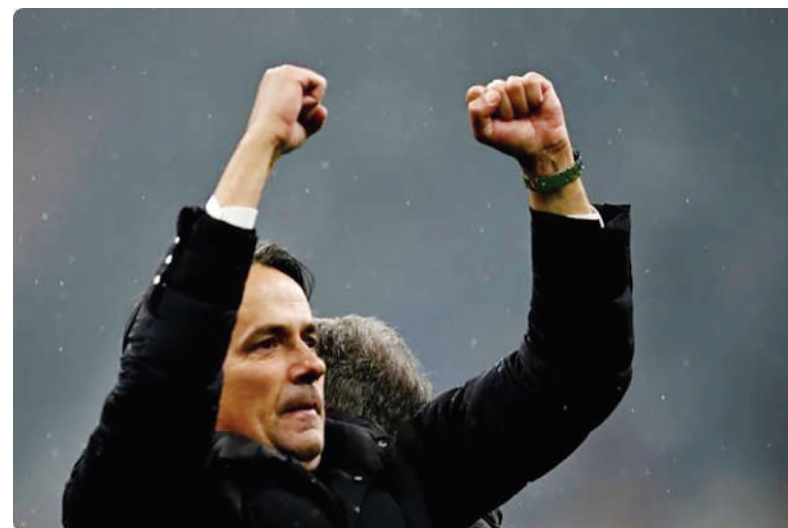
He had already attracted plaudits, not least from Pep Guardiola, by taking his team to last season's Champions League final, where they were narrowly beaten by mega-rich Manchester City.

Inzaghi had been largely seen as a cup specialist before this season as he had won three Italian Cups and five Italian Super Cups since beginning his senior managerial career at Lazio in 2016.

But he once again made light of close-season strife to push Inter to their 20th league crown, beating local rivals AC Milan to a second star on their jersey.

"Three years with six trophies and a Champions League final is difficult to imagine," Inzaghi told reporters on Monday night.

"You need to look at the whole



Inter Milan's Italian coach Simone Inzaghi celebrates winning the 2024 Scudetto. Agencies

three years. We have had a good run this year but it's a victory that has been a long time in the making."

Inzaghi is also one of just five managers -- two-time European Cup winner Helenio Herrera, Roberto Mancini, Giovanni Trapattoni and Arpad Weisz -- to collect 100 wins or more in the Inter dugout.

- Humble beginnings -

Inzaghi took over at Lazio eight years ago after working his way up through the youth ranks and immediately made an impact, taking the Roman club back into Europe

and losing the Italian Cup final to all-conquering Juventus.

Lazio are frequently overshadowed by crosstown rivals Roma and hampered by a budget which is dwarfed by Italy's big three of Juve, Inter and Milan, who themselves are relative paupers on the continent.

The 2019 Italian Cup, two Super Cups -- both won against Juve -- and Champions League qualification in 2020 might not sound like much but it was enough to attract cash-strapped Inter following the departure of Serie A title winner Antonio

Conte.

Inzaghi arrived at Inter three years ago with the club about to go into full-blown crisis mode following Conte's exit and the sales of Romelu Lukaku and Achraf Hakimi, the two stars of that Scudetto-winning campaign -- those departures causing fan protests outside the club's headquarters.

However, used to doing more with less at Lazio and in stark contrast to Conte, he folded in cheap replacements for the departing stars rather than complain about having them sold out from under him.

It is something Inzaghi has made a habit of as Inter's remarkable domestic campaign came after yet another pre-season in which big players left and serious financial problems hampered their summer transfer activity.

Inter were not even sure who their first-choice goalkeeper was going to be until a fortnight before the start of the season after Andre Onana was sold to Manchester United in a 57 million-euro deal.

Yann Sommer, Bayern Munich's reserve keeper, was brought in for a relative pittance, while Benjamin Pavard didn't arrive until transfer deadline day but has since slotted perfectly into Inter's three-man defence.

Gwiji by David Chikoko





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Tanzania Prisons' midfielder, Ally Msengi (R), keeps Kagera Sugar's goal-getter Moubarack Amza in check when the teams met in this season's NBC Premier League clash in Mbeya on Monday.

## Prisons' coach unhappy with winless streak

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

TANZANIA Prisons FC's winless streak extended to five matches after posting a frustrating 0-0 draw with Kagera Sugar at Sokoine Stadium in Mbeya on Monday.

Ahmad Ally, Prisons' head coach, attributed the team's struggles to players prioritizing impressive potential suitors for next season's transfers.

"This season's league has become very challenging because every player is fighting to be noticed for next season's transfer window signings," Ally explained.

The tactician noted: "This makes the matches difficult as players are putting in extra effort to showcase themselves in the market."

Despite the winless run, Prisons remain surprisingly comfortable in the top six of the NBC Premier League table.

"Even though we haven't won in five games, the players have done well," Ally said, acknowledging the positive aspect of their position.

Ally remarked: "The league is becoming increasingly competitive with every team playing at a similar level. There's no significant power disparity, even for our win against Simba SC since every game requires tactical adjustments."

Ally pointed out missed opportunities as the key factor in the stalemate against Kagera Sugar, saying: "We had good scoring chances, but we failed to convert them. Kagera Sugar opted for a defensive approach throughout the match."

Kagera Sugar's head coach, Fredi Felix 'Minziro', admitted their plan to replicate their previous 0-3 victory against Tabora United was thwarted by Prisons' resilience.

"We created several opportunities, but we weren't clinical enough, we'll learn from our mistakes and make adjustments before the next league match," Minziro said.

Tanzania Prisons continue to hold their ground in the NBC Premier League, currently sitting sixth with 31 points after 24 matches. Their record boasts seven wins, 10 draws, and seven losses.

The team has displayed a balanced performance on the pitch, scoring 25 goals while conceding 26.

Striker Samson Mbangula has been instrumental in Prisons' offense, leading the team's scoring charts with eight goals.

Meanwhile, the Mbeya squad's recent opponent, Kagera Sugar, sitting seventh, finds itself just below the former.

Kagera Sugar has managed 29 points with six wins, 11 draws, and seven losses in their 24 matches played so far.

The tight contest reflects the growing competitiveness of the NBC Premier League, where teams are increasingly focused on tactical strategy and individual player performance.

While Prisons remain in contention for a top-five finish, Ally's concerns highlight the potential challenges a transfer-focused mentality can pose for a team's short-term results.

## BFT impressed by Dar boxers' showing in S. Africa tourney

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

BOXING Federation of Tanzania (BFT) says it is happy with the performance showcased by the country's boxers in the just-ended Mandela African Boxing Cup tournament which took place at the Durban International Convention Centre in South Africa.

The country was represented by five boxers and, speaking yesterday when the team jetted back, the delegation's leader Makore Mashaga said despite winning two medals, the federation is happy with the boxers' performances.

Yusuph Chagalawe won a silver medal while Aziz Chala won a bronze medal in the showdown that has been held for the first time.

The other three boxers who were part of the national boxing team were Ezila Mwangalo, Mussa Maregesi, and Abdalla Mfaume. The team was coached by Mzonge Hassan and Mashaga who is also BFT Secretary-General.

Mashaga noted: "The Mandela African Boxing Cup was taking place for the first time and it attracted many top amateur boxers from 25 countries, the competition was very high."

"There was money handed over to the winners, we have won two medals, we are happy with this (achievement) and are looking forward to the future," he said.

The national boxing team's trip to South Africa was bankrolled by the Tanzania People's Defense Forces (TPDF).

Chris Roberts, IBA Secretary-General, recently described the Mandela African Boxing Cup as a milestone in African boxing.

He was quoted in the press saying the one-week tournament is a milestone in African boxing and a game changer in the development of the sport in the continent.

"It is a great pleasure to announce the first edition of the Mandela African Boxing Cup taking place in South Africa."

"Our decision to name the competition after one of the world's most inspirational personalities is with reason and great respect," Roberts pointed out.

He noted: "Dear teams, let's take Mandela's dedication to boxing as a strong inspiration for young generations and glorify his name through the Mandela Cup to make it a yearly tradition."

IBA organized the event in conjunction with the Africa Boxing Confederation (AFBC) led by its president Eyassu Berhanu, SANABO, and Thembekile Mandela Foundation led by the founder and CEO Ndileka Mandela who is the granddaughter of the late icon Mandela.

The Minister for Sports, Arts and Culture Zidi Kodwa said they have endorsed the tournament which, according to the minister, will help in unearthing the talent of several upcoming African boxers.

Boxers from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) won 10 titles in the tournament. The AIBA and Thembekile Mandela Foundation moreover signed a Memorandum of Understanding to develop young people's talents.

Roberts and Ndileka Mandela, Nelson Mandela's first granddaughter, CEO, and founder of Thembekile Mandela Foundation, announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the organizations. Roberts emphasized that Nelson Mandela's legacy continues through boxing.

The Thembekile Mandela Foundation and the IBA established several key points of collaboration through the Memorandum of Understanding.

They include developing joint initiatives through the use of boxing as a tool for social impact and community development and promoting inclusivity and diversity within the boxing community.

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## Simba SC all out to shake off recent struggles, faces KVZ FC

By correspondent Michael Mwebe & Seth Mapoli

THE chance for redemption will be coming to the fore in the Muungano Cup tournament as a beleaguered Simba SC takes on KVZ FC at New Amaan Complex Stadium in Zanzibar in the evening.

This marks Simba SC's second visit to Zanzibar this year, and they are determined to shake off the bitter memory of their Mapinduzi Cup final defeat to Mlandege FC just three months ago.

Despite the severe pain that Simba SC's fans are going through due to their team's less convincing run, Ahmed Ally, the side's Information and Communication Manager, has asked them to continue being patient because happier times are coming.

Simba SC lost their second game this season against long-time rivals Yanga, conceding 2-1 goals in the NBC Premier League tie that took place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam last Saturday.

It marked the fifth consecutive game without a win in all competitions for the Msimbazi Street side.

Ally said: "Gold is put through a fiery furnace to acquire value. Though it suffers in the fire, it emerges fresher, better, and with double the value."

"Simba SC fans, let us endure this fierce fire to become better and potentially end the season on a high note. Even though their chances of winning the NBC Premier League are slim, Simba SC should not lose sight of the remaining nine matches.

A strong finish could secure them a second place on the table, which is crucial for qualifying for the CAF Champions League next season.

Referee Ahmed Arajiga will be at the helm, tasked with overseeing a fair and competitive tournament that will breathe new life into Zanzibar's football scene.

Joining him will be assistant referees Frank Komba (Mainland Tanzania), Al Ramadhan Rajabu (Zanzibar), and Ali Rajabu (Zanzibar). Amina Kyando (Mainland Tanzania) and Mohammed Simba (Zanzibar) will complete the officiating team.

It is worth noting that Arajiga recently officiated the Dar es Salaam derby between Simba SC and their long-time rivals Yanga, where Simba SC succumbed to a 2-1 defeat at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium last Saturday.

With a chance to redeem themselves and



Simba SC players are pictured participating in training in Dar es Salaam recently in preparation for the 2023/24 NBC Premier League. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

lift silverware, Simba SC will be looking to put that loss behind them and emerge victorious in Zanzibar.

While Simba SC must be under pressure to respond with a positive result, KVZ FC is carrying the hopes and dreams of a classic underdog story.

KVZ FC were eliminated at the quarterfinal stage of Mapinduzi Cup earlier this year and are currently third in the Zanzibar Premier League as they remain four points off leaders JKU SC in a tight title race.

This match promises to be a thrilling encounter, with Simba SC eager to prove their dominance and KVZ FC determined to cause an upset.

The atmosphere in the New Amaan Complex is sure to be electric, and all eyes will be on head coach Benchikha's tactics and the players' performance.

Can Simba rise from the ashes and reclaim their winning form, or will KVZ FC pull off a surprising victory?

The excitement is palpable, and only time will tell who will reign supreme in this crucial Muungano Cup tie.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

