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If producers can fake revenue stamps, it means they can also tamper with their products, selling drinks that are unfit for human consumption or even skip or fake the required ingredients

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

PERATIVES of the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) have impounded 666 cartons of spirits with bottles bearing counterfeit tax stamps and hallmarks sealing their caps.

Eva Raphael, the TRA zonal manager, said at a press conference at the weekend that Pardeep Singh Sidhu, the Double Diamond Holdings managing director, who firm operated a liquor bottling plant at Themi Hills on the outskirts of the city, was placed under arrest.

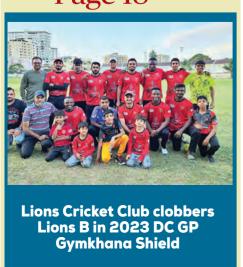
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President Samia Suluhu Hassan is welcomed shortly after jetting into New Delhi yesterday at the start of a four-day State Visit to India, the first since she assumed power on March 19, 2021. Photo courtesy of Indian news agency ANI

Netherlands, TAHA set up horticulture seeds platform

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

THE Netherlands Embassy and the Tanzania Horticultural Association (TAHA) are grouping together horticulture and potato farming

municipal authorities have expressed similar optimism

lock the potential of the high value crops seed industry.

The agency is to be hosted at TAHA head offices here, identified as the Tanzania Horticulture and

groups to set up a platform to un- Potato Seed Platform (THPSP), in- ing it ushers in a new dawn for action on critical challenges facing the seed industry.

> THPSP was launched at the weekend, with stakeholders say

tended to coordinate stakeholder improvement of horticulture and potato crops seed application.

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Disorientated? Not knowing what this is and where it is? You will surely not be alone in facing the ordeal. But keep your cool, for this is none other than a view of Dar es Salaam's ultramodern Mwenge Bus Stand, as captured by The Guardian Limited Chief Photographer Selemani Mpochi at the weekend. The contractors say they are putting final touches to various structures before the facility starts operations "SOON". Kinondoni

Samia to obtain **honoris** causa citation

Awarding an honoris causa citation is another sign of the respect that the international community has for President Samia and Tanzania in general since Jawaharlal Nehru University

By Guardian Correspondent, New Delhi

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan is tomorrow expected to receive an honorary doctorate citation from the Jawaharlal Nehru University, the second Tanzanian leader to be awarded the citation (honoris causa) by the prestigious Indian academic institution.

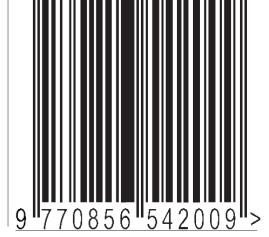
January Makamba, the Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister, said at a press conference yesterday that President Samia will be awarded at the university tomorrow on the suggestion of the Indian Ministry of External Affairs.

He said the citation is in recognition of her contribution in leadership and forging closer relations between the two countries, following in the footsteps of founder president Mwalimu Nyerere in the mid-1960s, awarded the Jawaharlal Nehru medal.

Affirming that the doctorate follows the president's achievements in boosting international relations in her visits and at the United Nations General Assembly and caucuses, he saidi that the Jawaharlal Nehru University is one of the best universities in India.

He said in illustration that the holders of the Foreign Affairs and Finance portfolios in the country at present (himself and Dr Mwigulu Nchemba) studied at this university in earlier days, which apparently referred to post-graduate studies, Awarding an honoris causa citation is another sign of the respect that the international

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Nyasebwa Chimagu, the director of crops development, commended members of the platform for initiating coordination work, notably TAHA, the Tanzania Seed Trade Association (TASTA), the World Vegetable Center, the Southern Agricultural Corridor of Tanzania (SAGCOT), the Tanzania Official Seed Certification Institute (TOSCI), as well as the embassy

This initiative contributes to realising objectives of the National Horticulture Development Strategy 2021/2031, as the sixth strategic objective seeks to strengthen coordination of the institutional and policy framework.

He pledged strong support of the Ministry of Agriculture in fostering collaborative platforms across the agricultural value chain, vital for open dialogues on cross cutting matters,

This approach aligns perfectly with the agenda and aspirations of the ministry, he said, while Ambassador Wiebe de Boer lauded TAHA for taking the lead in organising the launch event. The Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO) provided seed funds to operationalise the platform, he said.

For over 50 years, Tanzania and the Netherlands have engaged in agro-sector cooperation, with emphasis on horticulture, potatoes, aquaculture and poultry, he stated.

"This collaboration has led to Dutch private sector investments in horticulture and potato mainly in the seed sub-sector," he elaborated, asserting that horticulture and potatoes are promising industries for food security, quality nutrition and employment for women and youth.

"There is a lot of best practices experience and exper-

tise from the Netherlands that can be shared with Tanzanians," he further noted, underlining that the platform will be a steppingstone for exchanges on methods of strengthening the seed system.

Baldwin Shuma, the CEO of TASTA who doubles up as THPSP chairman, said that the overall objective of the platform is to strengthen partnership and coordination among participating enterprises.

They platform caters for information sharing, identifying successes or challenges and up-scaling activities in the horticultural industry to support the various companies to become more competitive in regional and international markets, he stated.

Apart from the Dutch Embassy, the Alliance for the Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) who organized the recent food systems summit have also expressed interest in supporting this initiative" Mr Shuma said, amid applause from the floor.

TAHA development manager, said that horticulture accounts for 17.5 percent in the country's food security basket, praising the government for its dedication to fortifying the seed sector. Dr. Gabriel Rugalema, the World Vegetable Center regional director, said that the horticulture subsector is encouraged by the political will and action on the part of the sixth phase

The government needs to maintain meaningful engagement to create a better business and investment climate, he said. The platform will be available for advising the ministry on liaising with key actors to implement the national horticulture and potato seed programme, he added.



Manyara regional commissioner Queen Sendiga (R) receives the Uhuru Torch from her Dodoma counterpart, Rose Senyamule, at the border between the two regions yesterday. Photo:

Samia to obtain honoris causa citation tomorrow

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community has for President Samia and Tanzania in general since Jawaharlal Nehru University, he said noting that the university is one of the most respected academic institutions in In-

multuous independence of India in 1947 which saw its partition into India and Pakistan, with millions leaving their homes to form a predominantly Muslim state on the western part of the former Empire of India, observers noted.

President Samia is on a It was named after the four-day state visit to India country's first prime min- at the invitation of Indian ister in the wake of the tu- President Droupadi Murmu,

with relations between India and Tanzania gathering pace during the sixth phase government and the Indian authorities headed by Prime Minister Narenda Modi.

The visit is expected to boost strategic cooperation in sectors like health, industries and trade, defence and security, education, ICT, blue economy, water and agriculture, the minister

Advertising Tanzania's trade and investment opportunities to traders and potential investors in India is high on the agenda, officials noted, with the visit following in the footsteps of fourth phase president Jakaya Kikwete in 2015, reciprocated by Prime Minister Modi in 2016 while on ing massive water projects bureau since 1972, it a rapid tour of five African

countries.

Trade between the two countries reached \$3.4bn in 2022 from \$2.14bn in 2017adn \$3.1bn in 2021/22, while 630 investment projects valued at \$3.74bn were registered during 2021 and 2022, a State House statement indicated.

Tanzania was implementthat India sponsored, in-

cluding the Tabora-Igunga project costing 617bn/- and is now completed, it saod. Tanzania also

benefits from training opportunities in short and long term courses with technology and economy projects as well as from India's cultural relations added.

Tshisekedi returns forms to contest in Dec. 20 poll

PRESIDENT Felix Tshisekedi has submitted his candidacy for a second term in office, joining a crowded list of presidential hopefuls including opposition heavyweights and a Nobel Peace Prize winner.

The turbulent central African nation, a vast and impoverished country of about 100 million people, is due to hold parliamentary and presidential elections on December 20.

Tshisekedi, who came to office after an election in 2018, formally submitted his candidacy for a second five-year term in office in the capital Kinshasa on Saturday.

He joins over a dozen opposition candidates, including political heavyweights and senior members of the previous administration, but the opposition is far from united, observers said.

Given the fractured opposition, the 60-year-old president is favourite to win h poll, with analysts saying he is in a good position,

Christian Moleka, a political science lecturer, said as he is the incumbent, he has the resources of the state, noting that people still believe in him and he's managed to build strategic alli-

position would need to unite around a single candidate to stand a chance of beating Tshisekedi, he said, ruling out last minute convergence as several opposition figures "who have something prove have thrown their hats in

the ring." Moise Katumbi, a business magnate and former governor of then-Katanga province is amongst those running after having been barred from contesting the 2018 vote.

Nobel Peace Prize winner Denis Mukwege has called for 'unity of all force' as a contender, despite failing to rally around Martin Fayulu, whom independent observers said won the popular vote in 2018.

Outgoing president Joseph Kabila organized the result to be in Tshisekedi's favour, but they later fell out, while some critics believe that Mukwege's entry into the race complicates mat-

ters further for Fayulu. He was the preferred candidate of the influential Catholic hierarchy but the surgical gynaecologist and winner of the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize, for his work with sexual assault victims who announced his candidacy on October 2 is believed to carry moral au-

Still, Mukwege is also little

thority.

known outside of his native eastern DRC, and is viewed negatively in some quarters as a Western-backed candidate.

Announcing his presidential bid this month, Mukwege told supporters that "unity of all forces" is needed to change the DRC.

Mukwege is open to forming alliances, the political scientist affirmed, noting that it remains to be seen whether other opposition

figures are of a similar mind. Several analysts argue that should one unifying opposition candidate emerge, the move will likely arrive late in the election campaign.

This would spare the the government the need to go into "aggressive mode" to defeat the candidate by fair means or foul, in the wake of fears by opposition candidates in recent months over a narrowing of the 'democratic space' in the DRC.

Opposition politician Cherubin Okenda, a member of Katumbi's party, was assassinated in Kinshasa in July under circumstances that remain unclear.

A leading Congolese journalist has also been imprisoned on charges of disseminating false information about the murder, thus most opposition parties are convinced the elections will be by and large fraudulent.



SERVING IN STYLE: Mwanga Hakika Bank Ltd's head of corporate banking, Projest Massawe, marks Customer Service Week at the bank's premises in Dar es Salaam at the weekend by smartening up a car belonging to one of the bank's customers. Photo: G

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quired ingredients," she stated. Double Diamond produced and bottled brands of alcoholic beverages mostly gin under the trademarks of the Ace of Diamond and well as the Ace of Diamond Pineapple (Fla-

Ayubu Tweve, head of the electronic tax system unit.

The regulations require that each of the packaging bottles be marked with an official revenue counter at every stage of production, she said, pointing out that at the Njiro factory there was another consignment of

voured), she specified, alongside 900 cartons of bottled gins stored in the cellar with no markings as yet.

It was the 666 packaging cartons that had bottles bearing the forged revenue stamps, she said, highlighting that while the number of bottles per carton is limited to 12 or up to 24 pieces, Diamond Holdings had cartons of up to 30 bottles.

This adds up to nearly 20,000 bottles of spirit gins bearing counterfeit tax revenue stamps which would have gone on sale, she explained.

"Chances are that the company had already dispatched similar numbers, if not more, bottles of their Diamond branded gins with forged revenue seals," she added,

ances. The divided political op-



help boost the country's health sector. She said President Samia Suluhu Hassan will for the first time visit India from October 8 to 11 following an official invitation aiming to strengthen tie in different sectors.

thanked the Indian government for the sup-

port, said that the new health facility will

The Phoenix ambulances are an advanced ambulance with a high power of 80HP diesel engine that will help quicker transport of patients to the hospital.

They are fitted with GPRS tracking device, intercom for driver and rear crews communication, spacious rear AC room with Fridge for medicine storage, a wash basin and tank, medical equipment 1 portable and 2 fixed Oxygen Cylinders, pulse oximetry, Portable Suction Apparatus, foot suction machine, portable EMS cardiac monitor with defibrillator and two spine boards with good turning radius to move in small lanes and roads and high ground clearance to run on bad roads.

Tanzania and India have enjoyed traditionally close, friendly and co-operative relations. From the 1960s to the 1980s, the political relationship involved shared commitments to anti-colonialism, non-alignment as well as South-South Cooperation and close cooperation in international fora.

Former President Julius Nyerere was held in high esteem in India and was conferred the Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding in 1974 and the International Gandhi Peace Prize in 1995.

In the post-Cold War period, India and Tanzania initiated economic reform programmes around the same time alongside developing external relations aimed at broader international political and economic relations, developing international business linkages and inward foreign investment.

In recent years, India-Tanzania ties have evolved into a modern and pragmatic relationship with sound political understanding, diversified economic engagement, people to people contacts in the field of education and healthcare, and development partnership in capacity building training, concessional credit lines and grant projects.

President Samila will be accompanied by a high-level delegation including ministers and a large business delegation.

During her stay in New Delhi, President Samia will meet with the President of India Droupadi Murmu and will hold a detailed bilateral dialogue with Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi.

President Samia will also participate in a business and investment forum in New Delhi on 10 October 2023.

A Presidential visit from Tanzania is taking place after a span of over 8 years and is expected to further invigorate and strengthen the historic and friendly relations between the two nations.



Violet Mlinga, an assistant director in the Natural Resources and Tourism ministry, opens a meeting of the ministry's savings and credit cooperative society in Dodoma city on Saturday. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

Samia to grace 77th session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan is expected to grace the official opening of the 77th ordinary session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights which will be held in Arusha.

Minister for Constitutional and Legal Affairs, Ambassador Dr Pindi Chana revealed here yesterday that nearly 1000 participants from around the conti- 20 October to 9 November 2023.

nent and overseas will be attending the meetings to be hosted in Tanzania for three consecutive weeks.

"The head of state has confirmed her participation in the sessions," said Minister Pindi Chana here.

As it happens, the 77th Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights will be the longest and busiest, taking place from

However the session will be preceded by a special forum for Non-Government Organisations which runs in Arusha from 16 to 18 October 2023.

Some of the many agendas to be addressed during the forums and sessions include assessing achievements and hurdles of the Maputo Protocol, inclusion of youths in the Implementation of the African Union Agenda 2063 and confronting racism, xenophobia, and discrimination of migrants in northern Africa. Other topics are things like balancing progress and privacy: navigating ai, data protection, and human rights in African context, analysing the implications and impacts of anti-constitutional changes in African Nations and exploring the challenges and responses to shrinking civic space in African socie-

Delegates will also address issues of tecting the environment in Africa.

accountability for reprisals and judicial killings in Africa's pursuit of human rights. During the sessions, taking place at the Arusha International Conference Centre, there will be a panel on ratification of the protocol to the African Charter on Social Protection in Africa.

In one of the sessions' side events, participants will address the situation of human rights defenders who are pro-

This side event will be the opportunity to analyse the violations faced by environmental defenders in Africa especially in Uganda, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Tanzania and analyse the situation of women human rights defenders in Cabo Delgado, Mozambique.

It will also allow for discussion on strategies for enhancing protection for environmental human rights defenders amongst key stakeholders.

Correspondent Joseph

set to host International Meeting to eradicate Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) that will involve nearly 1,000 participants from across the globe.

Addressing reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday Dr Dorothy Gwajima, Minister for Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups said the three-day meeting will be held in conjunction with the celebration of the International Day of the Girl

Dr Gwajima said Tanzania is one of the countries whose communities still practice traditions of female genital mutilation and the statistics show that FGM has decreased from 30 percent in 2010 to 10 percent in 2015.

She said statistics show that some regions still have extreme FGM including Manyara Region where there is an average of 58 percent, Dodoma 47 percent, Arusha 41 percent, Mara 32 percent, Singida 31 percent, Tanga 14 percent.

She said due to the implementation of law to prevent acts of FGM, some communities have started to mutilate infant so that they can not be identified and held responsible.

She said in response to the challenge, the law of punishment and the law to protect the child have been formulated and the government in cooperation with its stakeholders have been educating the community about the effects of FGM.

She said the problem of FGM practices has spread all over the world, so joint efforts are needed to fight this tradition which has a

Dar hosts international DAR ES SALAAM is today et to host International meeting to curtail FGM

great impact on the society.

"This tradition has a great impact on women and girls, so all stakeholders together have a reason to reject these actions by exposing the people who do these actions and bringing them to the security organs," she said.

In addition, the Minister said Tanzania had the opportunity to participate in the first international meeting to eradicate FGM for the first time in Burkina Faso in 2018, which involved 22 member countries

of the African Union.

She said the meeting gave a resolution that every country in Africa should establish a strategy to control the FGM practices as well as control the borders to prevent the interaction of these practices from one country to other countries.

She said such a meeting takes place in a country that is appointed by the African Union Commission and for this year the union has chosen Tanzania to host the meeting.



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REQUEST FOR TENDER

Preparation of Business Plan for WWF Head Offices in Dar Es salaam

- 1. WWF Tanzania is an international non-governmental organization dealing with Environmental protection in Tanzania since 1990 and it has supported the Government of Tanzania in implementing various projects on Marine, Forest, Fresh Water, Energy and Wildlife. WWF global mission is to stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature, by:
 - · Conserving the world's biological diversity;
 - · Ensuring that the use of renewable natural resources is sustainable and
 - Promoting the reduction of pollution and wasteful consumption
- 2. World Wide Fund for Nature Tanzania Country Office (WWF Tanzania) has set aside sum funds for developing a business Plan for building its Head Office in Dar Es salaam. Currently, WWF Tanzania conservation programmes and priorities are guided and based on its 2030 Vision, and WWF Global Conservation Strategies. With a number of projects on going country wide, WWF wishes to develop its Head Office in the Dare es salaam on its own prime piece of land. The organization strongly believe on a positive working environment that is directly related to performance in support to realize the various objects and goals. The proposed Office building will accommodate Head Offices for WWF alongside provision for office spaces, conference hall and other supporting facilities for lease. Development of such substantial Office building entails mobilization of equally substantial financial resources. It is on this background that WWF is seeking potential interested parties to participate in the bidding of preparation of the business plan that will be used in the solicitation and mobilization of funds to be used in the implementation of the development of envisaged WWF Head Office
- 3. The main objective is to prepare a business plan for the development of the proposed WWF Head Office in the Dare es salaam. This goes with other objectives as to:
 - i. To conduct a real estate market assessment and development opportunity identification of the proposed
 - ii. To establish the main target market (anchor tenants) of the proposed development; iii. To draft a business plan that will be used in the solicitation of funds for the implementation of the proposed
- 4. The proposed assignment will be undertaken in a maximum of one month, including submission of the business plan. It is anticipated that within this period all works related to data analysis and compilation, report writing as well as handing over of the final report to the WWF TCO shall be completed.
- 5. Full terms of reference and other details as scope of work for this tender are available on WWF website at https://www.wwf.or.tz/jobs_and_opportunities/consultancies_and_tenders/ Interested parties should submit Only full proposals not later than 10:00am, Thursday 04th November, 2023. addressed to;

Secretary, Procurement Committee **WWF Tanzania** White Star Street, Off Mwai Kibaki Road Plot 252, Mikocheni P. O. Box 63117, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania Tel: +255 22 277 5346/277 2455/270 0077 Fax:+255 22 277 5535; website. wwf.or.tz

6. Evaluation of the tender will be done based on WWF procurement guidelines and that WWF Tanzania is not bound to accept any lowest or highest proposal/bid. Only Successful candidate(s) shall be contacted.

7. WWF has a principle of zero tolerance on fraud and corruption, if you encounter such an incident, then report it by sending an email to fcci@wwftz.org



Request for proposal for design and development of Tanzania Mortgage Refinance Company Limited Integrated system

Organisational Context

Tanzania Mortgage Refinance Company Limited (TMRC) is Bank of Tanzania (BOT) licensee as a specialized private-sector financial institution that provides long-term funding to financial institutions for mortgage lending purposes. Since its inception, its objective has been to support financial institutions to do mortgage lending by refinancing Primary Mortgage Lenders' (PMLs') mortgage portfolios. This type of lending is also known as wholesale or secondary market lending. TMRC is neither taking deposits nor lending directly to individuals. It refinances mortgage loan portfolios rather than individuals mortgage loans and caters to banks rather than individual borrowers. TMRC membership is open to banks and non-banking financial institutions which have an interest in the development of the housing sector

TMRC has set side funds for development of an Integrated System. TMRC is looking for an integrated system which will cover its current and future operations. In terms of Operations Effectiveness, the Company expects to leverage on modern standard technology to automate its Business Processes that will promote data sharing and collaboration between Bank of Tanzania, Tanzania Revenue Authority, PMLs, TMRC and other stakeholders.

The bid documents can be obtained from TMRC website https://www.tmrc.co.tz/resources/view/procurement-of-tmrc-integrated-system

TMRC hereby invites companies with relevant experience and would like to bid for the development of the system. Interested bidders may contact TMRC through contacts below for bid documents. The Proposal should reach TMRC on 3rd November 2023 latest.

On submission of the Proposal, the company will be required to pay non-refundable fee of US\$50 or TZS 130,000 to be paid at the following Bank accounts TZS Account details:

Name of the account holder: Tanzania Mortgage Refinance Company Ltd

Bank Name: Exim Bank Tanzania Ltd

Branch: Exim Tower Branch Account Number: 0301 985 556

SWIFT: EXTNTZTZ

USD Accounts details:

Name of the account holder: Tanzania Mortgage Refinance Company Ltd Bank Name: Bank of Africa Tanzania Limited

Account Number: 01524670001

SWIFT: EUAFTZTZ

For more information Contact:

Tanzania Mortgage Refinance Company Limited, 15th Floor, Golden Jubilee Towers, Ohio Street P.O Box 7539 Dar es Salaam, 11101 Tanzania Tel: +255 22 2215100/5110

Mobile: +255743637980 Email: Procurement@tmrc.co.tz



Zanzibar Second Vice President Hemed Suleiman Abdulla waves to SGA Security staff when visiting the firm's pavilion at the Sixth International Mining Equipment and Products Exhibition in Geita District, Mwanza Region, last week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Tanzania to host 50th international Apimondia beekeeping conference

By Correspondent Maulid Mmbaga

TANZANIA will host the 50th Apimondia Conference to be held in Arusha in 2027, President of Apimondia Regional Commission for Africa, David Mukomana said yester-

Apimondia is an International Federation of Beekeepers' Associations that brings together beekeepers, manufacturers of beekeeping equipment, and a wide variety of scientists involved in apiculture, apitherapy, pollination, development, and economics.

Mukomana said the main objectives of Apimondia is to facilitate the exchange of information and discussions where beekeepers, scientists, honey traders, agents for development, technicians and legislators meet to listen, discuss and learn from each other.

"Efforts by President Samia Suluhu Hassan through the Royal Tour film has resulted in increased opportunity and the beekeeping sub-sector as well as promoting Tanzania's tourist destinations," said Mukomana.

He said it is an advantage for Tanzania to host the congress due to its geographical location as it can be easily reached by beekeepers from the East African Community (EAC) and Southern African Development Community (SADC).

He commended the tremendous work done by government and Tanzania Forest Service Agency (TFS) in bringing the global apiculture congress to Tanzania, thus laying a foundation for massive business opportunities for entrepreneurs.

He explained that Tanzania became a member of Apimondia and subsequently hosted the 1st Apimondia symposium on Africa Beekeeping in November 2014 in Aru-

Executive Chairman of PMM Companies that is involved with honey production, Dr Judith Mhina linked the successes with efforts by President Samia in promoting the country's tourism sector.

"Hosting this meeting will strengthen the economy as we are going to receive more than 6,000 visitors. We expect to earn more than \$20 million during the five days," she

A beekeeper from Tabora Region, Deogratius Mndeme said they are expecting to sell more honey and establish partnerships with beekeepers from across the globe.

TFS will soon launch a total of six existing factories in various regions that will help increase the value of honey and enable farm-

ers to sell to the international market. Data from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism shows that the country's production of honey stands at 38,000 tonnes per year but the potential is 132,000

'Establishment of national public health institute crucial'

By Correspondent Daniel Semberya

HEALTH sector stakeholders have underscored that the establishment of a National Public Health Institute (NPHI) was crucial as it will help heighten cordination and control of various health challenges to further reduce the global burden of disease.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam during the iust ended Tanzania Health Summit, Director of Global Health Security (GHS) at the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Dr Wangeci Gatei said that if NPHI is established it will among others, promote health acting as a hub of pandemic and epidemic intelligence.

The institute will coordinate pub-

institutionalise and build resilience in IHR core-capacities of prevent, detect, respond and recover from public health threats

According to Gatei, NPHI will apply multi-sectoral cross-cutting one health strategies, manage multidisciplinary surge staffing as needed in preparedness and response, provide a unique opportunity to create effective responses, improve efficiencies and hence reduce

She further detailed that if developed, the NPHI will also manage public health emergencies: Lead surveillance and rapid outbreak investigations; operate public health laboratories functions for

lic health functions and programmes, expert detection and tracing; maintain an emergency response team.

> Lead collaborations: Bring together experts from across government and partners; provide leadership for core public health functions naturally.

> Coordinates programme: Lead public health programmes and public health operational, implementation research to achieve targets; house resources for public health programmes.

> Serve as a trusted information resource: Lead or coordinate public health messaging; house data, guidelines and updates on public health content.

> She further mentioned the value of NPHI as being a linkage among critical public health functions leading to im

proved coordination and response to threats. Dr Mahesh Swaminathan, the U.S. CDC Tanzania Country Director said that the centre will has been supporting Tanzania's efforts to establish a National Public Health Institute.

"We stand shoulder-to-shoulder with Tanzania, and have already provided technical support, training and fact-finding missions as Tanzania embarks on this critically important mission."

In the follow-up to the UN General Assembly, a delegation led by Minister for Health, Ummy Mwalimu travelled to Washington, DC, Atlanta, and the U.S. state of South Carolina to hear from stakeholders at the federal and local levels on how public health institutions can

effectively accomplish their goals. "We were happy to host and coordi-

nate this travel so that health stakeholders across the Tanzanian government have a better understanding of what best practices in the U.S. system might be applicable to the Tanzanian context." Dr Swaminathan said: "We share Tan-

zania's enthusiasm for the project to establish a NPHI, which can coordinate the country's disease control and prevention efforts, pandemic and epidemic responses, and generally respond to public health threats."

Since 2011, CDC has helped develop and strengthen NPHIs in more than 40 countries. Around the world, NPHIs have varying names and differ in size

and scope, but their purpose remains the same-improving public health by being an institutional home for scientific excellence and partnership.

In Tanzania's case, the NPHI Programme has been working for several years to implement our Data Impact activities such as standing up the public health bulletin and the development of policy briefs through the Data to Policy program, all in partnership with the

Prof. Tumaini Nagu, the Chief Medical Officer, also concurred with fellow doctors and other stakeholders by saying that the establishment of NPHI is crucial because the government has hugely expanded its health system.



JOB OPPORTUNITY

Chemonics International Inc, a U.S. based international development consulting firm, seeks a Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL)/Collaborating, Learning, and Adapting (CLA) Director for the USAID Tanzania Lishe Mtambuka Activity, also known as the Regional Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Activity. The five-year project aims to strengthen health and food market systems that promote the adoption of optimal nutrition-related behaviors across a range of stakeholders in targeted regions in Tanzania. We are seeking individuals who have a passion for making a difference in the lives of people around the world. This position will be based in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Responsibilities include:

- Finalizing and overseeing the Lishe Mtambuka Activity's knowledge and learning plan and Activity Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning Plan (AMELP), and designing and operating the activity's MEL system.
- Integrating CLA principles throughout implementation to promote learning and build the MEL and CLA capacity of our consortium and stakeholders through training and knowledge transfer.
- Collaborating with Lishe Mtambuka technical staff to develop and manage tools for data collection, storage, and analysis.
- · Performing data analyses, generating reports of findings, and creating data visualizations to contribute to Lishe Mtambuka's reporting requirements and communications products.
- · Collecting and disseminating lessons learned and sharing successes during project implementation. In conjunction with activity leadership, helping Lishe Mtambuka's team learn from its data.

Oualifications:

- Master's degree in statistics, quantitative/qualitative data analysis or management, program management, anthropology/social sciences, or related field.
- · Minimum of 12 years of experience in utilizing tools for data collection, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting of donor-funded projects.
- Prior work experience on USAID-funded projects working with results frameworks, indicators, and targets • Demonstrated knowledge of integrating CLA into project interventions to inform decision-making and
- incorporating CLA into capacity building for program monitoring requirements. Demonstrated experience with quantitative and qualitative research methods, including developing surveys and holding focus groups and capacity building for CLA.
- Excellent interpersonal and communications skills, with demonstrated diplomacy and the ability to communicate effectively in a cross-cultural environment.
- · Demonstrated leadership, versatility, and integrity
- Excellent written and verbal communications skills in English.

Application Instructions

To apply, please submit your CV and application through this link

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Factors pulling Tanzania down on digital economy status march cited

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

TANZANIA will not be able to attain digital economy status without having identifying infrastructures because digital economy incorporates the sending of letters, parcels and other services at homes that can be done via post code addresses.

The observation was made here at the weekend by the Coordinator for the implementation of the the post codes address system project, Jampion Mbugi at the launching of of training seminar on the implementation of the post codes address systems at Morogoro Municipal council offices provided to Ward officials, village chairmen and over 1,000 collectors of details,

The stakeholders are expected to conduct the exercise to verify post codes address within 14 days in all areas of Morogoro Municipality.

Mbugi said Tanzania has the opportunity to attain the digital economy status and for it to benefit from various issues by simplifying all services in general because the post codes address system has attained achievements at 95 per cent while in other African countries the attainment is only at 15 per cent.

He said every country has installed its identification systems in accordance to their goals and for Tanzania, it has incorporated various issues including safety, security and online trade.

"For the system to become sustainable, the empowerment issue is also supposed to be sustainable by building up understand and more mobilisation, as there has emerged a practice who have tried to destroy post codes addresses,"

Mbugi said. He added that the implementation of

the post codes address system exercise has attained 95 per cent and leads many African countries since its inception in

For his part, Morogoro District Administrative secretary, Hillary Sagala, representing the district Commissioner stressed on the community not to vandalize post code address signs, as in some areas these are now missing.

"The government will continue providing education to the community to make the people understand on how to value these infrastructures that has cost a lot of funds to install," Sagala said.

For his part, the representative of Morogoro region Administrative Secretary, who is also Morogoro Region ICT Officer, Herman Njelekela said the Region will not hesitate to take stern measures against all those who will be found to hinder the exercise.



Senyamule (C) and Dodoma district commissioner Jabir Shekimweri at the launch of the firm's branch in Dodoma city at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



School furniture worth 108m/issued in Arusha, Kilimanjaro

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

MORE than 1000 students from primary and secondary schools in Arusha and Kilimanjaro regions have benefitted from class and dormitory furniture worth 108m/- donated by one of the leading financial institutions in the country.

It was during the special customers and client's services week when the NMB Bank distributed 400 sets of class tables and chairs, 100 desks and 160 beds in three primary and six secondary schools.

The annual customer service week was observed between October 2 and 8, 2023 around the world.

NMB Bank's northern zone manager Baraka Ladislaus said the institution has been compelled to use the special week in giving back to the community through its corporate social responsi-

"Our bank is investing heavily in the improvement of Health and Education services and related sectors in the country," Ladislaus explained.

Schools that benefitted in Kiliman-

jaro Region include, Hai Day secondary, which got 100 sets of tables and chairs, Shirimatunda also received 100, both in Hai District.

There was also Anna Mkapa secondary which received 50 sets and Mawenzi 50 sets in Same District.

Hai District Commissioner Amiri Mkalipa, speaking on behalf of his colleagues, said other institutions need to emulate NMB Bank's example in identifying what the community needs and addressing the challenges facing them.

"The donations have been quite helpful because they are exactly what our school, pupils and students need," said DC Mkalipa, adding that the government will do everything to ensure that a conducive environment for doing business is created in the precinct.

One of the parents in Same District, Yusto Mapande said such support helps to take off the burden of incurring additional expenses to procure school furniture and equip-

In Arusha, the Sombetini second-

ary school received 100 sets of class tables and chairs.

As for the dormitory bunkers, the Kimala secondary and Same primary school received 40 double-decked beds each.The Kibaoni primary school has also been provided with 80 sets of beds.

The Uhuru primary school of Arusha was given 100 desks for its class-

NMB Bank's quality controller, Salie Mlay said the financial institution has set aside part of their profits, amounting to 6.2bn/- which is now being invested in community services as well as projects.

"In recognizing President Samia Suluhu's drive in providing quality services to the people of Tanzania the NMB Bank will continue to support community development projects to solve arising challenges faced by the residents of Tanzania," he added.

According to the NMB official the bank is also working to increase the amount of dividends paid to the government, which at the moment stands at 45.5bn/-.



Kinondoni District school quality controller Naitwa Mgumba (L) represents the Dar es Salaam regional commissioner on Saturday in presenting a certificate to Jovina Edward, a John Baptist Girls High School student has performed outstand-

TBA commends 6th phase govt for implementing pro-business policies

By Getrude Mbago

(TBA) has hailed the 6th phase government for implementing pro-business policies, something which had helped increase operational efficiency of the banks and positive performance of other economic sectors.

According to the association, there has been a strong performance demonstrated during the first half of the 2023 year where the government continued to implement various policy reforms to improve the business environ-

Addressing reporters in Dar es Salaam at the weekend, TBA managing director Tusekelege Joune said that it was important for the institutions to offer products and solutions catering to the needs of all Tanzanians as well as invest in environmental protection.

"The banking sector in Tanzania continues to exhibit robust financial stability. Our member banks have maintained healthy capitalisation levels and adhere to stringent risk management practices, contributing to the overall strength of the financial system," she said.

She said the sector's stability is a testament to the resilience and professionalism of our member institutions where the core capital adequacy ratio was 19.6 percent, above the minimum regulatory requirement of 10 percent (according to the monetary policy statement released by the Bank of Tanzania (BoT) in June

Assets quality improved with ment," she said.

the ratio of non-performing loans reaching 5.85 per cent, down TANZANIA Bankers Association from 8.42 percent in January 2022 and even decreased to 5.5 per cent in April 2023 from 7.8 per cent in June 2022.

> "We are also pleased to report that the quality of loan portfolios across the banking sector remains sound. Prudent lending practices and ongoing risk assessments have contributed to maintaining a low rate of nonperforming loans," she said.

> The overall lending and negotiated rates averaged around 15.96 percent and 13 percent in June 2023 respectively, almost similar to the rates recorded in the corresponding quarter in

> She said the banking sector has continued to play a critical role in enabling borrowers to acquire the needed funds for their diverse economic activities.

> TBA continues representing and advocating for conducive policies that would make financial inclusion, particularly through the banking sector suc-

> "Several banks in Tanzania have established not-for-profit corporate social investment initiatives (foundations) focused on serving the social economic challenges that our society faces such as poverty," she added.

"We thank the government because it has been closely engaging us in various initiatives and whatever challenges there are, we sit and solve together, this is very important as it brings harmony and stimulates develop-

Former PM Pinda: Most farmers lack education on use of fertiliser

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

FORMER Prime Minister Mizengo Pinda has said many farmers in the country still lack the right education on the use of fertiliser when cultivating in order to enhance

He made the remarks here at the weekend when addressing retired teachers from Dodoma Region who visited him at his farm in Zinje area. He said for farming to be of benefit farmers

are required to abide by by farming regulations including the application of fertiliser to increase their yields.

He explained that agricultural extension officers hold that responsibility - supervising farmers in their areas and educating them on the benefit of fertiliser in farming.

Pinda added that farmers have been endeavouring in their farming activities but need more education for them to reap benefit from farming, and added that people are required to grab opportunity in farming and fish farming because the latter needs only a small area.

He explained that retired people are an important group in the society as they have different types of skills, hence they can help the society in various fields.

He said in case they join hands they can help to solve challenges from the skills they acquired before retiring.

He also called upon retirees to adopt production activities including farming and livestock keeping.

Earlier, The Secretary general of Dodoma Retired Teachers Association, Hassan Mbiru said the aim of their visit is to learn about various activities in farming and livestock keeping.

"We have learned a lot, after retiring one can do many development activities to assist the community," he said.

He said they came to the farm to learn from the former PM who has concentrated in farming and livestock keeping with great achievements.



INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF GEITA STADIUM AT GEITA TOWN

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company"), a subsidiary of AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") is in north-western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5 km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of obtaining contractors for construction of Geita Stadium and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible contractors to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) for this service as detailed below.

NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS SERVICE/WORK. SUCCESSFULLY CANDIDATES WILL BE SUBJECTED TO ANGLOGOLD **ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.**

Scope of Supply:

REFERENCE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
GGME01791	PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR CONSTRUCTION
	OF GEITA STADIUM AT GEITA TOWN

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- IV. All LOIs and support documentation (in PDF format) must be submitted to the Company's Office via e-mail at <u>geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com</u> without copying any individual from the Company. Submission should not be later than 8.30AM 18th October 2023. (the "LOI" Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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Malinyi district commissioner Sebastian Waryuba pictured yesterday launching a mobile health clinic donated by Switzerland's Solidar Med Institute and meant to serve remote parts of the district. Photo: Correspondent Idda Mushi

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

DEPUTY Prime Minister Dr Doto Biteko, has directed government officials to be creative and implement the plans they set on time and with efficiency instead of waiting to be pressurised by the top leaders.

Dr Biteko, who is also Energy minister made the call over the weekend when speaking at the Pangani Investment Forum held on the sidelines of the Swahili International Tourism Expo (SITE).

The forum was organised jointly by the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) in collaboration with the

'We need to be creative to implementing plans'

Biteko said the executives should go down to listen to the concerns of people and solve them quickly instead of waiting for minor problems to be brought to the attention of the president and other high profile leaders.

"The president should only think about major matters such as the construction of a Standard Gauge Railway and others, so let's solve these small things that are within our ca-

Pangani district office, Tanga Region. pacity and not wait to be forced by someone," he said.

> He said it has become common to see leaders putting a lot of pressure on major national issues and completely forgetting the minor issues that directly affect the lives of common citizens.

> He said Pangani District has been an example by establishing an investment forum which will be of great benefit in attracting tourism and investment and he urged other dis

tricts across the country to follow such example.

"It is my belief that if all the districts will have the creativity to hold such events within their districts, ministries would be less burdened, so I appeal to leaders when you see districts coming up with innovations like this support them and not see them as your competitors," he said.

He said leaders should avoid the tendency of discouraging their subordinates when they show creativity,

a situation which he said delays development . He said President Samia Suluhu Hassan has been making various efforts to promote tourism, so other leaders should not leave her alone and instead they should support the efforts by promoting tourism with a bang so that the country gets a lot of foreign currency.

Director of Tourism Promotion Department at TIC, John Mnali, said that Pangani District has many investment opportunities such as ag-

Malinyi gets mobile clinic from NGO in Switzerland

By Guardian Correspondent, Malinyi

THE Government of Switzerland, through its Solidar Med, a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) operating in five countries have handed over mobile clinic services to government authorities in Malinyi District to enable the people living in poor surroundings to access from health services with ease.

The mobile clinic with Malinyi District health workers will provide services to all people targeting doctors' services to pregnant mothers and children under five years of age, diseases that are not accorded priority including blood pressure and infectious diseases including TB and

Frida Akyoo, the mobile clinic manager officially handed over the modified mobile clinic vehicle (Land Cruiser), tents, medical devices and other equipment, saying its overall cost is more than 211m/-. She said they plan to cover all 10 wards in the district, especially 14 villages and 25 homesteads in difficult surroundings including Madabada, Ipera Asilia, Alabama, Kipenyo, Misegese, Ihowanja, Kilosa Mpepo and other areas that are difficult to reach.

She said the mobile clinic is part of a three-year project that aims to provide health services and education to various community groups including 56,000 herders, women, children, people with HIV-Aids.

Solidar Med Resident Director in

Tanzania who also covers Zambia and Zimbabwe, Dr Benatus Sambili said the the institution, registered as NGO in the country had aimed to to reach Morogoro Region residents, especially those living in Kilombero Valley including Ifakara, Mlimba, Ulanga and Malinyi districts.

He added that the NGO has been aiming to boost hospital services, maternity services projects, maternity health, TB and HIV-Aids.

Malinyi District Commissioner, Sebastian Waryuba, receiving and launchiung the mobile clinic thanked Solidar Med and the Swiss government in general for its recognition of the good work being done by President Samia Suluhu Hassan and her government in improving the country's healthcare services.

"This mobile clinic has come at the right time, especially owing to having areas that are difficult to access, especially during rain season," he said.

He also called on health experts and council officials to respect the assistance by taking care of the vehicle and have in place a good management in order for it to last long.

Malinyi District Council vice chairman, Lucas Mgoahenga and acting District Executive Director who is also the district medical officer, Dr Aziz Keto, at different times commended the assistance given, especially after Solidar Med had provided another assistance recently in improving toilets and water systems in the districts; dispensaries.

riculture, businesses, blue economy and tourism in the Saadani Park.

He said TIC has been offering various incentives to investors depending on the type of investment that one wants to invest adding that those who export their products for 80 per cent have their own incentives unlike those who produce and sell locally.

"The government has planned well to ensure that all investors who will show interest in investing in Pangani get the permits and licences they need at one stop centre at TIC, we have created Tanzania electronic Investment Window where an investor can obtain everything, " he said.

Security firm wins top award at International Mining Expo

By Guardian Reporter

SGA Security has scooped yet another top award for excellence in offering guarding services through the use of state-of-the-art technology and safety in the mining industry.

The Award was presented to SGA Security during the just-ended International Mining Exhibition in Geita.

The 6th edition of the mining exhibition was closed by Zanzibar's Second Vice President, Hemed Suleiman, after 10 days of busy activity by over 350 ex-

The visitors were able to experience first-hand how combination of technology and human interface boosts surveillance and prevents loss of assets in the

mines. Eric Sambu, SGA (T) Managing Director commended the organisers for the successful exhibition and appreciated the recognition SGA received. "This award demonstrates the efforts we have made in assuring all actors in the mining industry of reliable safety and security for them to concentrate on their core activities," he said.

Sambu added that the company invests a lot in fostering partnerships with renowned manufacturers of electronic security solutions to ensure that their customers get latest solutions at affordable prices. "Our secret has been to continuously train our technicians to remain on top and assure our customers of value for money in their investments in these technologies.

SGA was also awarded the top prize by the Ministry of Minerals last year for local content performance at the International Minerals and Mining Confer-

"We pride ourselves in prioritizing locals in recruitment of personnel and procurement of items we use in our areas of operations. We foster relations with all stakeholders in all our activities to ensure that we remain sustainable," Sambu added.

SGA Security was the first company to operate private security in Tanzania some 40 years ago. It currently employs over 5,000 Tanzanians across its national network of branches.

The company also offers latest security solutions in transportation of high value goods and case, guarding, emergency response and installation and maintenance of electronic security solutions. SGA also maintains several ISO Certifications and have won many top awards in the country and the region for the quality for their services.



Mwanza regional administrative secretary Elikana Balyanda speaks at a Customer Service Week event in Mwanza city yesterday. He is with Airtel Tanzania's director for customer experience, Adriana Lyamba (C), and another official with the mobile phone service provider. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

THE five-year health projects of United States Agency for International Development Government agency (USAID) have achieved significant success in assisting the Tanzanian government in addressing the challenges of HIV and tuberculosis in the southern regions heavily burdened by the effects of these diseases.

The projects include Afya Yangu Southern Program and Kizazi Hodari Southern, managed by Deloitte under the sponsorship of the United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), through the coordination of the USAID. Dr. Marina Njelekela, the Chief of Party of the

USAID Afya Yangu Southern project, speaking at the 10th Tanzania Health Summit in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, stated that the \$102

million project aims to support the delivery of quality HIV and Tuberculosis (TB) services, including prevention, care, TB treatment, and HIV antiretroviral therapy in six southern regions of

"The project supports approximately 1,409 health facilities in the regions of Iringa, Lindi, Morogoro, Mtwara, Njombe, and Ruvuma in providing services and testing for both communicable and non-communicable diseases, for the year

22/23, 1.1 million people were tested for HIV/ AIDS, with 48,000 of them testing positive for the virus," Dr. Marina Njelekela explained.

USAID health projects bring new hope to HIV, TB patients in southern regions

Doroth Matoyo, Chief of Party of the USAID Kizazi Hodari Southern said over the weekend that the five-year, \$28.5 million project aims to assist orphaned and vulnerable children living in high-risk environments who, in one way or another, have been affected by HIV, It has reached more than 86,965 beneficiaries, including 56,527 women and 30,438 men, in 11 regions of mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar.

"The project has been highly successful in

providing HIV services as well as services that improve nutrition, health, education, prevention, mental health, and life skills," said Doroth.

Carlton Jones, the Director Advisory of Deloitte Tanzania, emphasized the importance of Tanzanians adhering to best health practices, as despite various efforts, the rate of infection remains unsatisfactory, he noted that the current perception of HIV as a common disease within the community leads to the disregard of health professionals' advice.

Deloitte Tanzania Director of Results Management, Dr. Moses Ringo, emphases the sig-

nificance of using HIV antiretroviral drugs, highlighting that it is crucial in the fight against the disease.

"When a person uses medication to suppress the virus to below 50 copies in their blood, the likelihood of transmitting it to others decreases," said Dr. Ringo.

Both projects, each spanning five years, began with the USAID Afya Yangu Southern Project on November 9, 2021, and the USAID Kizazi Hodari Southern Project on March 24, 2022, serving the regions of Iringa, Njombe, Ruvuma, Lindi, Mtwara, Rukwa, Katavi, Songwe, Pwani, Morogoro, and Mjini Magharibi in Zanzibar.

Agribusiness dealers counselled on modern technology, ethics

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

WOMEN and youth dealing with agribusiness have been counselled to apply new technology and adhere to ethics while conducting their activities.

This was said in Dodoma last week by an official from Hans Agri Machinery Limited identified as George Masaka during a midyear workshop to review a mentorship program for women and youth that was organised by Agriculture Markets Development Trust(AMDT).

The two day event attracted more than 25 mentees from Mtwara, Manyara, Dodoma Ruvuma, Lindi, Iringa, Rukwa and Njombe regions.

Masaka said the use of modern agricultural technology plays a crucial role for the development of the sector.

He said application of modern technology in planting and harvesting might result in high yields hence income to the farmers and state coffers.

He explained that his company has been dealing with distribution of modern agricultural machines to the farmers in some regions.

"We noted changes in the areas where we have been working, I urge agribusiness farmers to apply the technology and change their livelihood", he said.

Masaka also urged agribusiness farmers to create a habit of participating in various platforms and talk about development of the

"I also urge farmers to instil a culture of learning, be faithful and look for potential customers of their produce". he added.

Abilah, said most mentees wanted to see integration of climate smart farming as part of mentorship program

He said the six months mentorship program has seen an increase of annual income and customers on part of farmers due to application of various methods taught.

For his part, a Research Assistant from Tanzania Agriculture Research Institute identified as George Mwakatobe, urged farmers to apply conservation agriculture for their own development.

Mwakatobe said conservation agriculture has helped to bridge the shortage of food in some of the regions.

"I have been working in Manyara region and other nearby areas where they have been practising conservation agriculture, they do not face severe food shortage at

A paddy farmer identified as Steven Mwampwani urged fellow members to create a habit of recording each and every thing in books.

"Most of us do not have a culture of keeping records in books,we have to change this to help to understand challenges facing the sector and how to solve them," he said

He said the government recognises the role of women and youth in improving the economy particularly in the agriculture sec-

The reviewed program involved 4 mentors and 24 mentees aimed at exchanging experience of improving business between experienced entrepreneurs and the upcoming ones.

According to AMDT the main objective is to enable them to move forward in doing ag-Speaking, a mentor identified as Joseph ribusiness.



Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank managing director Frank Nyabundege (C), acting commercial and credit director Afia Sigge (L) and head of human resources and administration Noelah Ntukamazina cut a cake in Dar es Salaam last week in marking Customer Service Week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

33.1km Kilolo-Iringa tarmac road will spur economic activities, says minister

By Guardian Correspondent, Iringa

WORKS Minister Innocent Bashungwa has said when completed, the construction of the 33.61km Iringa-Kilolo road at tarmac level to cost 60.1bn/will spur positive results, including growth in the farming, tourism, trade and investment sectors.

Bashungwa made the remarks in Kilolo District, Iringa Region at the weekend after witnessing the signing of the contract for the road project between TANROADS and the Resident Manager from Hunan Construction Engineering Group, the contractor.

Iringa - Kilolo road has been a long time cry from many people in the area, including Iringa Region MPs at various times as well as CCM officials," said Bashungwa.

He added that the construction of the road at tarmac level will economically empower people in the area and "History is going to be written as the solve long time transport inconven-

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iences they have been experiencing.

He said President samia Suluhu Hassan has also endorsed funds for the construction of a 7.3km diversion road (Iringa Bypass) which is now at the procurement stage.

He also named other roads that will be constructed at tarmac level including the 71km Iringa-Ipagala road.

Meanwhile, Bashungwa instructed the project will be implemented in 24 TANROADS to fully supervise the Iringa-Kilolo road to ensure it is built within the required standard as per the contract in order to reflect its

money value. Earlier, submitting his project report, TANROADS Chief Executive Ofmonths at 60.1bn/-. He added that the feasibility studies

and in-depth survey started February 2019 and completed July 2021 by Inter-Consult Tanzania and has abided by all professional critter.

Besta said the project is among proficer, eng Mohammed Besta said that jects implemented by the government

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Service Charges (Exclusive of VAT and Government Levy on Digital Transactions) (The applicable VAT (Value added Tax) and Govt Levy on digital Transaction to be collected during the collection of service charges)

Sr. No.	Item	Charge
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holders – Not permitted for non a/c holders)	Remittance -USD	USD 10
Other Outward Remittance	1USD up to 6,000	USD 15
	USD 6,001 - 10,000	USD 30
	Above USD10,000	@ 0.35% Maximum USD 75
Tracer Charges	Irrespective of Amount	USD 30
Recall back funds charges	Irrespective of Amount	USD 30
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	USD 101 up to USD 5	00	USD 10		
	Above USD 500		USD 18		
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item	TZS A/c	USD A/c
Saving Account :-		'
Cash withdrawal per day –Free of charge, up to amount	TZS 25 Mn	USD 2000
Cash withdrawal charges over USD 2,000 to USD 5000 per day	-	0,25% of withdraw amount
Cash withdrawal charges over USD 5,000 per day	-	0.60% of withdraw amount
Cash withdrawal charges over TZS 25 Mn per day	0.10% of withdrawal amount	
Cash Deposit charges over USD 5,000 per day	-	0.60% of deposited amount
Cash deposit charges for small currency USD notes ranging from USD 1 to USD 20, irrespective of amount deposited (i.e. both for below and above USD 5,000)	-	12% (Min USD 1) of the aggregate small currency amount
Current Account:-		
Cash withdrawal per day –Free of charge, up to amount	TZS 25 Mn	USD 5000
Cash withdrawal charges over USD 5,000 per day	_	0.60% of withdrawal amount
Cash withdrawal charges over TZS 25.00 Mn per day	0.15% of withdrawal amount	_
Cash deposit charges over USD 10,000 per day		0.60% of deposit
Maintenance of minimum balance	: -	
For Saving Account-Without Cheque Book Facility	TZS 50,000	USD 50
With Cheque Book Facility	TZS 200,000	USD 200
For Current Account	TZS 200,000	USD 200
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Saving Account - Without cheque book	TZS 900 p.m	USD 4 p.m
With cheque book	TZS 3600 pm	USD 15 p.m

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Current Account-	TZS 20,000 p.m	USD 15 p.m		
D. Other Common Charges	3			
Item	Charges			
	TZS A/c	USD A/c		
Stop Payment Instructions	TZS 35,000	USD 28		
Regular statement of a/c (Monthly)	Free	Free		
Interim/additional statement	TZS 1500 per page	USD 1.50 per page		
Issue of bankers' cheque	TZS 40,000	USD 30		
Cancellation of bankers cheque/DD	TZS 20,000	USD 15		
Issue of Duplicate Bankers cheque/Demand Draft/ Duplicate FDR	TZS 30,000	USD 20		
Application charge for Treasury Bond	TZS 100,000	USD Equivalent to TZS 100,000		
Issue of Balance certificate (Saving Account)	TZS 20,000	USD Equivalent to TZS 20,000		
Issue of Balance certificate (Current Account)	TZS 50,000	USD Equivalent to TZS 50,000		
Signature verification and Photo Attestation charges for Domestic A/c Holders	TZS 10,000	USD Equivalent to TZS 10,000		
Verification of Documents such as KYC Documents along with verification of Photo and Signature of Customer Mentioned account with Bank of India- in India /Overseas	TZS 25,000	USD Equivalent to TZS 25,000		
Savings bank customer	TZS 20,000	USD 10		

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Activation Fees	TZS 5,000	USD 3
	Corporate	Corporate
	TZS 12,000	USD 6
Account Freezing/un freezing Charges	Free	Free
SMS Alert facility	Free	Free
Email Alert Facility	Free	Free
Monthly Statement on Registered Email	Free	Free
Balance Inquiry (Over the Counter)	Free	Free
Charges for Deletion of Decease Person Name from the Saving Account	Free	Free
Charges for Addition/modification Account such as Change in respect of Corporate A/c	TZS 20,000	USD 10
Updating of Mobile No. in A/c (SB,CD,OD)	Free	Free
Change /Modification in Address (SB,CD,OD)	Free	Free
Issuance of No Dues Certificate for Non-Borrowers.	TZS 10,000	USD 7
Ledger Folio Charges per Folio (40 lines per Folio) only for Current and Overdraft Accounts	TZS 6,000 per Folio	USD 4 per Folio
Postages/Courier Charges Inland/Foreign	TZS 30,000 or actual charges whichever is higher	USD Equivalent to TZS 30,000

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Within walking distance-1 km	TZS 70,000	USD 45			
Far off distance -more than 1 km	TZS 95,000	USD 65			
Cheque returned charges –	TZS 70,000	USD 55			
financial reasons					
(inward/outward)					
Inward/outward cheque					
collection -USD	0.60% Min comm.18 postages 90	0.60% Min comm.18 postages 90			
CREDIT MATTERS					
	Charge/Fees				
Proposal Processing Charges: -	•				
New Overdraft/Term Loan/Demand	1,50% of sanctioned limit				
Loan	(Regular Limit – 1,50% for 12 Months)				
TOD/TOL/ADHOC	Proportionate to 1.50% for TOL/TOD/A	DHOC Period minimum USD 60			
New NFB BG/LC Facility	1.50% of sanctioned limit (Regular Limit	t - 1.50% for 12 Months)			
Review of Overdraft Limit	1.50% on entire sanctioned amount.	·			
Review of	0.15% maximum USD 600 or TZS 1.20	Mn on the reviewed amount and 1.50% on			
Term Loan Demand Loan	the additional Term Loan /Demand Loa	n amount.			
Personal Loan					
Vehicle Loan					
Loan Against Property					
Etc.					
Schematic Lending up to 36	Nil				
months/Staff Loan	1				
Prepayment charges	2.50% of the prepaid loan amount.				
Documentation charges for New Overdraft Limit/Term Loan/Demand	Actuals as per advocate Bill + 0.30% h	andling charges			
Loan/Non Fund base Limit		be applicable for TOD/TOL/ADHOC Limit			
	however actual expenses if an	y to be recovered.			
	Documentation charges also	NOT Recoverable for the Loan/Overdraf			
	against FDR.				
Charges for	0,25% on the sanctioned limit				
Amendments/Modification of					
Sanction Terms	We enumerate the illustrative ins	tances of Modification in Terms and uest of the Borrower where this charge			
	will be levied: -	dest of the Borrower where this charge			
	Substitution of Collateral Secur Release of Personal Guarante				
	Interchangeability of limits.	e/Conateral Security.			
	Change in project/items of Mac	chinery			
	Ceding of charges on assets(P	ari-Passu)			
	Restructuring, Rephasement o	f Loans/ Deferment of Loan installments.			
		Approvals for mergers & amalgamations.			
Revalidation of Sanction	25% of Applicable PPC Charges on Overdraft Limit/Term Loan/Demand Loan				
Lead bank Charges	USD 1000 or equivalent in TZS per a	nnum/one time			
Fee for Opening Escrow/TRA A/cs	Where				
(Trust and Retention A/cs)	We are Lead bank: Nil				
	We are Not Lead Bank:				
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Charges for Supplying copies of Loaning Documents to Customer.	First instance: Free				
Loaning Documents to Customer.	USD 10 or equivalent in TZS for further requirement.				
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Non/Delayed Submission of Audited Financial Statements of	USD 100 or equivalent in TZS per me	onth or part thereof			
the Company OR wherever	Note:-Audited Financial statements of	f the firm/company within 6 months from			
applicable	closure of Financial Year or as approve	ed by TRA for the relevant year.			
Inspection charge	TZS 30,000 per visit/inspection or at le				
	once in quarter whichever is higher.	visit /inspection or at least once in quarter whichever is higher.			
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		xpenses are to be recovered from the			
	borrower.				

Issuance of No objection certificate	USD 100 or equivalent i	n TZS		
(NOC) 1st party/3rd party Overdraft/Loan against deposit of our Bank	Waiver of Processing & Documentation charge.			
(BOITL) Overdraft/Term Loan/Demand				
Loan Conversion Charges	For Overdraft account 0.5	50% of Sanction L	mit.	
(Currency Conversion) Earmarking of Limits	For Term Loan/Demand I	Loan 0.50% of O/s	Amount	
Earmarking of Limits	USD 500 or equivalent in TZS per annum			
Non Compliance of Sanction terms/Commitment charges	1.00% additional Penal Interest to be charge till compliance of Sanction			
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Review - No charge)	USD 10			70.00.000
Over USD 10,000 to USD 50,000/ Over TZS 20 Mn up to TZS 100 Mn	USD 16		'	ZS 20,000
Over USD 50,000/TZS 100 Mn	USD 50			TZS 100,000
D&B Search for non-Borrower, on request	USD 50		'	ZS 100,000
Charges for Furnishing copy of	TZS 20,000			USD 10
Credit Information report obtained from CIC				
Guarantee (Performance/Financia	i) :-			
Guarantee Commission	1.35% per quarter or part		for one quar	ter.
Guarantee against 100% cash margin	50% concession on the a	bove rate		
Swift Charges	As Applicable			
Postages	As Applicable			
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Closure of Guarantee After Expiry of Claim Period	Nil			
Invoke of Guarantee	USD 200 or equivalent i	n TZS		
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	In lieu of earnest money deposit			
	In lieu of tender deposit In lieu of security deposit			
	 To obtain advance payments (generally exports) 			
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Acceptance of bills under LC	0.60% of Bill amount Min			
Retirement of bills under LC	0.60% of Bill amount Mir	0.60% of Bill amount Min USD 30 Maximum USD 360		
Inward Bills for Collection	0,30% of Bill amount min	imum USD 150		
Exports:-				
Negotiation of Bills under LC	0.60% of Bill amount Min	imum USD30 Max	imum USD :	360
Confirmation of Export LC LC Advising Charges	0,90% per quarter +SWIFT charges USD 30/- USD 150			
Export Bills for Collection	0.60% of Bill amount Minimum USD 30 Max USD 360.			
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Taking A New Look **At The News ESTABLISHED IN 1995**

Balancing act vital on recruiting medical staff vis-a'vis community health workers

REPORTS that the government is set to recruit 153,385 community health workers in the next three years to strengthen primary healthcare provision is at once good news as definitely they will make a contribution. Yet the news came more or less in place of even greater relief, that the government will fill most open places hindering hundreds of dispensaries and health centres from either starting to offer services or improving their services. There are serious shortages of equipment and staff, such that building more health centres is being halted.

A top level official for the Health and Social Welfare department in the President's Office (PO-RALG) mentioned this recruitment drive at the Tanzania Health Summit then in its final stages late last week. The current projection is to employ 51,192 community health workers each year for three years to attain 153,385 openings, a massive effort by any criteria. This is supposed to cater for the needs of primary health care, but is this not concomitant with medical care?

One aspect of the difficulty of linking these areas if the wish expressed by the PO-RALG official on the need to facilitate implementation of Universal Health Coverage (UHC), an insurance format. He explained that the community health system is the first point of contact for most people seeking health care, asserting that it is essential for health promotion and disease prevention. This has airs of medical sector extension officers, explaining how to live, work, to stem dis-

that if we want to implement UHC, we must first invest in community health workers, so that more than 85 per cent of the population receive health services at primary health setups. It isn't easy to say this is where one goes in case of malaria or diarrhoea, which means that community health staff are an addition to medical staff properly speaking. It is the new dispensaries and health centres that should be opened, and elevated hospitals get equipment, not health advice.

If anything, the government can seek out a medical or para-medical franchise with ability to obtain donor financing to extend the community health preventive action drive. If it is organised in a publicprivate partnership mode, it is possible for the government to put in a substantial portion of its running costs the way it works with religious institutions and other charities to provide medical care. Preventive care needs specific skills and a calling, as it actually involves educating people against their daily habits, not the task for a non-committed fellow, first in doing the work as an employee and in supervising it.

The PO-RALG executive hinged the UHC intention to the community health workers drive, despite that the staff it is seeking appear to be paramedical, as proper medical staff work in hospitals, not telling people how to control disease. We hear that each community needs two community health workers, for an estimated 64,384 'hamlets' countrywide. Whatever the merits of their work, proper staffing of already built Some ponderous problems arise from dispensaries is crucial for treatment these remarks, for instance an assertion rather than extension work as this idea

Blacklisting surveyors partial solution to urban land conflict

VARIOUS sorts of land conflicts are making headlines on a periodical basis, one relating to lack of respect for traditional entitlement of land use when herders invade farms with cattle as if farmers are trespassers.

Another is land contention between farming areas and conservation reserved areas, while another is double allocation of plots faulty acquisition of land conducted by town planners or urban land administrators. Authorities make efforts to solve each of these land conflicts at a time, and no generalised solutions come forth.

An underlying theme of all these problems is the public ownership of land, where ownership is invested in the President of the United Republic for the various communities, but on the whole the use of that entitlement is of last resort.

Otherwise it is customary law that applies, so farmers occupy land and share it out among clan members, while cattle herders know all land as bush, with possible awareness that reserved areas matter. Not so much for the farms.

When it comes to urban land allocation or transfer, something similar to the two sets of unequal relations applies, as people are either cheated of land by clever people in selling land plots, or by clever officials in enabling transfers of plits from one person to another, or from undeveloped bush to individual occupancy. As Dodoma for instance is a fast growing city and plenty of pursuits of plots of land converge each day at city offices, some things are being conducted badly.

There are efforts by Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa to direct legal action against companies tasked with surveying plots in the surroundings of the capital and then showing clear misconduct, which was an illustration.

Two problems crop up in that regard, one as relating to the 'leadership code,' of doing business where one is charged with administration - thus by definition inviting corruption.

The other problem is inordinate power that state officials over the land, and on the basis of government reporting systems, it is nearly impossible to reverse

such decisions.

For those who follow policy thinking in relation to land administration, the buzzword since at least 2003 is the need for registration of properties 'of the poor,' in major urban areas, and using customary titles in registering rural land occupancy (which the media profusely confuse with land ownership).

There are even efforts to bring cattle herders to take out communal titles to land occupancy while the rest of the country is still a bush in their customary law terms, implying they can invade.

Agents hired by senior local government officials take an individual's land with the stroke of pen. In case of complaints, the dispossessed fellow can be certain he will get little hearing, outside 'come next week' ad infinitum. This is what happens, until one tires out; disciplinary action might not involve reversing decisions, or it may take years.

Since public land ownership is entrenched in the constitution, changes to the format shall be fairly slow as urban investments enable individuals to pile up cash and buy land in rural areas.

This gradually changes the landscape to leave encircled rural areas where customary land is still operational, with most surrounding land taken over by buyers from all sorts of places, local or foreign. Few conflicts shall arise at that time.



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The incredible journey of Tanzania-India relationship

By January Makamba

TANZANIA and India enjoy longstanding historical friendship and brotherhood, built upon a solid bond of cooperation. With President Samia Suluhu Hassan's State Visit to India from 8-11 October 2023, our growing ties will be elevated to greater heights, linking our historical past, geographical positions as well as the strategic direction of our current Foreign Policies.

Tanzania's relations with India date centuries ago, when trade between the people of Swahili Coast (including Zanzibar and Tanganyika) and Mandovi River Coast of Gujarat was documented.

The period witnessed the arrival of Indian traders, mostly from coastal Gujarat on the shores of Zanzibar and then to mainland Tanzania. Through the famous seasonal Monsoon Winds, traders and sailors from Europe passing through Africa could count on this dependable wind to carry out a roundtrip along the Indian Ocean annually. The discovery of the Monsoon Winds paved the way for the Monsoon Trade System to boom. Arguably the oldest trade route system, it gathered an Indian Ocean Network of merchants using dhows, traveling from various places in Africa (including modern-day Tanzania), Persia, India, and Southeast Asia.

For our two countries, as the network grew strong, the interaction between the people of the Swahili Coast and their Indian counterparts grew even more robust. As a result, people-to-people relations emerged, giving a solid foundation for government-to-government ties. With the establishment of Diplomatic Missions in Tanganyika and India in 1961 and 1962, respectively, our relations flourished. Today, Tanzania and India continue to enjoy cordial and friendly diplomatic relations built upon our shared desire to deepen economic, political, cultural, and social engagements that started centuries ago.

Bilaterally, our two countries are interested in capitalizing on and stepping



Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister January Makamba (L) and India's External Affairs minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar.

up our shared vision for development, tackling everyday challenges to economic growth, and identifying innovative opportunities for our countries to prosper.

On this front, I commend President Samia, the First Diplomat, for her leadership of our government, which enabled the amendment of investment policies, improvement of the business environment, strengthening of democracy and good governance, and enhancement of economic diplomacy.

With this visit, our relations with India will enter a critical stage whereby our two governments, led by President Samia and her counterpart Droupadi Murmu and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi will commit to rekindle business and trade relations for prosperity.

Currently, India is Tanzania's fourth largest trading partner, with a bilateral trade volume of USD 6.5

billion in 2022-23 (as per Indian statistics) and 3.1 billion in 2021-2022 (as per Tanzanian statistics) compared to USD 2.6 billion in 2017-2018. Similarly, India is among the top five investment sources in Tanzania. In 2021/2022, 630 investment projects worth USD 3.7billion were registered at the Tanzania Investment Centre

In addition to this zeal to revive economic ties with India, we at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation have witnessed President Samia elevating the execution of our Foreign Policy to greater heights.

Since she came into power, she has given Tanzania's Diplomacy significant attention by opening up the country to both business, bilateral and multilateral engagements. Without diverting from core principles of Foreign Policy, she has put more thrust into new areas of cooperation

by using the Joint Permanent Commission with our friends and allies, India being a major one. Tanzania and India cooperate in strategic sectors such as water, health, agriculture, ICT, blue economy, education, trade and investment and agriculture, and the promotion of business and investment opportunities available in Tanzania in order to attract Foreign Direct Investments (FDIs) from

From the early days of the Monsoon Trade System, it is indeed A Bridge Across the Ocean, with our Indian partners whom today, we share vibrant economic relations in the area of trade and investment.

As a Minister responsible for the Foreign Affairs portfolio, I take pride to note the endurance of Tanzania -India trade and business incredible journey that have stood the test of time. It is my sincere hope that this State Visit will give impetus to President Samia's quest to unlock Tanzania's constraints to eco-

Alarm bells are ringing at halfway point of the 2030 Agenda

THE world is now half way to 2030 but the ambitious goals agreed in 2015 including the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are under threat, action is urgently needed.

Over the past week world leaders gathered at the UN at the SDG Summit to set out the next steps towards 2030 and there is still a long way to go. Even the Secretary General's own report highlighted that only 12 per cent of the goals are on track.

Recent years have seen a series of inter-locking crises leading to growing inequality, escalating cost of living and devastating impacts around the world, pushing many people further behind. The Covid-19 pandemic is still taking its toll, affecting health, education and economic opportunities.

Authoritarianism, armed conflicts and militarism are tearing through already fragile communities. Millions of people are facing oppression, war, displacement, and loss of homes and livelihoods.

At the same time, the effects of the climate crisis are already affecting people and ecosystems, especially in the Global South, presenting a longterm threat to our shared lives on this earth. With temperatures continuing to rise, we are witnessing irreversible slow progress impacts and an increase in extreme weather events that are already affecting communities at the frontlines.

Challenging negotiations

The world is facing multiple and interlocking challenges but leaders are still not coming together with the urgency that is required.

In fact, the final outcome text even includes the following recognition: "we are alarmed that the progress on most of the SDGs is either moving much too slowly or has regressed below the 2015

baseline". For this SDG Summit negotiations started in Feb-

ruary on a Political Declaration, guided by the Ambassadors of Ireland and Oatar. A broad dialogue was established, and inputs were also taken from wider stakeholders in the early part of the negotiations. The co-facilitators enabled a clear process for dialogue and a number of key points were brought into the text.

However, the negotiations became increasingly fraught and dragged on until the beginning of September.

There have been suggestions that there were disagreements on language around gender equality, climate change and also on the fundamental question of financing for the implementation of the Goals.

Even after the final draft was circulated there has been a letter of concern on the demand for language on ending sanctions by Russia and a number of other member states. So. did the Summit deliver any clear proposals for the way forward?

Needed: Signers at health facilities to help the hearing impaired

By Correspondent James Kandoya

ANZANIA joined other countries for the commemoration of International Week of Deaf People which took place in Mbeya Region where communication barrier emerged as a major hindrance for this group of people with special needs, especially at key public service facilities such as health.

At the commemoration which took place last week, communication barrier was mentioned as a source of inadequate health care services, isolation, low self-esteem and abuse for people living with deafness in the country.

Also, because of availability of signers, a number of deaf were diagnosed with various diseases that could not be diagnosed and treated before due to communication

Njile Haroub, a resident of Morogoro Region, is a widow and a mother of four children born with hearing disability. She said that shortage of sign language interpreters greatly hinder provision of services at health facilities and schools.

Because she also lives with deafness, she recalled when she delivered her first child and communication was a big problem between her and the midwives at a public hospital.

"I had to teach basic sign language to one of the midwives who attended to me and things went pretty well," she said through a signer.

However, after delivering, she faced another challenge of taking the new baby to the clinic where all attendants knew nothing about sign language.

Fortunately, her younger sister has no speech impairment but learned sign language through her and volunteered as a signer whenever she took any of her children

Sometimes she spent nearly the entire day in a hospital waiting to meet doctors for consultation in the queues due to communication barriers.

"I had to stay longer hours in queue waiting for my name to be called because my card did not mention that I live with deafness," she said.

Subira Upurute is another woman living with deafness. She said that she had a protracted labour and lost her

child and she blames communication barrier for that loss. "Had there been a person who understands sign language, I believe something would have been done in time to save my child," she said.

She said inclusivity in health is very important to people with disabilities, especially deaf people who cannot adequately get the services if there is communication barrier.

Nuru Pengo from Iringa Region also lives with deafness public who through their body language, feel that women



and faced similar problems in hospitals personally and with her two children. She said the challenges start right from the registration area all the way to the doctor's consultation room.

At the registration is where important information about the patient is captured and recorded before the file is forwarded to the doctor and in her experience, in most cases, details were wrongly captured due to communication barrier.

Another problem is that during pregnancy and delivery, there are some heal caregivers and members of the with deafness should not procreate.

"When you enter a doctor's room for consultation and there is no signer, it is a bit of an embarrassment," she said.

She added that it is also the case in pharmacies where after realizing that a person is deaf, attendants normally keep them waiting for longer hours until someone who know a thing or two about sign languages comes in and rescue the situation.

"As human being I feel very bad when I cannot get basic service like health because of my disability," she said. She explained that there is low awareness among the

community about the rights of deaf people with respective areas or institutions.

Celina Mremba, chairperson of Tanzania Association of the Deaf, better known by its Kiswahili acronym CHAVITA said lack of signers at public health facilities deny people living with deafness their right to healthcare.

"Communication barrier and stigma come between us and important services such as health, education and other basic human rights such as justice in courts and at police stations," she said

Although some healthcare providers rely on audio or phone-based communication systems to communicate with their patients, this also may be a barrier to deaf people due to the fact that such technology prove ineffective for deaf patients who require visual communication

Mary Kessy, the National Professional Officer- Violence and Injuries Prevention from the World Health Organization (WHO) said there is need to ensure the rights of people living with disabilities including deaf people.

"It is time to ensure deaf people find signers when seeking basic social services" she said.

"Services can become more inclusive by raising awareness among all health service staff, including health workers, receptionists and security guards of the rights and needs of people with disabilities,

According to her, this can be done by providing training for all staff and developing specific policies on disabil-

Prof Joyce Ndalichako, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliament, Labour, Employment, Youth and the Disabled) said recently that everyone has a right to access services regardless of his or her disability status.

She said that the government is working on 10 resolutions of the WHO in order to attain standards of health for persons with disabilities.

"My ministry in collaboration with the Ministry of Health is working closely to ensure health and education equity for persons with disabilities," she said.

The International Week of Deaf People is a globally recognized event that serves as a platform for raising awareness about the rights, culture, and achievements of deaf individuals worldwide

The theme for this year was 'A World Where Deaf People Everywhere Can Sign Anywhere!' which underscores the importance of sign language as a means of communication and highlights the need for greater accessibility and inclusion for deaf individuals in all aspects of life.

It serves as a call to action for governments, organizations, and individuals to work together to create a world in which sign language is not only accepted but celebrated.

'Foreign countries ready for international trade fair set for Dar next year'

By Guardian Reporter

HE Executive Director of the Confederation of Tanzania Industries (CTI), Leodgar Tenga, has said that a number of ambassadors representing their countries to Tanzania have confirmed their countries' participation in an international trade fair scheduled to take place in Dar es Salaam in April next year. The exhibition is organised by CTI and Tanzania Trade Development Authority (Tan Trade) aims at boosting businesses and technology by producing high quality products which can compete in the international

Speaking when welcoming the guest of honour at the closing ceremony of industrial trade fair which was organised by CTI in Dar es Salaam recently, Tenga assured Dar es Salaam Regional Commissioner Albert Chalamila that CTI will continue to cooperate with the government in improving the industrial policy so as to contribute in the national income and creating employment opportunities.

Speaking during the closing ceremony of the industrial trade fair which was organised by the Confederation of Tanzania Industries (CTI), the Dar es Salaam Regional Commissioner, Albert Chalamila has commended the efforts of CTI for organising the three-day trade fair, which has been productive for the nation due to efforts by the President of Samia Suluhu Hassan in sensitizing investors to invest in the manufacturing sector so as to bring changes which will stimulate economic growth and development.

He said the aim of the government is to cooperate fully with the private sector especially the industrial sector and use modern technology so as to ensure that the products which are produced in the country are of high quality and can compete in the local and international markets, which also includes infrastructure projects.

When giving the message from President Samia Suluhu Hassan to exhibitors who participated in the international trade fair, Chalamila said that the President commended the chairman of the Board of Directors of CTI, Paul Makanza, chairman of the Board of Directors of TANTRADE, Prof. Ulingeta Obadia, managing directror of TANTRADE, Latifa Mohammed, Vice-Chairman of CTI, Sufian Hussein and Tenga for cooperating in preparing the international trade



From L: Executive Director Leodgar Tenga, Industry and Trade deputy minister Exaud Kigahe, Education, Science and Technology minister Prof Adolf Mkenda and Minerals deputy minister Steven Kiruswa have a feet of products at a recent trade fair in Dar es Salaam. Photo: Guardian Reporter

fair meant to increase production of portation and hence stimuproducts which can compete in the local and international markets.

The RC reminded owners of industries to go with the pace of technology so as to stimulate sustainable economic growth, contribute to national income, create employment opportunities and involve the private sector in their endeavours.

He commended the efforts of Airplane Africa Ltd for investing I aviation sector in Morogoro Region, an investment which will boost businesses in tourism

sector in the country. This will help to save time, to ease trans-

late sustainable economic growth and development in the country. He commended the company and encouraged it to continue to manufacture more planes and sell them in the local and international markets.

Prof Paul Makanza, Chairman of CTI said that the confederation will cooperate with the government so as to ensure that industries use modern technology to

produce high quality products which can compete in the international markets.

The coming trade fair is meant to make producers meet with their fellow producers to exhibit products and promote the same so as to get market opportunities.

Sufian Hussein, Vice Chairman of CTI, thanked various participants of the recent trade fair for adhering to the call of the confederation whereby 200

including participants from outside the country.

Ambassadors who represent their countries in Tanzania also visited the trade fair and saw for themselves technology which is used to produce high quality prod-

tor General of Tan Trade because the technology said the aim of collaborating which is used to produce with CTI is to create good re-

exhibitors participated in lationship between the prithe international trade fair, vate sector and the government to promote Tanzanian products in the international markets. The trade fair is a platform for factory owners to sit with the government and see how they can resolve challenges they face

and come with solutions. She appealed to Tanza-Latifa Mohammed, Direc- nians to buy local products them is of high quality and can be competitive in the international markets. Tan Trade and CTI have entered into an agreement whereby the international trade fair will take place every year.

Tenga said that CTI will cooperate with the government to see how they can create an enabling environment for businesses to thrive by resolving issues such as prohibitive taxes, licenses and environmental impact assess-

Indigenous leaders, youth activists in Brazil fight to protect the Amazon

By Farai Shawn Matiashe

AFFAELLO Nava, a youth and student activist, has fled his home at the peak of the global Coronavirus pandemic after receiving death threats from multinational companies that invaded his ancestral lands in the Amazon

The 22-year-old, whose name has been changed to protect his identity, is seeking refuge in Manaus, a gateway city to the Amazon tropical rainforest.

"They killed two of my friends. I had to run away," he says while speaking in Portuguese through a trans-

The powerful companies are linked to former President Jair Bolsonaro. He was succeeded by 67-year-old Lula da Silva, a Latin American leftist and a veteran in Brazil's politics who won in the October 2022 elec-

Nava's tribe is resisting the invasions from these companies who are cutting down trees for timber and clearing land for agriculture.

"Our territory is wanted by these people. Cattle ranchers have already taken thousands of hectares. My people are receiving threats," he says. "I am here on the frontline. Fighting to protect our land and that of Brazil, I do not even know if I will go back home or not. I fear for my life.'

Over the years, the lives of indigenous community activists and leaders have been at stake throughout the Amazon. In 2020 alone, more than 260 human rights defenders were murdered in Latin America, 202 of which occurred in countries of the Amazon Basin, Colombia, Brazil, Peru, and Bolivia, representing 77 percent of the cases, according to a report by the Coordinator of Indigenous Organizations of the Amazon Basin (Coica).

About 69 percent of these murders in 2020 were against leaders working to defend territory, the environment, and the rights of indigenous peoples.

Brazil holds 60 percent of the Amazon, the biggest tropical rainforest in the world, with the other portion shared by nine South American nations, including Peru and Colombia.

Brazil and Bolivia have about 90 percent of deforestation and degradation in the Amazon, shows data from research titled Amazonia Against the Clock, which covers nine countries sharing the tropical rainforest released in September last year by scientists from the Amazonian Network of Georeferenced Socio-environmental Information (RAISG) in collaboration with Coica.

Indigenous organisations from the Amazonas are calling for a global pact for the permanent protection of 80 percent of the Amazon forest by 2025.

In the Amazon, land grabbers have been invading the land of indigenous communities to pave the way for mining and agriculture.

Agriculture is responsible for 84 percent of deforestation in the Amazon forest, and the amount of land given over to farming has tripled since 1985, according to the report.

The Amazon forest plays a significant role in absorbing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, thus reducing the effects of climate change caused by gas emissions worldwide.

There are over 390 billion trees in the Amazon, helping it to retain some 123 billion tons of carbon dioxide. But over the years, increasing deforestation and land degradation have been reducing the ability of the Amazon forest to absorb carbon dioxide and instead contributing to global warming through both human-caused and natural fires.

The tropical rainforest has also been experiencing droughts and floods, signs human activities are causing climate change.

During his campaign days, Lula promised to combat deforestation in the Amazon forest, which had worsened under Bolsonaro, who was President since 2019.



Indigenous leader and activist Vanda Witoto poses at her home in Manaus, Brazil, in October 2022. Credit: Michael **Dantas/United Nations Foundation**

the region due to his links to some of Brazil's powerful agricultural industry leaders.

Another activist based in Manaus, whose life is in

Bolsonaro backed farm and ranching expansion in danger from powerful people, says deforestation in the Amazon worsened under Bolsonaro.

> "His policies are of less protection. He also reduced the number of protected areas in the Amazon. He

An aerial view of a scientific research station, Camp 41, in the Amazon in Brazil. Credit: Michael Dantas/United Nations **Foundation**

made laws that should protect the forest weaker," he says in an interview in Manaus in October 2022 during Brazil's elections.

He says during Bolsonaro's era, there was an increase in the loss of vegetation due to deforestation, reduced biodiversity and a rise in cases of invasions of indigenous communities in the Amazon.

The activist says agro-businesses and those in the extractive industries use pesticides and chemicals that pollute and contaminate water bodies in the Amazon forest, putting many people and animals in

Vanda Witoto, a Brazilian indigenous leader, says multinational companies and agro-businesses were funding illegal operations such as logging in the Amazon during the Bolsonaro era.

"I visited some communities in the Amazon. There was illegal gold mining. Sadly, there is less reporting because the locals are being threatened. Big companies are investing a lot in illegal mining and deforestation in the southern part of the Amazon," Witoto says, toning down her voice and holding back her tears during an interview at her home in the neighbourhood of Parque das Tribos just outside of Manaus in October last year.

"I saw this with my own eyes. Some indigenous people work for these companies, pushed by poverty and unemployment. We are against this. We have always been fighting to stop it."

Adriano Karipuna, an indigenous leader, during an interview in October last year, said law enforcement agents in the Bolsonaro government were ineffective in arresting people committing crimes against his

"Our people have been struggling with deforestation. We have been reporting for the past years. But it worsened under Bolsonaro," says Karipuna, who represents the Karipuna people, an indigenous group who have inhabited the Amazon rainforest for centuries. "We have been receiving threats. Bolsonaro's government has been taking our land and donating it to the invaders. Environmental criminals are going

Lua has just hit the ground running with his appointment of a veteran environmentalist, Marina Silva, as the Environment and Climate Change minister.

The 64-year-old Silva's task is to rebuild Brazil's environmental protection agencies and stanch the destruction of the Amazon rainforest.

Under Lula's Presidency, Joenia Wapichana, the first-ever Indigenous woman elected to Brazil's Congress, has been appointed leader of the country's Indigenous affairs agency, the National Foundation of Indigenous Peoples, popularly known as Funai.

This is a huge achievement for the Brazilian indigenous communities whose role was suppressed under Bolsoaro. Bolsonaro had to cut some of Funai's budget, authority and number of staff, a move that crippled the agency when he assumed Presidency in 2019.

Witoto says she is hopeful that the predicament of indigenous people will change under Lula's regime.

"We have to elect a person who respects the rights of indigenous people," she says, speaking to IPS before Lula's successful election. She added her people lived in fear from the violence perpetrated by Bolsonaro supporters for merely wearing Lula regalia during the election period in October.

A recent joint analysis by researchers at the University of Oxford, the International Institute for Applied System Analysis (IIASA) and the National Institute for Space Research (INPE) shows deforestation could fall by 89 percent by 2030 under Lula if he reinstates the policies introduced during his first term in office, saving 28,957 square miles of the Amazon rainforest.

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UTPC unveils 2023-2025 strategic plan, thrust on press clubs, journalism values

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE Union of Tanzania Press Clubs (UTPC) has launched its visionary 2023-2025 strategic plan, aptly named "Moving UTPC from Good to Great."

Held here on Wednesday, the strategic plan launching ceremony was graced by Ambassador Charlotta Ozaki Macias, the Ambassador of Sweden in Tanzania. The Deputy Head of Mission at the Switzerland embassy in Tanzania, Holger Tauscher, also attended the crucial event.

The strategic plan, with its five ambitious outcomes, signals a transformative phase for UTPC as it seeks to elevate press clubs and journalism standards in Tanzania, through five outcomes namely; Journalists operate at the highest standards of professionalism, advocacy efforts lead to legal and non-legal frameworks conducive to media development and the protection of journalists' rights, Press Clubs function efficiently, effectively, and independently, journalist safety, security, and well-being are enhanced and respected and UTPC establishes robust systems, structures, and staff to support its mission effectively.

The launch of this strategic plan underscores the critical role that UTPC plays in advancing journalism, media freedom, and democracy in Tanzania. Ambassador Charlotta Ozaki Macias, in her keynote address, emphasized the importance of such initiatives and urged development partners to support UTPC in its journey towards

"In a vibrant democracy, a free and responsi-

ble media is essential. UTPC has demonstrated its commitment to upholding the highest journalistic standards and advocating for the rights and safety of journalists. As development partners, we recognize the importance of supporting UTPC's transformative phase to ensure that Tanzania's media landscape continues to flourish," stated Ambassador Charlotta.

Holger Tauscher, representing the Switzerland embassy, echoed similar sentiments, emphasizing the need for international cooperation to promote a thriving media environment.

"The role of media in holding governments accountable, fostering transparency, and driving social progress cannot be understated. Switzerland stands with UTPC in its pursuit of excellence and in its mission to ensure the safety and welfare of journalists," said Deputy Head of Mission Holger Tauscher.

UTPC's strategic plan sets out a clear roadmap for achieving these outcomes over the next three years. It envisions a media landscape where journalists are equipped with the skills, knowledge, and resources to operate at the highest professional standards. To realize this, UTPC will focus on capacity-building initiatives, training programs, and building strategic partnerships. UTPC will intensify its advocacy efforts to create an environment where media development and journalists' rights are safeguarded. Legal and non-legal frameworks that support media freedom and access to information will be pursued diligently.

Ensuring the efficiency and independence of press clubs across Tanzania is another corner-



From left, Holger Tauscher Deputy Head of Mission Embassy of Switzerland in Tanzania, Charlotta Ozaki Macias Ambassador of Sweden in Tanzania, Deogratius Nsokolo, UTP President, and Kenneth Simbaya, UTPC executive director.

stone of the strategic plan. By enhancing the functionality of these clubs, UTPC aims to create spaces where journalists can collaborate, share experiences, and work collectively towards the common goal of upholding journalistic excellence.

Journalist safety, security, and well-being have been a growing concern globally. UTPC's plan recognizes these issues and seeks to address them comprehensively. Initiatives to protect journalists from threats, harassment, and violence will be a top priority.

To effectively execute these initiatives, UTPC

recognizes the need for robust systems, structures, and a dedicated staff. The strategic plan envisions a well-organized and resourceful institution capable of fulfilling its mission effec-

UTPC's President, Deogratius Nsokolo, expressed his gratitude to the development partners for their continued support and stressed the significance of their involvement in this transformative phase.

"Today, we take a significant step towards enhancing journalism in Tanzania. Our strategic plan, 'Moving UTPC from Good to Great,' is our

commitment to advancing the media landscape and upholding the highest standards of journalism. We call upon our development partners to join hands with us in this journey towards greatness," said Nsokolo.

According to Kenneth Simbaya, UTPC executive director, to achieve the anticipated outcomes, UTPC will work with five boundary partners namely; press clubs, media owners, journalists (both mainstream and citizen journalists), and local and central government.

"We invite all potential partners and stakeholders to join us in realizing our vision of advancing human development through professional journalism." Simbaya said, adding that, "We look forward to a continued partnership with our existing partners, the government of Tanzania, Swedish Embassy in Tanzania, US Embassy in Tanzania, Switzerland Embassy in Tanzania, International Media Support, Children in Crossfire and Jamii Forums.

The launch of the UTPC 2023-2025 strategic plan marks a pivotal moment in Tanzania's media history. With the support of development partners and the unwavering commitment of UTPC, the media landscape in Tanzania is poised to flourish as it moves from "Good to Great." The outcomes outlined in the plan promise a brighter future for journalists, press clubs, and the entire nation as it embraces a more open and responsible media environ-

BEIJING

IN June, a bowl of hybrid rice from Africa appeared as a special offering at the tomb of Yuan Longping, China's "father of hybrid rice." The gift was brought in person by Rakotoson Philibert, former Secretary General of the Ministry of Agriculture of Madagascar.

Recalling that moment, Philibert said in a recent telephone interview that the hybrid rice developed by Yuan and his team has gradually helped Madagascar to eradicate hunger, and convinced the world that hunger would eventually be wiped

Madagascar devotes most of its arable land to rice cultivation. However, due to the low vields of local rice and the lack of advanced rice-growing techniques, the country once relied heavily on imports to feed its

tens of millions of people.

In 2007, China's Hunan Academy of Agricultural Sciences and Yuanshi Seeds Industry Hi-Tech Co. initiated a hybrid rice demonstration project in Mada-

Experts applied multiple procedures over several years to select an appropriate hybrid rice variety, employing variety breeding and analysis of invasive-species risks. Finally, Chinese hybrid rice was planted in the soil of Madagascar and taken to the tables of African

Hu Yuefang, a 65-year-old agriculture expert from Yuanshi Seeds, along with his team, explored nearly every rice-planting area on the island for more than a decade, so they could



Chinese hybrid rice helps Africa enhance food security

A local farmer harvests rice in a field at the China National Hybrid Rice Research and Development

succeed in developing a hybrid rice variety with the best adaptability to conditions in Madagascar.

Their thorough and determined efforts have paid off with good harvests resulting from their work. By December 2022, the planting area of Chinese hybrid rice in Madagascar was 75,000 hectares, with an average output of around 7.5 tonnes per hectare, much higher than other local breeds that produce 3 tonnes per hectare.

"Higher yields and better texture make Chinese rice popular in Africa," said Andre, head of a private Madagascan agricultural company.

So far Chinese hybrid rice has been introduced to over 20 African countries.

Ngendakumana Charles, a 43-year-old farmer from Burundi, said that in the past he had to eke out a living by growing local rice. Now, with the income secured from growing Chinese hybrid rice, he has built a new house and opened a rice mill. The rice mill boosts his earnings and offers job opportunities to neighboring farmers.

To help more African countries reduce food shortages, the China National Hybrid Rice R&D Center established an African sub-center in Madagascar in 2019. The aim of this sub-center is to promote cooperation concerning hybrid rice development and agricultural training.

"The annual sowing area of hybrid rice globally is 8 million hectares. If the yield per hectare expands by two tonnes, the annual increase in output will be 16 million tonnes, which is enough to feed an additional 40 to 50 million people," said Zhang Lijun, who is head of the African subsidiary of Yuanshi Seeds.

Tanzania needs inclusive e-waste recycling policy, says academician

By Guardian Reporter

A senior research associate at the chair for Social and Cultural Anthropology at the University of Bayreuth in Germany, Dr Samwel Ntapanta has said that instead of seeding capital to invest in high-tech recycling infrastructure, Tanzania needs a comprehensive and inclusive e-waste recycling policy to protect the sub sector.

Dr Ntapanta, a Tanzanian national working as a senior researcher at the Germany University said the government and other stakeholders should create an environment where scrap dealers, crafters, collectors, and the manufacturing industry can come together.

He insisted that this can be done by creating an e-waste economic zone, micro-financing, registration, training, and tax exemptions.

He said the government should work with civil society organisations to create consortia for scrap dealers, crafters and

"The associations should be responsible for organising their members to move to the industrial areas, where workshops, gears and tools for extracting materials safely exist. Crafters should also locate their workshops in the zone," said Dr Ntapanta who is working on the convergence of East African urbanism, its link to globalisation, consumption and discarding of electronic and electric devices (e-waste).

He added: "Established associations will represent workers to government institutions and other actors, channelling their agenda. The associations could be integrated with micro-finance schemes to boost members' capital."

He went on to say that scrap workers need protection and recognition as essential contributors to the city's waste management and economy. The most crucial action would be for

the government to ensure tax exemption on the services to attract dealers and crafters to the zones, he said, noting that one reason for informal economies is to avoid taxes and fees charged by the government. He noted: "Informal businesses have

low to medium amounts of capital, which motivates them to remain under the radar of government fees. An exemption would encourage the move into the waste economic zones."

"I am promoting increased awareness about chemical compounds, making protective gear available and methods to reduce toxic emissions. These methods will only be successful, if recycling centres are known and stop popping up at all corners of the city - and the government needs to take seriously the labour and livelihood they create informal e-waste recycling is scattered in Dar es Salaam, unlike in famous informal recycling districts of Agbogbloshie in Ghana or Guayu in China, where the activities are concentrated in one area," he observed.

He pointed out that Tanzania is now facing a rapid increase in population, an exodus of young people from rural areas to urban centres because of increasing unemployment with the informal recycling offering good income to the majority.

"With this, informal collectors buy defunct devices from the user and take them to recycling centres. Even in developed countries, the formal sector collects for free and sometimes charges



Dr Samwel Ntapanta looks at e-waste recycling products in Kinondoni municipality, Dar es Salaam. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

their discards and will definitely not pay a fee for their old electronics," he said.

He stressed: "Tanzania joined the middle-in-

collection fees. Many people prefer to earn from come countries. This means the purchasing power of households has also increased. With prices of electronics becoming lower, more devices will be

Dr Ntapanta said that e-waste has often leaked to developing countries, where its value is exhumed through different informal salvaging activities.

He said during the processes, value is created ingeniously, and livelihood is sustained precariously and at the same time, methods used to recycle, chopping and burning, allow embedded toxic compounds to be released, thus exposing workers, surrounding dwellers and the environment.

The planet has entered a period where traces left by humans can be witnessed almost everywhere. Waste is one of the most distinctive marks left by human activities on earth. Waste produced by humans can be found even in the most remote areas - at the bottom of the sea, in arctic regions or deep in tropical forests.

Economies and daily lives are connected to waste - its production, sorting, reusing, and recycling, or removal from

The number and variety of electronic devices in circulation today is as commonplace as it is daunting, with households, workplaces and daily lives dependent on electronic devices.

Plug-in toasters and kettles are used to prepare breakfast; offices are organised around computers and printers; cars run on batteries, and meetings are held via conference calls, emails, or short message services.

Electronics are viewed as markers of progress, symbolizing human control over time, distance and space. However, electronics have limited lifespans, and with them, streams of waste are emerging that affect the planet and regions of the world in uneven ways.

Some entrepreneurs who are involved in the informal e-waste recycling activities in Dar es Salaam called on the government to give them financial and conducive environment support so as to properly collect the waste products especially from electronics.

"We are taking care of our families from e-waste recycling activities, but sometimes some of our members gets receive interference from either authorities asking for taxes, we are collecting this scraps from very bad environments, we need policy to support our business," a Kinondoni based e-waste recycling entrepreneur John Abraham said.

Rajabu Juma who is also a e-waste recycling entrepreneur and a charcoal stove artisan from Dar es Salaam said: "We are about 30 people here who are using e-waste materials to create charcoal stoves.

"E-waste is very essential to our lives because we are turning waste into new products such as charcoal stoves therefore it creates grounds for our economic security," he said.

Another Dar es Salaam's e-waste collector, Karim Ramadhani said that many young people are employing them through e-waste, adding there is a need for government support for them to have advanced technologies on recycling.

Plant 'canaries' offer new early-warning system for Africa's environmental crises

FEATURE

By Tony Carnie

ENERATIONS of coal miners relied on canaries in cages as an early-warning system to detect toxic or explosive gases. The birds, being more sensitive than humans, would die or get sick first, giving miners a chance to escape or put on protective breath-

In much the same way, Madagascar-based scientist, Dr Lovanomenjanahary (Lova) Marline, hopes to intensify her studies on a unique and primitive group of plants while monitoring three major threats facing humanity and the global environment - air pollution, climate change and the biological diversity crisis.

The alarm bells she has in mind are bryophytes - small, flowerless plants that collect all the nutrients they need from tiny droplets of water in the air around them.

Marline, a Malagasy "bryologist" attached to the Royal Botanic Gardens in (Kew) London and Association Vahatra in Antananarivo, notes that these environmentally sensitive plants are already used in some countries - mainly in the developed Global North - as a general indicator of ecosystem health or as monitoring tools.

However, they remain "woefully understudied", especially in Africa, and rarely feature in biological inventories and field research. That's because research (and research funding) has focused on more charismatic plant and animal groups such as baobabs, orchids, lemurs or the Big Five mammals.

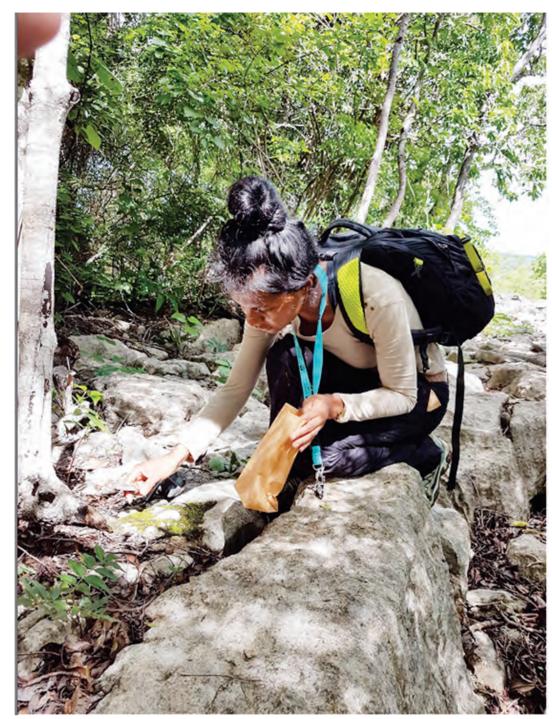
Unlike most other plants, bryophytes (mosses, liverworts and hornworts) have no seeds, veins or proper roots. Globally, there are roughly 25,000 species of bryophytes. Most live in damp forests, although some can survive in

"Non-charismatic groups, which include bryophytes and lichens, are often neglected by biologists and are largely unknown to the general public," she says.

"Yet, they represent one of the great reservoirs of undescribed diversity and could provide numerous insights into understanding environmental challenges that also impact humans."

Fortunately, this could start to change as Marline has just been awarded the \$150,000 (about R2.8-million) Jennifer Ward Oppenheimer Research Grant for her new research

The research grant scheme is managed by Oppenheimer Generations Research and Conservation and Oppenheimer Generations Philanthropies and was established five years ago to help early-career scientists develop scientific



Dr Lova Marline collects bryophytes in Ankara National Park. (Photo: Benny Rice)

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- a northern sea duck
- 9. the lowest layer of the ionosphere, able to
- reflect low-frequency radio waves
- 11.Monetary unit of Japan
- 13. a loosely compacted yellowish-grey

deposit of wind-blown sediment 15.small loose particles of stone 16. an organic compound derived from ammonia 17.perceive with the eyes 19. Tortoise in Kiswahili 20.gourd in Kiswahili 21.greater

- 1. a teacher, especially a strict or pedantic one
- 2. Petroleum
- 3. a female slave in a harem 4. a small, soft blue-green spineless cactus, native to
- Mexico and the southern US 5. endure something painful 6. used to lock and unlock
- 7. an instrument for writing
- 12.elevate 14.a Person who smokes tobacco 18. the twelfth month of the civil and sixth of the religious year for Jews



solutions to African problems.

Marline will also involve scientists and university students from other African nations in her project, which has three main aims:

To build up a more detailed database of these unique plants in African biodiversity hotspots.

To help predict the effects of air pollution and climate change on biodiversity in tropical Africa - based on new research in Madagascar, Benin and Ethiopia.

To map the level of tiny toxic particles and metal-containing air pollutants that damage human health.

In short, she hopes to break "new ground" in understanding the complex links between biodiversity, climate change and air pollution.

By drawing this knowledge together, she also hopes to recommend new strategies to stem biodiversity loss, while promoting healthier air for humanity and the environment.

To monitor air pollution, she plans to distribute large numbers of "moss balls" across three nations as a simple and cheap method to measure local air pollution levels in densely populated cities and more isolated rural

While Madagascar is not as industrialised as countries like South Africa or Nigeria, several of its cities and towns are nevertheless heavily polluted from car, motorbike and truck exhaust fumes, while indoor air in many homes is fouled by charcoal fumes.

To further measure pollution levels in real time, the project will deploy a number of more sophisticated (but low-cost) air pollution monitoring systems known as PurpleAir sensors.

These devices are designed to measure fine particulates (specks of polluted dust) that can penetrate human lungs, and ultimately the blood, heart and other vital organs. Data are collected every five seconds and uploaded every two minutes and can be easily accessed from the internet.

However, reliable sources of electrical power for such devices are not always available in parts of Africa.

That's where the moss balls come

They are, literally, tiny balls of moss wrapped in a thin net to allow them to be exposed to the surrounding air when transported to cities or remote rural areas.

Because bryophytes are very sensitive to environmental stress and accumulate airborne pollutants daily, the balls can be analysed in a laboratory several months later to measure the levels and types of ambient air pollution captured by the moss.

Apart from damaging human health, air pollution adds to global warming by increasing the level of gases that trap heat in the Earth's atmosphere.

Marline's study will generate vital baseline data on bryophytes in urban, rural and mountain areas of three Afro-Malagasy countries. This is vital, not just for the sake of increasing scientific knowledge.

It will provide a vital reference point for future studies to test the hypothesis that several plant species are moving from low-lying areas to higher

areas in response to climate change - literally moving uphill to remain within temperature niches shaped by centuries of evolution.

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"Mountains are the best candidates for comparative studies on the impact of climate change on the future of biodiversity and ecosystem functioning,"

At a personal level, Marline is deeply gratified to have won the 2023 JWO Research Grant as it allows her to continue working as an independent bryophyte researcher in her home na-

Sadly, she says, government funding for environmental research remains extremely thin in Madagascar, despite several studies which show that this massive island is a global centre of bryophyte diversity and endemism - and the most species-rich area of bryophytes in Africa.

Marline grew up in a small town about 160km from the capital, where her interest in science was stimulated by her parents.

"Mum was a biology teacher and my dad a maths teacher, so we always talked science at home.'

Her specific focus on botany developed gradually during her studies at the University of Antananarivo, followed by her doctoral studies at the University of Cape Town.

Now, as a postdoctoral researcher, she is part of a very specialised group of 35 bryophyte volunteer experts from across the world who make up the International Union for the Conservation of Nature Species Survival Commission (Bryophyte Specialist Group), which works to raise public awareness and to assess the extinction risks for this understudied plant

"We are still a very small group. I wanted to call us the 'bryobabes' (short for 'bryophyte babes') but my proposal did not take off," she laughs. Away from her computer and labo-

ratory work, she keeps fit by dancing or hiking, and she "loves cooking". DM

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BUSINESS EAC, EU develop joint plan on digital transformation



The President of the Regional Commission for the International Federation of Beekeepers' Associations (APIMONDIA) for Africa, David Mukomana (L) receives a gift from the Managing Director and the founder of the MPP Group of Companies, Judith Sipendi. MPP Group of companies is a key stakeholders that collaborated well with the government in lobbying for an opportunity for Tanzania to host the 50th Apimondia 2027 Congress. Photo: Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Singida.

Tanzania to host beekeepers federation congress in 2027

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Singida

THE President of the Regional Commission for the International Federation of Beekeepers' Associations (API-MONDIA) for Africa, David Mukomana has hailed the government of Tanzania for the successful bid to host the 50th Congress in 2027.

Mukomana who jetted into the country for a special purpose to congratulate the country for winning the bid, expressed deep appreciation over the successful manner to which President Samia Suluhu Hassan has opened the country's gates through the Tanzania Royal Tour in promoting Tanzania as a tourist destination.

Also, he commended the professional collaborative efforts by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism and Tanzania Forest Services (TFS) in promoting the Tanzania beekeeping sec-

Apimondia, which it mandate is to promote beekeeping was established

"It was a great pleasure to experience the outpouring of support not only from other African delegates but from stakeholders from other continents wishing to see Tanzania getting the chance to host the global beekeeping event," he expressed when giving a special press conference in Singida Region over the weekend.

The 50th Apimondia 2027 Congress, will take place in Arusha, expecting to bring into the country high-profile stakeholders in the beekeeping value chain from across the world.

Through hosting the event, he observed that Tanzania will set a congress record that will take a long time to break and the African continent will be recognised for what it is and what

He said it was prudent for the stakeholders in Tanzania and at the continental level to appreciate the importance and significance of Tanzania winning the bid to host the 50th Apimondia Congress.

"The efforts done by the Government of Tanzania is duly and must fully recognised, as well as the work done by TFS must be celebrated. Every stakeholder, be it, public, private or quasi-government, ought to come on board to support this great congress for the benefit of communities, Tanzania and the entire continent as a whole,"

"It is for this reason that the Regional Commission for Africa would like to comment the tremendous work done by government and TFS in bringing the global apiculture congress to Tanzania, thus laying a foundation for massive business opportunities for entrepreneurs, both current and prospective, to tap into the above opportunities," Mukomana expounded.

he East African Com-

BY GUARDIAN REPORTER

munity (EAC) and the European Union (EU) have agreed to foster a human-centric digital transformation in East Africa to utilize digital technologies and innovations for regional integration.

This collaborative effort aims to assess the current state of digital transformation in the region and explore opportunities through a "Team Europe" initiative, which includes the EU and its member states.

The strategy aims to mobilize EUR 300 billion in investment to boost smart, clean, and secure links in digital, energy, and transport sectors and to strengthen health, education, and research systems across the world

Among the identified short-

to boost data economy across borders as well as benchmarking and project development of green and secure data centers (data governance); establishing comprehensive electronic crossborder health services (egovernance/cybersecurity); development of systems to facilitate a crossborder e-payment system (e-commerce).

The EAC Secretary General, Peter Mutuku Mathuki, stated that the EAC is keen on creating a single regional digital market comprising of an online market, a data market, and a connectivity market.

"This is underpinned by digital skills, innovation, infrastructure, financing, and a conducive legal and regulatory environment. Achieving this requires digitalization in various sectors and integration platforms," said Dr. Mathuki.

Dr. Mathuki, who hailed the term actions are: a proposal European Union as EAC's longstanding strategic partner, further stated that the EAC's primary goal is to develop a regional digital market for digital trade in East Africa.

He added that the going digital initiative is crucial for the development of the region, as well as for the effective implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). "To achieve this, we must,

among other things, establish political agreements and fair platforms for an interoperable regional digital market. Our Partner States also need to agree on regulations to foster digital markets, including data governance and artificial intelligence (AI) standards," said the Secretary General. "It is also incumbent on Partner States to harmonize regulations and build capacity for data governance and AI standards," he

Christine Grau, EU Ambassador to Tanzania, emphasized Team Europe's determination in its commitment to supporting the digital transformation of East Africa and global part-

She believes that by working together, they can harness the potential of digitalization to address challenges, create opportunities, and build a more sustainable and prosperous future for all

She highlighted the European Commission's Digital4Development (D4D) approach which recognises the potential of digital technologies and services as powerful enablers for sustainable inclusive development and growth worldwide.

"Our goal is to maximize the impact of digitalization as a driver for social and economic growth while working towards the achievement of the SDGs in our partner countries," She

"Through "Team Europe" initiatives between EU institutions and Member States, we aim to mobilize up to EUR 300 billion in investments in digital infrastructure, climate and energy, transport, health, education, and research. Within this framework, the D4D Hub plays a crucial role, focusing on the digital pillar of the Global Gateway strategy.

On behalf of Smart Africa, CEO Lacine Koné highlighted SMART Africa as a bold and innovative commitment from African Heads of State and Government to accelerate sustainable socio-economic development on the continent. ushering East Africa into a knowledge economy through affordable access to broadband and the usage of Information and Communications Technologies.

NBC inaugurates campaign to boost cashew production in Mtwara, Lindi

By Guardian Correspondent, Mtwara

THE National Bank of Commerce (NBC) has launched the third season of its "Wekeza NBC Shambani Ushinde" campaign, dedicated to supporting cashew farmers in the Mtwara and Lindi regions.

The campaign aims to drive increased cashew production through a range of specifically tailored banking services designed to meet the unique needs of

Moreover, the campaign is positioned to help achieve the government's ambitious target of producing 700,000 tonnes of cashew crops annually by

The campaign launch event was officiated by the Mtwara Regional Commissioner Colonel Ahmed Abbas Ahmed who highlighted the profound impact of the campaign on the farming community

The event held over the weekend was attended by a number of cashew stakeholders, including government officials, NBC bank officials, headed by Elibariki Masuke, the lender's Director of Retail Banking, AMCOS and Cooperative Union leaders as well as cashew farmers from the Mtwara region.

The regional commissioner emphasized the significant investments made in financial education and incentives, such as tractor prizes, aimed at enhancing cashew crop productivity.

"As we enter the third season, I have witnessed firsthand the remarkable improvements among farmers brought about by this commendable campaign. Its strategic approach not only focuses on generating market profits, but also on supporting the government's tireless efforts to uplift this critical sector and empower our farmers. I would like to urge cashew farmers in the Mtwara and Lindi regions to continue lending their unwavering support to NBC in this noble pursuit," he stated.

He further emphasized the importance of financial discipline amongst the farmers and the prudent utiliza-



Mtwara regional commissioner Colonel Ahmed Abbas Ahmed (C), cuts the ribbon to launch the third season of the NBC Bank's campaign specially designed for cashewnut farmers in Mtwara and Lindi region. The others include Tandahimba district commissioner Colonel Patrick Sawala (3rd R), the Mayor of Mtwara-Mikindani Municipality, Shadida Ndile (R), NBC's Director of Retail Banking Elibariki Masuke (3rd L), Chairman of the Masasi and Mtwara Cooperative Union (MAMCU). Siraji Mtenguka (2nd R)

tion of the training provided by NBC, which includes invaluable insights on the significance of saving, various insurance options that include health coverage, and investment in modern farming tools.

In turn, Masuke expounded on the objectives of the three-month campaign, explaining that it aligns perfectly with the bank's overarching strategy to contribute to the government's ambitious 10/30 agenda, aiming to increase agricultural productivity from 5 per cent to 10 per cent by 2030. The campaign incentivises farmers, bolstering their motivation and efficacy in cultivating their crops.

"Furthermore, this campaign offers invaluable training services encompassing insurance, agency, digital unwavering commitment to services, loans specifically designed for farming tools, warehouse construction, and comprehensive support for AMCOS activities in their seasonal preparations and crop marketing, including cashews," he listed.

Masuke further expressed immense gratitude for the resounding success of the past two campaigns, proudly highlighting key milestones achieved, such as the opening of over 50,000 cashew farmer individual accounts, plus 140 AMCOS accounts, and provision of essential farming tools to more than 250 cashew farmers.

The incentives include motorcycles, sprayers, bicycles, and tractors, further underscoring NBC's

empowering farmers. Raymond Urassa, NBC

Bank Head of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), product and Agriculture, provided further insights into the bank's exciting campaign. He said the campaign aims to benefit farmers, including individuals, AMCOS and Cooperative encouraging them channel their sales proceeds to NBC Shambani accounts.

"Every farmer with an account and who continues to deposit money will have a chance to enter the prize draw of this campaign. A farmer who deposits more money will have a chance to win prizes such as smartphones, spray pumps,

"For AMCOS and Unions with substantial funds, there will be a separate prize draw where they have the chance to win motorcycles, laptops, digital scales, and even a tractor. This will be especially prevalent in the Lindi, Mtama, and Kilwa areas," he added.

The Mayor of Mtwara-Mikindani Municipality, Shadida Ndile, and the Assistant Registrar of Cooperative Societies in the Mtwara Region, expressed Ibrahimu, their gratitude for the campaign's prizes and the invaluable financial education it provides. They acknowledged that despite earning significant amounts of money from cashew sales, many farmers continue to struggle with poverty.

NICOL shareholders to pocket 2.6bn/- in dividends

By Correspondent Joseph **Mwendapole**

Shareholders of the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) listed NICOL Investment Company Limited will pocket a total of 2.6bn/- dividends to be paid before December 4th, 2023

Speaking immediately after the 9th Annual General Meeting held at Julius Nyerere International Conference Center (JNICC) in Dar es Salaam, NICOL Chief Executive Officer, Erasto Ngamilaga, said this comes after shareholders approved 43/-dividend per share.

This is an increase of 6/per share compared to 37/-

"We will continue to col-

He said NICOL will build

paid during last year. He said the company has

continued perform better in its investment portfolios.

laborate with our shareholders, management and the board to implement strategies we have. Our long-term strategy is to invest in agriculture because we have seen the opportunities there," he said.

various warehouses across the country.

He also said that NICOL has also seen investment

The Board Chairman of NICOL Company Limited, Dr Gideon Kaunda, speaks at the company's

9th annual general meeting held at the weekendin Dar es Salaam. Photo Correspondent Joseph **Mwendapole**

opportunities in energy, minerals and gas and that they are in the process of establishing a subsidiary to

deal with those sectors.

opportunities in the energy sector, so we believe that when we enter into that investment, the company will make a profit and increase the income of

our shareholders," said Ngamilaga.

Board Chairman of NICOL, Dr. Gideon Kaunda, said the company has invested in various productive projects

that resulted in good financial performance. He said during the meeting

the shareholders expressed their satisfaction because of the increase of dividends.

He said they have invested in government securities and also managed to establish a real estate subsidiary.

He said through the subsidiary, they have managed to buy Mirambo Street Properties Limited which owns the property.

"Among our achievements of last year is buying Mirambo Street Properties Limited, so we expect the profit will

continue to increase and we expect next year the dividend increase," said Dr. Kaunda

He said NICOL's shares at the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) continue to rise and many Tanzanians are showing interest to buy them.

"The value of our shares has continued to rise each vear, when we started, the price was 270/- but now has reached 500/- and will continue to rise," he said.

Alan Mwaigaga, one of the founding shareholders, said he is happy to see the company which started many

"I am very proud of my company and NICOL's shareholders should feel proud wherever they are," he said.

years ago is growing steadily.

In addition, he congratulated the Board of NICOL for the good performance that led to this great success and advised them to continue to involve youth in the opera-

tion of the company. Another shareholder, Suzana Michael, said she is happy to see the company continue to achieve great success by investing in various projects including the purchase of government debt instruments.

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Farm Africa to support 100,000 sorghum farmers

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

ARM Africa is executing a project to introduce at least 100,000 sorghum farmers in Dodoma region to Climate-Smart Agriculture techniques.

With the generous funding packages from Irish Aid, the Mastercard Foundation, and the World Food Programme, the project gives farmers access to better seeds and improved post-harvest practices.

"Despite facing dry conditions in 2023, through the project, the beneficiary farmers have achieved an incredible 300 percent increase in sorghum production and they're now selling their sorghum for up to 780/-per kilo this year, compared to just 250/- three years ago," Dan Collison, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at Farm Africa expressed during his special tour of the farmers.

He expressed that, in the semiarid region of Dodoma, most of the smallholder farmers rely on the sorghum they grow to feed their families, but low yields have regularly pushed people into hunger.

"An increasingly volatile climate the sorghum growers in Dodoma



Dan Collison, Farm Africa CEO together with the farmers supported by the international organisation in the Tanzania's central zone region. Photo: Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

endangers smallholders' food security. Adopting improved sorghum varieties and production practices are vital in allowing the farmers to achieve a surplus, even in drought conditions," he observed.

And the CEO informed that, during the first phase of the project which ran from 2019 to 2022 the sorthum growers in Dodoma

were equipped with the skills, the development which assisted them to transform from subsistence to commercial agriculture and thus, saw them increasing productivity of sorghum farming by 30 percent.

"During the project's first phase, we managed to support the involved farmers to adopt new techniques that boost yields, build resilience to extreme weather and protect the environment. Moreover, we train them in warehouses and cooperatives to process and store farmers' produce," he informed. Moreover, he detailed that we support them to diversify crop production and develop long-term business plans to manage climate risks, as well as how best to use

digital technology to provide farmers with market information so that they can decide when and how much to sell sorghum.

"There's a potential market for sorghum, not only with Tanzania Breweries, but with buyers coming from all over the region, from Rwanda and South Sudan to source the high-quality grain, and thus, we

have seen the need to empower the growers so that they can increased quality in order to fetch higher prices," he insisted.

As part of the project's key intervention, according to him, there's a serious package to assist the farmers to attain value addition for their produce.

"For instance, during my

visit I met a dynamic group of women in Ilinidi village, organised as the Mwangaza Women's Group, it has 28 members, established in 2019 and is now supported by Farm Africa. Through the project's assistance, the group has figured out some new ways of adding value to their sorghum. Value addition means taking the original product and processing it to make something new, then selling it for more," he detailed.

Dwelling over the project's future plans, he communicated that the vision was to build on the successes and learning of the first phase.

"We will continue to support farmers in Dodoma to transition from subsistence to commercial agriculture as a way to boost economic growth and reduce poverty, but also, the project will further support the farmers to build their climate resilience and food security through better access to markets and value chains and sustainable management of natural resources," Collison informed.

When the farmers are not growing sorghum, he added, they're growing off-season vegetables, irrigating plots for tomatoes, onions and leafy greens that improve household incomes as well as dietary diversity.

"Word from the government agriculture extension agents, from the radio and the weather apps is that the El Niño charged November rains will be heavy and widespread, setting up a good 2024 harvest, we will work tirelessly to assist the farmers to yield bumper in this season," he assured.

TCCIA to issue certificates of origin electronically

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (TCCIA) is determined to improve all its operations and start issuing certificates of origin to its members electronically.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam at the end of the Chamber's training that attracted all Regional Chambers' Executive Directors over the weekend, the TCCIA acting Executive Director, Mwanahamisi Hussein said the chamber has well-prepared to improve the work efficiency for betterment of the chamber and Tanzania as a whole.

"As the Chamber we are on the right-track and that our working session with all regional chambers' executive directors helped to broaden and sharpen our skills and brought all on the same page," Ms Hussein said.

Hussein said TCCIA has undergone major transformations in a view to positioning the chamber as a key partner in the private sector and its contributions to socio-economic development and growth were enormous.

"We have agreed to improve our ICT system to better serve as many people as possible including our members. Issuance of certificate of origin will help promote local goods or products that go beyond borders," she explained.

According to Hussein, TCCIA



Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (TCCIA) acting Executive Director, Mwanahamisi Hussein.

current priorities were to promote the existing investment opportunities, make emphasis the use of technology and meet the global market demand and needs

"We are very proud of President Dr Samia Suluhu Hassan for his continued support for the private sector. She wants to see significant contribution of the sector to the national economy and creation of jobs," Ms. Hussein.

She also said that TCCIA was determined to ensure that regional and district business councils become agents of change by unleashing business and investment opportunities.

Charles Hozza, TCCIA Tanga Regional Executive Director said the training was meant a lot as timely capacity building for executives

and putting them all in the know and same page on issues related to the chamber. "Through working group training we were able to exchange ideas and knowledge on how best we can move forward and enable the chamber to contribute significantly in sectors of the economy," Hozza said.

On his part, the Executive director for TCCIA Kilimanjaro Region,

Boniface Mariki said the executives shared also ways of attracting as many new members as possible

and make the regions more active
"Let me appeal to members of
the business community who were
yet to become TCCIA members
to join the chamber now since
they were missing important
local and international marketing

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United Bank for Africa Tanzania Limited (UBA Bank's) managingdDirector, Gbenga Makinde (R) shares a drink with one of the bank's customers, Amour Mohammed, s in commemorating International Customer Service Week. Left is UBA bank's Head of Corporate Banking, Dora Kyungu. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Nickel debacle casts long shadow

LONDON

The ramifications of 2022's London Metal Exchange nickel trading debacle, including potential challenges to its nickel contract and the fate of the exchange itself will be hot topics next week as the metals industry descends on London.

On March 8, last year, the 145-year old exchange was plunged into crisis - forced to halt nickel trading for the first time since 1988 - when prices more than doubled in a few hours to records above \$100 000 a metric ton.

Volumes and liquidity in the aftermath collapsed as many users wary of heightened volatility abandoned the LME's nickel contract and started looking for alterpatives

As yet, there are no real alternatives. The Shanghai Futures Exchange (ShFE) offers a nickel contract on its domestic exchange, but trading it is difficult for foreigners who need an affiliation with a Chinese entity.

But ShFE is now looking into the possibility of nickel futures for the international market, while CME Group is examining a contract that would settle against prices gathered from a platform to be launched by UK-based Global Commodities Holdings.

"Nickel, what the other exchanges are doing, how long Matt Chamberlain will survive [as CEO] are all on the agenda," a senior industry source said.

Metal broking sources say speculation that Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing (HKEX) would sell the LME and its clearing house is still rife, despite HKEX recently saying it remains committed to its London unit.

"HKEx have been extremely supportive over the last 18 months. I see us as a long term member of the group," Chamberlain told Reuters.

Also in focus are the lawsuits bought by US-based hedge fund Elliott Associates and market maker Jane Street Trading for \$472-million, stemming from the \$12-billion of nickel trades the LME cancelled on March 8, 2022.

"The LME vigorously defended itself at trial, high-lighting that the actions it took on 8 March 2022 averted significant and systemic damage to the nickel market as well as other metals markets and derivatives markets more widely," the LME said in response to a request for comment.

The LME declined to comment on any other aspects of market talk.

Y9 Microfinance launches three loan options

By Guardian Reporter

Y9 Microfinance has recently unveiled a new campaign with the goal of empowering their customers to access three distinct financial services. Through this campaign, customers will have access to affordable loans, electricity payments (LUKU), and airtime using innovative and state-of-the-art technology.

Head of Sales and Distribution of Y9 Microfinance Fredrick Mtui said their institution recognises the significance of convenient financial solutions.

He said the new campaign is designed to offer accessible loans to all Tanzanians.

Mtui emphasized that with the introduction of cash, air-

Mtui emphasized that with the introduction of cash, airtime, and LUKU loans, individuals can now access funds instantly to meet their immediate needs, be it personal expenses, mobile phone credit, or electricity payments.

He explained that by becoming a part of Y9 Microfinance, individuals gain access to these three versatile loan options, allowing them to manage their finances with ease.

"The process is simple and hassle-free, ensuring that customers promptly receive the financial assistance they require. All you need to do is download the Y9 app to gain immediate access to these loans," he stated.

Mtui also emphasized that Y9 Microfinance is not solely focused on providing loans; it's about empowering individuals to realize their dreams. With the new campaign, customers have the opportunity to increase their loan amounts and improve their financial standing.

By borrowing and repaying loans in a timely manner, customers enhance their chances of securing larger loans, with amounts reaching up to 100, 000/-.

"We highly value our customers and want to express our appreciation in a significant way. As part of the campaign, customers stand a chance to win fantastic prizes every week. Lucky participants could drive away in an IST car, ride home on a sleek motorbike, or enjoy the latest technology with a Samsung smartphone," he added.

To participate in the draw, individuals are required to download the Y9 app to become a member and gain immediate access to our range of loans. ounce after nine days of losses driven by rising global bond yields.



Head of Sales and Distribution of Y9 Microfinance Fredrick Mtui

Chinese outbound tourists key to Egyptian tourism

CAIRO

t the Luxor temple, an enormous ancient Egyptian temple complex located on the east bank of the Nile River, Huang Zhao, a Chinese tourist, was taking photos while listening to the tour guide on the temple's history.

"The temple is a masterpiece of art. I used to read many books on Egyptology, and visiting the archeological sites was a dream," said Huang, who also visited the Great Pyramids, Egypt's southern cities including Aswan, and sea resorts in Hurghada.

Meanwhile, Chen Wu, a 22-yearold student who came with her parents from Guangzhou, capital of southern China's Guangdong Province, said she had planned this trip to Egypt two years before.

"My father always encourages me to read history books, especially on ancient civilizations that are similar to the Chinese one," Chen said, adding that she used to save her pocket money for buying replicas from old markets in Egypt.

"Ten days are not enough to visit all the archeological sites I intend to," she said while visiting the Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut. "It is a chef-d'oeuvre of ancient architec-

The recovery of the tourism industry in China is now providing a significant boost to outbound tourism. This surge in outbound travel



Chinese tourists pose for photos while visiting the Giza Pyramids in Giza, Egypt. (Xinhua)

coincided with one of China's most significant annual holidays, the Golden Week, which began on Sept. 29 and extended for eight days. During this period, Chinese people celebrated both the country's National Day and the Mid-Autumn

"In the world's No. 2 economy, spending on holidays and inbound and outbound tourism is expected to surge, contributing to the world's tourism recovery," said Mohamed Othman,

chairman of the Cultural Tourism Marketing Committee in Upper Egypt.

According to China Tourism Academy, a Beijing-based research institution, overseas destinations received a total of 40.37 million visitors

during the first half of the year.

"Chinese tourists are very well-educated and have a great passion for learning about the Egyptian civilization and travel with a good budget," the tourist expert said, adding that the Chinese tourists will help revive the Egyptian tourism sector, one of the primary sources of foreign currency.

To cater to Chinese tourists, Egypt's tourism authorities have coordinated the installation of signs in Chinese languages in all archeological sites, temples, and hotels and provided umpteen tour guides who speak Chinese.

According to Fitch Ratings, an American credit rating agency, China was one of the world's largest tourism source markets before the pandemic, with a total international tourism expenditure of 254.6 billion US dollars in 2019.

It expects a revival of Chinese outbound tourism to boost growth prospects in economies with substantial tourism sectors.

"With a population exceeding 1.4 billion, China is a treasure for the world tourism sector," said Ahmad

from the Chinese mainland Amer, an archeological inspector in the Egyptian Ministry of Tourism and Antiqui-

Chinese tourists have a craving for the ancient Egyptian civilization and often spend 10-15 days visiting the Pyramids, temples in Luxor and Aswan, the Aswan High Dam, and ancient markets in the capital besides staying for a few days in Red Sea resorts, according to Amer.

With moderate warm weather, beautiful beaches, and enormous ancient attractions, besides the recently improved infrastructure, Egypt is a good destination for Chinese tourists, Amer said.

"The advantage of the Chinese tourists is that they repeat their trips to Egypt, especially stays in the monument-rich city of Luxor, to know more about secrets of ancient Egypt," said Ahmed Oraby, a tour guide in Luxor.

Chinese tourists spend good money on hand-made and heritage products, replicas, and souvenirs, the tour guide said, adding that starting from November, more Chinese tourists will come for their winter vacations.



Nickel miners linked to the devastation of forests in Indonesian

NEW YORK

US carmaker Ford, Brazil's Vale, China's Tsingshan and Hong Kong's Jardine Matheson are invested in Indonesian nickel projects responsible for the clearance of large swaths of some of the world's most biodiverse forests.

New data compiled by environmental group Mighty Earth and its partner Brown Brothers Energy and Environment shows that at least 76,301 hectares – an area the size of New York City – of tropical forests has been cleared within 329 nickel concessions. Roughly 23,000ha of that – or 30 per cent – has been cut down since 2019, as demand for electric cars and the nickel batteries that power them has increased.

With its vast nickel reserves, Indonesia hopes to become a global powerhouse in the electric vehicle supply chain. US Geological Survey data shows that last year it generated almost half of the world's nickel.

But deforestation, coupled with waste, pollution, high carbon emissions and displacement of villages, has put pressure on the government and miners to clean up their act and on carmakers to search for alternative sources of nickel, such as Australia. President Joko Widodo said in March Indonesia would step up scrutiny of the sector and tell companies to reforest depleted

mining regions. This latest data on deforestation was obtained by the University of Maryland's Global Land Analysis

and Discovery (Glad) and Wageningen University's Radar for Detecting Deforestation (Radd). They receive alerts that show disturbances in the forest canopy, which indicate trees may have been lost or removed. Indonesia's nickel deposits are found in so-called ultramafic forests, biodiverse because the high metallic content makes them difficult to

Environmental groups and analysts have warned Indonesia could repeat mistakes made in the palm oil industry, associated with rampant deforestation, unless more steps are taken to protect forests from nickel mining. "We are risking a palm oil 2.0 situation with deforestation for nickel mining," said Mighty Earth senior director Amanda Hurowitz, referring to the havoc wrought to the environment by intensive farming of palm oil, a key ingredient in everything from deodorant to pizza.

Deforestation for palm oil plantation is a fifth of what it was at its peak - because of government action and companies' voluntary initiatives to reduce or eliminate deforestation.

If the standards applied by palm companies today were to be applied by nickel miners then a lot of the concessions "couldn't be touched" because of their biodiversity, Hurowitz said.

"Biodiversity loss is the biggest issue facing Indonesian nickel," said a former mining executive in Indonesia. "It is an acute issue."



ITV PGM SCHEDULE

MONDAY 9 Oct 5:00 Soap rpt: Uza 5:30 Uwania wa Mazoez

6:00 HABARI 6:40 Kumekucha 7:30 HABARI

8:00 Kumekucha Michezo 8:55 Habari za saa

9:00 Kumekucha Kishinda

Habari za saa 10:00 Watoto wetu

11:55 Hahari za saa

Jungu Kuu 12:55 Hahari za saa

13:40 Art and Lifestyle

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14:15 Soap rpt: Slay Que 14:55 Habari za saa

16:30 Watoto Wetu 17:00 Music: The Base 18:00 Jiji Letu 18:15 Igizo: Mizengwe

18:30 DW: Afrimax

19:30 Soap: In Love with Ramo 20:00 Habari

23:30 Music: The Base

5:00 Soap rpt: Uza

7:30 HABARI 8:55 Habari za saa

9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo

9:30 Soap: In Love 9:55 Habari za saa 10:00 Watoto wetu 10:25 Jagina 10:55 Habari za saa

11:00 Chetu ni chetu 11:40 Igizo: Mizengw

11:55 Habari za saa 12:00 Al Jazeera 12:55 Habari za saa 13:00 Ripoti maalum

13:55 Habari za saa

14:00 Shikabamba 14:15 Igizo rpt: Slay Queen 14:55 Habari za saa

15:00 Meza Huru

18:00 Jiji Letu

19:30 Soap: In Love with Ramon

21:05 Kipindi Maalum: Maisha ni Nyumba 21:30 Kipindi Maalum: NSSF 21:45 Chetu ni chetu

22:30 Soap: Uzalo 23:00 Habari

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9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo

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Al Jazeera 12:30 Bundesliga na DW rpt Habari za saa Dakika 45 rpt

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BUSINESS NEWS

Guardian

Farm Africa to support 100,000 sorghum farmers

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

ARM Africa is executing a project to introduce at least 100,000 sorghum farmers in Dodoma region to Climate-Smart Agriculture techniques.

With the generous funding packages from Irish Aid, the Mastercard Foundation, and the World Food Programme, the project gives farmers access to better seeds and improved post-harvest practices.

"Despite facing dry conditions in 2023, through the project, the beneficiary farmers have achieved an incredible 300 percent increase in sorghum production and they're now selling their sorghum for up to 780/-per kilo this year, compared to just 250/- three years ago," Dan Collison, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at Farm Africa expressed during his special tour of the farmers.

He expressed that, in the semiarid region of Dodoma, most of the smallholder farmers rely on the sorghum they grow to feed their families, but low yields have regularly pushed people into hunger.

"An increasingly volatile climate the sorghum growers in Dodoma



Dan Collison, Farm Africa CEO together with the farmers supported by the international organisation in the Tanzania's central zone region. Photo: Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

endangers smallholders' food security. Adopting improved sorghum varieties and production practices are vital in allowing the farmers to achieve a surplus, even in drought conditions," he observed.

And the CEO informed that, during the first phase of the project which ran from 2019 to 2022 the sorthum growers in Dodoma

were equipped with the skills, the development which assisted them to transform from subsistence to commercial agriculture and thus, saw them increasing productivity of sorghum farming by 30 percent.

"During the project's first phase, we managed to support the involved farmers to adopt new techniques that boost yields, build resilience to extreme weather and protect the environment. Moreover, we train them in warehouses and cooperatives to process and store farmers' produce," he informed. Moreover, he detailed that we support them to diversify crop production and develop long-term business plans to manage climate risks, as well as how best to use

digital technology to provide farmers with market information so that they can decide when and how much to sell sorghum.

"There's a potential market for sorghum, not only with Tanzania Breweries, but with buyers coming from all over the region, from Rwanda and South Sudan to source the high-quality grain, and thus, we

have seen the need to empower the growers so that they can increased quality in order to fetch higher prices," he insisted.

As part of the project's key intervention, according to him, there's a serious package to assist the farmers to attain value addition for their produce.

"For instance, during my

visit I met a dynamic group of women in Ilinidi village, organised as the Mwangaza Women's Group, it has 28 members, established in 2019 and is now supported by Farm Africa. Through the project's assistance, the group has figured out some new ways of adding value to their sorghum. Value addition means taking the original product and processing it to make something new, then selling it for more," he detailed.

Dwelling over the project's future plans, he communicated that the vision was to build on the successes and learning of the first phase.

"We will continue to support farmers in Dodoma to transition from subsistence to commercial agriculture as a way to boost economic growth and reduce poverty, but also, the project will further support the farmers to build their climate resilience and food security through better access to markets and value chains and sustainable management of natural resources," Collison informed.

When the farmers are not growing sorghum, he added, they're growing off-season vegetables, irrigating plots for tomatoes, onions and leafy greens that improve household incomes as well as dietary diversity.

"Word from the government agriculture extension agents, from the radio and the weather apps is that the El Niño charged November rains will be heavy and widespread, setting up a good 2024 harvest, we will work tirelessly to assist the farmers to yield bumper in this season," he assured.

TCCIA to issue certificates of origin electronically

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (TCCIA) is determined to improve all its operations and start issuing certificates of origin to its members electronically.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam at the end of the Chamber's training that attracted all Regional Chambers' Executive Directors over the weekend, the TCCIA acting Executive Director, Mwanahamisi Hussein said the chamber has well-prepared to improve the work efficiency for betterment of the chamber and Tanzania as a whole.

"As the Chamber we are on the right-track and that our working session with all regional chambers' executive directors helped to broaden and sharpen our skills and brought all on the same page," Ms Hussein said.

Hussein said TCCIA has undergone major transformations in a view to positioning the chamber as a key partner in the private sector and its contributions to socio-economic development and growth were enormous.

"We have agreed to improve our ICT system to better serve as many people as possible including our members. Issuance of certificate of origin will help promote local goods or products that go beyond borders," she explained.

According to Hussein, TCCIA



Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (TCCIA) acting Executive Director, Mwanahamisi Hussein.

current priorities were to promote the existing investment opportunities, make emphasis the use of technology and meet the global market demand and needs

"We are very proud of President Dr Samia Suluhu Hassan for his continued support for the private sector. She wants to see significant contribution of the sector to the national economy and creation of jobs," Ms. Hussein.

She also said that TCCIA was determined to ensure that regional and district business councils become agents of change by unleashing business and investment opportunities.

Charles Hozza, TCCIA Tanga Regional Executive Director said the training was meant a lot as timely capacity building for executives

and putting them all in the know and same page on issues related to the chamber. "Through working group training we were able to exchange ideas and knowledge on how best we can move forward and enable the chamber to contribute significantly in sectors of the economy," Hozza said.

On his part, the Executive director for TCCIA Kilimanjaro Region,

Boniface Mariki said the executives shared also ways of attracting as many new members as possible

and make the regions more active
"Let me appeal to members of
the business community who were
yet to become TCCIA members
to join the chamber now since
they were missing important
local and international marketing

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United Bank for Africa Tanzania Limited (UBA Bank's) managingdDirector, Gbenga Makinde (R) shares a drink with one of the bank's customers, Amour Mohammed, s in commemorating International Customer Service Week. Left is UBA bank's Head of Corporate Banking, Dora Kyungu. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Nickel debacle casts long shadow

LONDON

The ramifications of 2022's London Metal Exchange nickel trading debacle, including potential challenges to its nickel contract and the fate of the exchange itself will be hot topics next week as the metals industry descends on London.

On March 8, last year, the 145-year old exchange was plunged into crisis - forced to halt nickel trading for the first time since 1988 - when prices more than doubled in a few hours to records above \$100 000 a metric ton.

Volumes and liquidity in the aftermath collapsed as many users wary of heightened volatility abandoned the LME's nickel contract and started looking for alterpatives

As yet, there are no real alternatives. The Shanghai Futures Exchange (ShFE) offers a nickel contract on its domestic exchange, but trading it is difficult for foreigners who need an affiliation with a Chinese entity.

But ShFE is now looking into the possibility of nickel futures for the international market, while CME Group is examining a contract that would settle against prices gathered from a platform to be launched by UK-based Global Commodities Holdings.

"Nickel, what the other exchanges are doing, how long Matt Chamberlain will survive [as CEO] are all on the agenda," a senior industry source said.

Metal broking sources say speculation that Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing (HKEX) would sell the LME and its clearing house is still rife, despite HKEX recently saying it remains committed to its London unit.

"HKEx have been extremely supportive over the last 18 months. I see us as a long term member of the group," Chamberlain told Reuters.

Also in focus are the lawsuits bought by US-based hedge fund Elliott Associates and market maker Jane Street Trading for \$472-million, stemming from the \$12-billion of nickel trades the LME cancelled on March 8, 2022.

"The LME vigorously defended itself at trial, high-lighting that the actions it took on 8 March 2022 averted significant and systemic damage to the nickel market as well as other metals markets and derivatives markets more widely," the LME said in response to a request for comment.

The LME declined to comment on any other aspects of market talk.

Y9 Microfinance launches three loan options

By Guardian Reporter

Y9 Microfinance has recently unveiled a new campaign with the goal of empowering their customers to access three distinct financial services. Through this campaign, customers will have access to affordable loans, electricity payments (LUKU), and airtime using innovative and state-of-the-art technology.

Head of Sales and Distribution of Y9 Microfinance Fredrick Mtui said their institution recognises the significance of convenient financial solutions.

He said the new campaign is designed to offer accessible loans to all Tanzanians.

Mtui emphasized that with the introduction of cash, air-

Mtui emphasized that with the introduction of cash, airtime, and LUKU loans, individuals can now access funds instantly to meet their immediate needs, be it personal expenses, mobile phone credit, or electricity payments.

He explained that by becoming a part of Y9 Microfinance, individuals gain access to these three versatile loan options, allowing them to manage their finances with ease.

"The process is simple and hassle-free, ensuring that customers promptly receive the financial assistance they require. All you need to do is download the Y9 app to gain immediate access to these loans," he stated.

Mtui also emphasized that Y9 Microfinance is not solely focused on providing loans; it's about empowering individuals to realize their dreams. With the new campaign, customers have the opportunity to increase their loan amounts and improve their financial standing.

By borrowing and repaying loans in a timely manner, customers enhance their chances of securing larger loans, with amounts reaching up to 100, 000/-.

"We highly value our customers and want to express our appreciation in a significant way. As part of the campaign, customers stand a chance to win fantastic prizes every week. Lucky participants could drive away in an IST car, ride home on a sleek motorbike, or enjoy the latest technology with a Samsung smartphone," he added.

To participate in the draw, individuals are required to download the Y9 app to become a member and gain immediate access to our range of loans. ounce after nine days of losses driven by rising global bond yields.



Head of Sales and Distribution of Y9 Microfinance Fredrick Mtui

Chinese outbound tourists key to Egyptian tourism

CAIRO

t the Luxor temple, an enormous ancient Egyptian temple complex located on the east bank of the Nile River, Huang Zhao, a Chinese tourist, was taking photos while listening to the tour guide on the temple's history.

"The temple is a masterpiece of art. I used to read many books on Egyptology, and visiting the archeological sites was a dream," said Huang, who also visited the Great Pyramids, Egypt's southern cities including Aswan, and sea resorts in Hurghada.

Meanwhile, Chen Wu, a 22-yearold student who came with her parents from Guangzhou, capital of southern China's Guangdong Province, said she had planned this trip to Egypt two years before.

"My father always encourages me to read history books, especially on ancient civilizations that are similar to the Chinese one," Chen said, adding that she used to save her pocket money for buying replicas from old markets in Egypt.

"Ten days are not enough to visit all the archeological sites I intend to," she said while visiting the Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut. "It is a chef-d'oeuvre of ancient architec-

The recovery of the tourism industry in China is now providing a significant boost to outbound tourism. This surge in outbound travel



Chinese tourists pose for photos while visiting the Giza Pyramids in Giza, Egypt. (Xinhua)

coincided with one of China's most significant annual holidays, the Golden Week, which began on Sept. 29 and extended for eight days. During this period, Chinese people celebrated both the country's National Day and the Mid-Autumn

"In the world's No. 2 economy, spending on holidays and inbound and outbound tourism is expected to surge, contributing to the world's tourism recovery," said Mohamed Othman,

chairman of the Cultural Tourism Marketing Committee in Upper Egypt.

According to China Tourism Academy, a Beijing-based research institution, overseas destinations received a total of 40.37 million visitors

during the first half of the year.

"Chinese tourists are very well-educated and have a great passion for learning about the Egyptian civilization and travel with a good budget," the tourist expert said, adding that the Chinese tourists will help revive the Egyptian tourism sector, one of the primary sources of foreign currency.

To cater to Chinese tourists, Egypt's tourism authorities have coordinated the installation of signs in Chinese languages in all archeological sites, temples, and hotels and provided umpteen tour guides who speak Chinese.

According to Fitch Ratings, an American credit rating agency, China was one of the world's largest tourism source markets before the pandemic, with a total international tourism expenditure of 254.6 billion US dollars in 2019.

It expects a revival of Chinese outbound tourism to boost growth prospects in economies with substantial tourism sectors.

"With a population exceeding 1.4 billion, China is a treasure for the world tourism sector," said Ahmad

from the Chinese mainland Amer, an archeological inspector in the Egyptian Ministry of Tourism and Antiqui-

Chinese tourists have a craving for the ancient Egyptian civilization and often spend 10-15 days visiting the Pyramids, temples in Luxor and Aswan, the Aswan High Dam, and ancient markets in the capital besides staying for a few days in Red Sea resorts, according to Amer.

With moderate warm weather, beautiful beaches, and enormous ancient attractions, besides the recently improved infrastructure, Egypt is a good destination for Chinese tourists, Amer said.

"The advantage of the Chinese tourists is that they repeat their trips to Egypt, especially stays in the monument-rich city of Luxor, to know more about secrets of ancient Egypt," said Ahmed Oraby, a tour guide in Luxor.

Chinese tourists spend good money on hand-made and heritage products, replicas, and souvenirs, the tour guide said, adding that starting from November, more Chinese tourists will come for their winter vacations.



Nickel miners linked to the devastation of forests in Indonesian

NEW YORK

US carmaker Ford, Brazil's Vale, China's Tsingshan and Hong Kong's Jardine Matheson are invested in Indonesian nickel projects responsible for the clearance of large swaths of some of the world's most biodiverse forests.

New data compiled by environmental group Mighty Earth and its partner Brown Brothers Energy and Environment shows that at least 76,301 hectares – an area the size of New York City – of tropical forests has been cleared within 329 nickel concessions. Roughly 23,000ha of that – or 30 per cent – has been cut down since 2019, as demand for electric cars and the nickel batteries that power them has increased.

With its vast nickel reserves, Indonesia hopes to become a global powerhouse in the electric vehicle supply chain. US Geological Survey data shows that last year it generated almost half of the world's nickel.

But deforestation, coupled with waste, pollution, high carbon emissions and displacement of villages, has put pressure on the government and miners to clean up their act and on carmakers to search for alternative sources of nickel, such as Australia. President Joko Widodo said in March Indonesia would step up scrutiny of the sector and tell companies to reforest depleted

mining regions. This latest data on deforestation was obtained by the University of Maryland's Global Land Analysis

and Discovery (Glad) and Wageningen University's Radar for Detecting Deforestation (Radd). They receive alerts that show disturbances in the forest canopy, which indicate trees may have been lost or removed. Indonesia's nickel deposits are found in so-called ultramafic forests, biodiverse because the high metallic content makes them difficult to

Environmental groups and analysts have warned Indonesia could repeat mistakes made in the palm oil industry, associated with rampant deforestation, unless more steps are taken to protect forests from nickel mining. "We are risking a palm oil 2.0 situation with deforestation for nickel mining," said Mighty Earth senior director Amanda Hurowitz, referring to the havoc wrought to the environment by intensive farming of palm oil, a key ingredient in everything from deodorant to pizza.

Deforestation for palm oil plantation is a fifth of what it was at its peak - because of government action and companies' voluntary initiatives to reduce or eliminate deforestation.

If the standards applied by palm companies today were to be applied by nickel miners then a lot of the concessions "couldn't be touched" because of their biodiversity, Hurowitz said.

"Biodiversity loss is the biggest issue facing Indonesian nickel," said a former mining executive in Indonesia. "It is an acute issue."



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PM Modi a global leader, India's stand significant in global war against terrorism - Israeli Diplomat

THE Consulate General of Israel to Midwest India, Kobbi Shoshani said on Saturday that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's stand over the recent rocket attack by Hamas on Israel is really significant in the global war against terrorism and called the attack "unacceptable".

"The stand of the Indian Government today is of significant importance in the global war against terrorism. Prime Minister Modi (pictured) is a global leader and is very important to us as a state, as a friend, and as a brother. The situation of attacking the sovereignty of the state of Israel is not acceptable," said Shoshani.

expressing solidarity with Israel over the rocket strikes launched by Hamas, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday that India's thoughts and prayers are with the innocent victims and their

"Deeply shocked by the news of terrorist attacks in Israel. Our thoughts and prayers are with the innocent victims and their families. We stand in solidarity with Israel at this difficult hour," PM Modi posted on X (formerly Twitter).

Mentioning the prevailing tensions between Hamas and Israel, Israel's Consulate General reiterated Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's address after the attack that his "country is at war".

He added, "Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made it very clear that we are at war. We are at war against a terror organization that started 6:30 in the morning, against war against the State of Israel, in such a brutal way against innocent people. We are at war. We will act as if we are in a wall."

Shoshani also condemned the attack which claimed the loss of infrastructure, and the lives of several people, adding that Israel would retaliate very strongly against the "unacceptable" move.

Shoshani said, "There is damage to the infrastructure and there is damage to buildings. But, the most important thing is the loss of human life. Dozens of innocent people have been killed. It's the last day of the Israeli holiday. That was something unacceptable. We will retaliate in a very, very severe way because the state of Israel and the Israeli spirit cannot do something else."

He added, "Hamas declared the war and Hamas will pay the price."

Mentioning the support, he got from the people of India, Shoshani asserted that Israel is really strong to act against the attack and added that "We don't need the help, but we need your support".

He said further, "We need your support and understanding that today something happened, a declaration of war against the State of Israel. It's something that we need support. The good people and the good states in the world and India is among them and this is very, very important for us."

This comes after a barrage of rockets slammed into southern and central Israel on Saturday morning after Hamas launched a surprise attack.

Following the attack, red alert warning sirens were activated in Tel Aviv, located around 70 kilometres from the Gaza Strip, as well as, Sde Boker, Arad, and Dimona in the

In his first reaction after Hamas launched a "surprise attack", Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Saturday said Israel "was at war" and has ordered mobilization of reserves to give it back with the magnitude the enemy has not expected, asserting that they will "win it".

In a video statement posted on X, formerly known as Twitter, Netanyahu stated, "We are at war, not in an operation or in rounds, but at war. This morning, Hamas launched a murderous surprise attack against the State of Israel and its citizens. We have been in this since the early morning hours. I convened the heads of the security establishment and ordered, first of all, to clear out the communities that have been infiltrated by terrorists. This currently is being carried out."

Netanyahu has ordered the mobilization of reserves. He called on people of Israel to adhere to the directives of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) and Home Front Command.

"At the same time, I have ordered an extensive mobilization of reserves and that we return fire of a magnitude that the enemy has not known. The enemy will pay an unprecedented price. In the meantime, I call on the citizens of Israel to strictly adhere to the directives of the IDF and Home Front Command. We are at war and we will win it," Netanvahu said.

Ukraine would die in a week, if Western military aid stops, says Putin

AS the West continues to provide aid for war-torn Ukraine, Russian President Vladimir Putin stressed that Ukraine would not survive for more than "a week" without Western military and financial aid, reported Al Jazeera.

day when the European Union official warned that the bloc could not replace the funding gap if the US's support dries up for Kyiv.

Earlier this week, US President Joe Biden said that he "does worry" US support for Ukraine might get derailed.

Putin while speaking at the meeting of the Valdai Discussion Club, said that Ukraine was being propped up "thanks to multi-billion donations that come each month".

"If one just stops, it will all die in a week," Putin said.

"The same applies to the defence system. Just imagine the aid stops



Putin made this claim on the same tomorrow. It will live for only a week when they run out of ammo," he added.

Additionally, Putin further noted that Ukraine had lost over 90,000 troops since Kyiv's counteroffensive against Russian forces till date.

Moreover, while addressing a meeting of the European Political Community (EPC) in Spain on Thursday, EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said that the EU could not replace the US as Kyiv's primary donor.

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"Can Europe fill the gap left by the US? Well, certainly Europe cannot re place the US," Borrell said.

Moreover, the EU and the US, which includes most NATO members are crucial in Ukraine's fight against Russia.

Over this period of time, the EU and its member states have promised over USD 100 billion of aid to Ukraine, including financing weapon deliveries.

Meanwhile, Washington has committed USD 43 billion in military assistance, whereas, Congress has approved USD 113 billion, including humanitarian aid.

However, following the weekend deal struck with opposition Republicans to avert the US government shutdown, the new US funding for Ukraine has been at a standstill.

Following the US House of Representatives on Tuesday voted to oust Republican Kevin McCarthy as Speaker, it has made the Ukraine support even more uncertain. ANI

Biden holds talks with Netanyahu, affirms full support to Israel's 'right to self-defence'

TEL AVIV

US President Joe Biden on Saturday held talks with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and affirmed full support for Israel's right to self-defence, amid the 'surprise attack' by Hamas.

Netanyahu also thanked Biden for the "unreserved support" and stressed that a "prolonged campaign" is necessary.

"US President Joe Biden called Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and emphasized that the US stands alongside Israel and fully supports Israel's right to self-defence," the official handle of Israel PM posted on X (formerly Twitter).

It added, "Prime Minister Netanyahu thanked US President Biden for the unreserved support and made it clear that a forceful, prolonged campaign - which Israel will win - is necessary".

President Biden also posted on X, condemning the "appalling Hamas terrorist attacks" and expressed his condolences.

"Today, I spoke with @IsraeliPM about the appalling Hamas terrorist attacks in Israel. I offered our support and reiterated my unwavering commitment to Israel's security. @ FLOTUS and I express our heartfelt condolences to the families who have lost loved ones," Biden stated.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken also expressed "unequivocal condemnation" of the Hamas at-

"We unequivocally condemn the appalling attacks by Hamas terrorists against Israel. We stand in solidarity with the government and people of Israel and extend our condolences for the Israeli lives lost in these attacks," Blinken posted on X.

Earlier in the day, the US said that there is never any "justification for terrorism", adding that Washington stands firmly with the Government and people of Israel.

White House National Security Council Spokesperson Adrienne Watson said that US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan has spoken to Israeli counterpart Tzachi Hanegbi and stressed that the US remains in close contact with Israel.

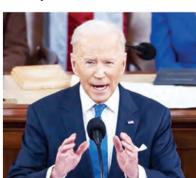
Reacting over the attack, US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said that Washington will ensure that Israel has everything it needs to defend itself, the Jerusalem Post reported.

This comes after a barrage of rockets slammed into southern and central Israel after Hamas launched a surprise attack on Saturday morn-

According to the latest updates, at least 100 people have been killed and over 900 people are injured, The Times of Israel reported.

In a strongly worded response to the Hamas rocket attack in Israel, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stressed that the country's focus is on restoring security and to exact an "immense price from the enemy".

Addressing the Security Cabinet meeting in Israel, Netanyahu further called on the citizens to unite for "victory" in the war. **ANI**



Hamas attack shocks Israel, but what comes next?

LONDON

FIFTY years on from the Yom Kippur War, which began with a surprise attack on Israel by Egypt and Syria, Palestinian militants have launched a major assault.

This too was unexpected, on another Jewish holiday.

Tensions had recently risen in the Gaza Strip, but the conventional wisdom was that neither Hamas, the Islamist group which governs there, nor Israel wanted an escalation.

Instead, Hamas had been planning a sophisticated, coordinated opera-

Early on Saturday morning, as an intense barrage of rockets was launched with some reaching as far away as Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, Palestinian fighters entered southern Israel by sea, land and air.

They have held Israeli towns and army posts under siege for hours, killed many people and taken away an unknown number of Israeli civilians and soldiers to hold as hostages in Gaza.

The awful drama has played out live on social and mainstream media. Thousands of Israelis who had

been out for an overnight rave in fields close to Gaza rapidly found themselves under fire. Footage showed partygoers running for their

After her partner had driven to find her, Gili Yoskovich told the BBC how she had hidden from the heavily armed fighters among trees. "They were going tree by tree and shooting everywhere. From two sides and l saw people were dying all around."

"I said, 'OK, I'm going to die, it's OK, just breathe, just close your eyes', because [there] was shooting everywhere. It was very, very close to me."

Israel HaYom newspaper quoted Ella, a resident of Kibbutz Be'eri, speaking of her fears for her father who had gone to a safe room after sirens went off to warn of incoming

"He wrote to me that the terrorists are in the shelter, I see his picture on Telegram from inside Gaza. I still hear bursts of gunfire," she said.

Many Israelis have expressed shock that the Israeli security forces did not come more quickly to help them. Meanwhile, footage shared on Hamas channels showed that soldiers in Israeli army posts and in a tank had been captured or killed.



Massive explosion as Gaza high-rises destroyed by jets

ebrations in Gaza where snatched Israeli military vehicles were driven through

"I am happy with what Hamas has done so far, taking revenge for Israeli actions at al-Aqsa," a young man in Gaza City told the BBC, referring to the recent rise in Jewish visitors to the compound in Israeli-annexed East Jerusalem during the high holidays.

The al-Aqsa Mosque is the third holiest site in Islam and is also the holiest place for Jews, known as Temple Mount.

Still, the man who was leaving his apartment after warnings that the Israeli military was set to hit nearby, expressed fear for what would happen next.

"We're worried, already my family lost our shop when the Shorouk Tower was hit by Israel in the war of 2021," he said. "The action Hamas has taken this time is far bigger, so there will be an even bigger Israeli response."

Palestinian hospitals have already been overwhelmed by casualties from the Israeli air strikes which have caused wide destruction.

The Gaza Strip - a tiny coastal enclave which is home to some 2.3 million Palestinians - was taken over by Hamas in 2007, a year after it won parliamentary elections. Israel and Egypt then tightened their blockade of the territory.

It remains impoverished with unemployment at around 50%.

After the serious conflict between Israel and Hamas in 2021, indirect talks mediated by Egypt, Qatar and the UN helped secure thousands of permits for Gazans to work in Israel and relax other restrictions in return for relative quiet.

Last month, when hundreds of Palestinians began to join protests by the perimeter fence in the strip in a reminder of the mass demonstrations which began five years ago, it was assumed that There were initial pictures of cel- this was with the nod from Hamas and Agencies

was meant to squeeze more concessions from Israel and aid money from Qatar. The small rallies now seem like a red herring. Some speculate whether they

were in fact a chance to survey the fence ahead of the infiltration. With this latest operation, Hamas seems keen to burnish its credentials once again as a militant organisation. Its charter remains committed to the de-

struction of Israel. Speaking at the start of the offensive, the shadowy Hamas militant commander, Mohammed Deif called on Palestinians and other Arabs to join the action to "sweep away the [Israeli] occupation".

A big question now is whether Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem or elsewhere in the region will heed his call.

Israel undoubtedly sees the potential for a war that could open up on multiple fronts. A worst-case scenario is that it could draw in the powerful Lebanese militant group, Hezbollah.

Meanwhile, the Israeli military has ordered a massive reinforcement of troops. As well as its intense air raids on Gaza, it has indicated that it is planning a ground operation there.

The capture of Israeli soldiers and civilians, who Palestinian militants will hope to use as human shields or bargaining chips, are a serious complication.

"We are currently busy regaining control of the area, striking broadly and especially taking care of the area around the Gaza Strip," said the IDF spokesperson, Rear Adm Daniel Hagari. "We will do a very sharp and thorough review."

While a full review may be some way off, there is no doubt that Israel's intelligence and security establishment will be asking itself how it did not see this action coming and how it did not manage to prevent its huge consequences.

Nervous, scared, in touch with Embassy, say Indian students after Hamas' attack on Israel

SEVERAL Indian students in Israel have said that they feel nervous and scared in the face of Hamas' terrorist attack on Israel and are in constant touch with the Indian Embassy.

An Indian student in Israel, Goku Manavalan said: "I am very nervous and scared...Thankfully we have shelter and Israeli police forces nearby. So far we are safe... We are in touch with Indian Embassy people, we have a good Indian community around and we are connected..."

Another student, Vimal Krishnasamy Manivannan Chitra, said the attack was very intense and scary. He said the "Indian Embassy is in touch with us in the group. They are keeping a check on us..."

A student, Aditya Karunanithi Nivedita, said, "...It was all very sudden we did not expect it, because there are religious holidays in Israel going on. We got the sirens early in the morning at around 5:30 am. We were in bunkers for around 7-8 hours the sirens went off...We are asked to stay inside our homes...

We are in contact with the Indian Embassy and they will update us for the future things...'

A major upheaval took place in the Middle East on Saturday, when the Hamas terror group launched a "surprise attack", firing a barrage of rockets into southern and central Israel.

According to the latest developments, more than 200 people have been killed, at least 1104 people are injured and several Israelis have been held as hostages in Gaza, the Times of Israel reported citing officials.

At about 6:30 am (local time), a barrage of rocket fire began from Gaza into Israel, hitting several cities including Tel Aviv, Rehovot, Gedera and Ashkelon.

This was followed by several Hamas terrorists entering Israel from the Gaza Strip and taking over Israeli towns.

Hamas military commander Muhammad Al-Deif called the operation "Al-Aqsa Storm" and said that the assault on Israel was a response to attacks on women, the desecration of the al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem and the ongoing siege of Gaza, CNN reported.

Some graphic videos showed bodies strewn in the streets of the southern city of Sderot after the attack by Palestinian militants. Cars were riddled with bullets and lit on fire, according to The Washington Post.

In a major development, the Israeli Mayor, and head of the Sha'ar Hanegev Regional Council, Ofir Liebstein, was also killed in the deadly rocket fire.

In response to the deadly attacks, the Israel Defense Forces also declared a 'readiness for war'.

Israel launched "Operation Swords of Iron," striking a number of targets in the Gaza Strip. Netanyahu said Israel's response to the Hamas incursion will "exact a huge price" from the militant group.

This was followed by the Israeli air force launching airstrikes across the Gaza Strip, hitting 17 military compounds and four operational command centres belonging to Hamas.

In the first reaction to the attacks, PM Benjamin Netanyahu said that Israel "is at war", further

asserting that they will "win it". "We are at war, not in an opera-

tion or in rounds, but at war. This morning, Hamas launched a murderous surprise attack against the State of Israel and its citizens. We have been in this since the early morning hours. I convened the heads of the security establishment and ordered, first of all, to clear out the communities that have been infiltrated by terrorists. This currently is being carried out," Netanyahu said in a video statement.

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BRI a 'path of happiness' benefiting world

By He Yin

HINA will host the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation in Beijing this October.

The forum is not only the highlight in commemorative events to mark the 10th anniversary of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), but also an important platform for all partners to plan high-quality Belt and Road cooperation.

China will take the holding of the forum as an opportunity to take stock of what it has achieved, chart the course for the future, and guide the continuous advancement of high-quality BRI cooperation. It will open up a chapter in the new era for the Silk Road featuring mutual benefit and win-win results between countries, friendship and cultural affinity between peoples and mutual learning between civilizations.

In September and October of 2013, Chinese President Xi Jinping proposed the building of the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road in Kazakhstan and Indonesia respectively, ushering in a new era of international coop-

Over the past 10 years, the BRI has evolved from broad strokes to

refined details, becoming the most popular international public good and largest-scale international cooperation platform.

Over the past 10 years, adhering to the principle of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits, the initiative has made fruitful achievements. It has been joined by more than three-quarters of countries in the world, established over 3,000 cooperation projects, mobilized nearly \$1 trillion of investment worldwide and created 420,000 jobs for participating countries.

These achievements fully prove that the BRI is a "path of happiness" that benefits the whole world.

Based on win-win cooperation, the "path of happiness" is becoming

In the past decade, a series of landmark projects have been built under the BRI, including the China-Europe freight train, the new western landsea corridor, the China-Laos Railway, and the Piraeus port. A solid foundation has been laid for developing economic, trade and production capability cooperation and expanding energy and resource cooperation.

Looking around the world, the Norochcholai Coal Power Plant in Puttalam is supplying electricity for thousands of Sri Lankan families, the



The launching ceremony of a shipping route to eastern India by Sinotrans Container Lines Co., Ltd. is held at the Qingdao port, east China's Shandong province on Aug. 30, 2023. Photo shows the first ship departing from Qingdao for India's Chennai port along the route. This year, the Qingdao port has opened 10 new shipping routes to Belt and Road countries, and the number of containers it sent to the Middle East, Africa, India, Pakistan and other Belt and Road destinations has maintained double-digit growth. (Photo by Zhang Jin'gang /People's Daily Online)

Mombasa-Nairobi Standard Gauge Railway in Kenya has boosted local economic growth by over 2 percentage points, and the Chinese vocational workshop program Luban Workshop has offered vocational training for young people in over 20 countries.

These have created an array of national landmarks, livelihood projects, and milestones of cooperation, injecting new impetus into participating countries.

A report issued by Brussels-based economic think tank Bruegel, which analyzed the global public opinion's concern and sentiment towards the BRI based on data from mainstream media reports of nearly 150 countries, noted that the initiative is viewed positively in most parts of the world.

Following green and innovative development, the "path of happiness" is making the world more beau-

From the BRI International Green Development Coalition and the Green Silk Road Envoys Program, to the Initiative for Belt and Road Partnership on Green Development, green development has become a defining feature of high-quality BRI coopera-

Former Under-Secretary-General of the UN Erik Solheim said that the BRI has become the biggest driving force for global green development.

As a new round of sci-tech revolution and industrial transformation continues to evolve, BRI partners have worked actively to carry out international cooperation in emerging areas such as the digital economy. The Digital Silk Road is becoming a digital bridge facilitating a new type of globalization, and the connotation of the BRI is being continuously enriched.

Surakiart Sathirathai, former deputy prime minister of Thailand, said that Belt and Road cooperation has not only enhanced infrastructure connectivity, but also promoted people-to-people exchanges, cross-cultural communication and digital economy cooperation. It is conducive to building an open world economy and promoting global development and prosperity, he added.

China boosts in-depth integration of information technology into transportation

By Han Xin

China is making great efforts to promote the in-depth integration of information technology (IT) into its transportation sector. With new products and new business models continuously emerging across the country, people across China are benefiting from improved travel experiences in various scenarios - from city streets to intercity expressways.

This summer, many people in China have found that map apps can display shaded "sun protection" routes for pedestrians in real-time and automatically recommend a shady route based on user's destination.

"By leveraging remote sensing technology, our app can intelligently identify the distribution density of trees around roads, and calculate the dynamic light and shadow condition of road sections based on relevant factors of specific locations," said an executive of leading Chinese mapping service provider Amap.

Thanks to the application of intelligent mobile terminal technologies, urban transportation services in China have witnessed significant improvement in quality and efficiency.

"There are peaks and valleys in urban travel demand. The waiting time for taxis spike during rush hour," said Li Xinhua, general manager of the taxi division of Amap's ride hailing services.

In an effort to improve the supply-demand matching efficiency, Amap has leveraged big data to predict congestion and adjust pricing in real time, according to Li.

IT is penetrating every corner of urban transportation in China, continuously meeting people's diverse and individualized travel needs.

Data released by China's Ministry of Transport (MOT) showed that over 300 Chinese cities have ride-hailing services, with over 25 million daily orders; and that a total of 15 million shared bikes have been deployed nationwide, gener-

ating over 28 million orders on a daily basis. "Rapid economic development has stimulated more demand for transportation, while challenges like congestion, accidents and pollution have become increasingly prominent," an official of the science and technology department of the MOT pointed out.

IT, represented by artificial intelligence (AI), can provide new approaches to enhancing the service capabilities of transportation infrastructure, the official noted.

By building and transforming intelligent facilities, which enable dynamic adjustment of signals based on real-time vehicle flows, at 332 intersections, Beijing Economic-Technological Development Area, also known as E-Town, in China's capital city Beijing, has achieved remarkable results in addressing traffic congestion.

The intelligent facilities have reduced queue length by 30.3 percent and unnecessary time of green lights by 18.33 percent in relevant areas.

Xiangyang Hi-Tech Industrial Development Zone in Xiangyang city, central China's Hubei province, has seen autonomous driving services expanding to over 140 application scenarios of the Internet of Vehicles (IoV), 234 intersections, 510 kilometers of two-way roads, and an environment for large-scale city-level application covering an area of 150 square kilometers, according to an executive of a project of the Central and Southern China Municipal Engineering Design and Research Institute Co., Ltd.

On local roads for testing intelligent connected vehicles (ICVs), autonomous shuttle minibuses provide scheduled pickups for passengers, while self-driving sanitation vehicles carry out automated sweeping tasks.

Chengdu city, capital of southwest China's Sichuan province, has adopted a "transportation brain" powered by Chinese IT firm Inspur's storage products and services. Boasting a strong capacity to identify more than 100 million pictures for traffic violations daily and meet other needs for traffic management, the "transportation brain" has helped the city increase its vehicle management efficiency by nearly fivefold and the efficiency of traffic flow by around 15 percent.

Leveraging its extensive road network, China has ramped up efforts to further promote the application of AI technology in transportation systems, striving to accelerate the development of expressways by expanding the application scenarios of AI technology beyond urban areas to intercity

On the Chengdu-Yibin Expressway connecting the cities of Chengdu and Yibin in Sichuan province, there is a pole every 800 meters along the divider. The pole is loaded with various devices, including traditional devices like camera and modern devices including millimeter-wave radar. These devices can help achieve accurate real-time monitoring of road conditions 24 hours a day.

"By utilizing new-generation IT like AI, we can not only intelligently analyze exceptions like speeding, contraflow driving and emergency parking, but also enable vehicles on expressways to obtain beyond line-of-sight information in a timely manner," said Chen Ken, chairman of Sichuan Digital Transportation Tech Co., Ltd.

According to Chen, since the installation of these devices, 73.8 percent of the accidents that have taken place on the expressway have been proactively discovered by relevant personnel based on alerts sent by an AI-empowered system, and the average response time has been shortened by nearly 34 percent.

The Taihu tunnel on the Suzhou-Wuxi-Changzhou expressway, which is 10.79 kilometers in length, is equipped with an intelligent lighting system that automatically adjusts brightness according to environmental changes. The bright yet gentle lighting from the ceiling of the tunnel creates a relaxed atmosphere, easing driver tension and fatigue from driving for long periods of time in an enclosed space.

Moreover, full coverage of 5G network and the BeiDou Navigation Satellite System (BDS) services enable passengers and drivers to enjoy uninterrupted and high-quality Internet access and travel guidance.



By Zhang Xiyong

HINA became the world's largest producer, consumer and exporter of automobiles in the first half of 2023, and new energy vehicles (NEVs) played a pivotal role in driving this remarkable achievement. The development of the NEV industry, the evolution of energy storage, big data, cloud computing and intelligent connected vehicle technologies, as well as the improvement of roads and other infrastructure, are all creating a promising future for the development of an integrated "vehicle-energyinfrastructure-cloud" industrial ecosystem.

The ecosystem, which means smart vehicles, reliable new energy industries, intelligent road infrastructure and realtime cloud computing services, is expected to make transportation smarter, greener and more convenient.

To achieve this, it is crucial to have reliable energy infrastructure in place for smart vehicles.

Over recent years, Chinese NEV manufacturers and battery charging and swapping enterprises have collaborated to drive innovation in technology and business models, such as combined power exchange and high-voltage fast charging. Together, they have established the world's largest network for battery charging and swapping, laying a solid foundation for the popularization of NEVs.

For some NEV users, however, the inconvenience of battery charging and swapping still poses a challenge. Relevant enterprises are accelerating technological development to further improve relevant infrastructure, alleviate the "range anxiety" the NEV driver's fear that the battery will not have sufficient charge to complete a long journey, and expand the NEV industry.

The profound integration of "smart vehicle" and "reliable energy" is also reflected in the fact that NEVs are both energy consumers and energy carriers, serving as highly efficient energy storage units.

On the one hand, clean energy powers NEVs, effectively lowering carbon emissions and contributing to green trans-



Driverless taxis run in the street of Ordos city, North China's Inner Mongolia autonomous region. (Photo by Wang Zheng/People's Daily Online)

portation. On the other hand, the technological development of austorage batteries, reducing the cost and promoting the upgrading of the energy storage sector.

Besides, the increasing NEVs, serving as mobile energy storage units, also help address the issues of generating instability and volatility in clean energy sources, particularly photovoltaic and wind

Therefore, NEVs are both terminals and medium. The mutual promotion and synergetic development between "smart vehicles" and "reliable energy" are conducive to driving the energy revolu-

To make NEVs smarter, intelligent road infrastructure and realtomotive power batteries drives time cloud computing services are the further maturation of energy necessary. Autopilot systems are becoming a standard feature of

According to statistics, 7 million intelligent connected vehicles sold in China last year were equipped with autopilot assistance systems, up 45.6 percent year-on-year, and 48 percent of NEVs were installed with such systems.

In the past, the autopilot relied more on the vehicle's configuration, such as millimeter-wave radar and LiDAR. Future versions of such systems will make greater use of external assistance.

Building intelligent road infrastructure aims to achieve vehicleroad coordination, which not only expands the intelligent perception range of individual vehicles to promote autonomous driving, but also provides an efficient and reliable decision-making basis for traffic command and dispatch, enhancing the overall capacity for road traffic management.

To achieve this, real-time cloud computing services are crucial. An integrated open data public service platform and cloud control platform can be constructed to provide high concurrency access, realtime computing, application hosting, data openness, and decision control services for vehicle-mounted terminals, roadside intelligent facilities, and thirdparty connected vehicle platforms.

Such services offer robust data and computing power support for autonomous driving, vehicle-road coordination, and smart transportation.

It is a systematic project to build a "vehicle-energyinfrastructure-cloud" industrial ecosystem.

Currently, China is accelerating technological innovation and supporting profound cross-border collaboration between enterprises, universities, research institutions, and end users. Efforts are being made to tackle key technologies such as automotive chips, operating systems, and high-precision sensors.

At the same time, the policy framework is being continuously improved, accompanied by corresponding regulations and public services.

It is believed that with the concerted efforts of all relevant parties, the high-quality development of the NEV industry can be efficiently promoted, making transportation smarter and more conve-

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E China's Ningbo-Zhoushan Port strives to become world-class port

By Zhang Weihao

INGBO-ZHOUSHAN Port in east China's Zhe- water ports in the world. The main jiang province, the world's first port to achieve channels of its core port area are an annual cargo throughput of over one billion over 22.5 meters deep, allowing tonnes, contributes significantly to the stable 300,000-tonnage vessels to freely operation of China's foreign trade industrial and supply enter and depart the port, while chains as well as the high-quality development of the Chi-

During the first half of this year, the port saw its cargo high tides. throughput climb 6 percent year-on-year to 679 million tonnes, while its container throughput rise 1.2 percent, infrastructure. It has over 200 compared to the same period last year, to 17.68 million 20- berths for 10,000-tonne vessels foot equivalent units (TEUs), according to data released by and above and more than 120

considered a barometer of a country's foreign trade and and above, making it the port with national economic development. In recent years, cities the most large and extra-large across China have leveraged smart manufacturing to boost deep-water berths in the Chinese efficient operation of ports, empowered the construction mainland. of smart ports with digital technologies, and facilitated green development of ports with sci-tech innovations.

Thanks to these efforts, the country's key shipping has ranked first in the world in routes have enjoyed unimpeded, efficient, stable, and or- annual cargo throughput for 14 derly operations, playing a positive role in guaranteeing consecutive years. Last year, it the stability of industrial and supply chains. By helping handled 33.35 million TEUs of conbetter unleash the potential of the Chinese economy, these tainers, maintaining its position as ports inject new impetus into global economic growth.

Ningbo-Zhoushan Port enjoys favorable geographiterms of container throughput. cal location and superior natural conditions. It lies at the The port is also the second largmeeting point of the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st est port in China in terms of sea-rail Century Maritime Silk Road, backed by the Yangtze River intermodal cargo transportation vol-

ping routes on the Pacific Ocean.

The port is one of the few deep-400,000-tonnage vessels can enter and depart the port during

The port also boasts first-class large and extra-large deep-water Burgeoning ports promise booming trade. Ports are berths for 50,000-tonne vessels

> Because of its unparalleled strengths, Ningbo-Zhoushan Port the world's third largest port in

Delta economic circle, and facing the main maritime ship- ume. It operates 23 sea-rail intermo-



Ultra-large container ship MSC Michel Cappellini sails slowly into a berth with the help of tugboats at the container terminal of the Chuanshan port area of Ningbo-Zhoushan Port in east China's Zhejiang province, June 2, 2023. (Photo by Jiang Xiaodong /People's Daily Online)

dal train routes, providing services covering 63 prefecture-level cities in 16 provinces across the country.

The port has opened 122 shipping routes connecting China and countries and regions along the Belt and Road, and has increased its number of maritime shipping routes to Central and Eastern Europe to 14. Last year, the port and five ports in Central and Eastern Europe handled 769,000 TEUs of

containers for foreign trade between China and Central and Eastern Europe, up 16.5 percent compared to the previous year.

On July 5, 2023, 400,000-tonne ore carrier Ore Brasil docked slowly at the No. 1 berth of the Shulanghu ore transfer terminal of the Ningbo-Zhoushan Port with the help of several tugboats. With this, all 68 ore carriers with the largest capacity of 400,000 tonnes in the world had sailed to the Ningbo-Zhoushan Port, fully demonstrating the port's advantage of being a comprehensive hub port.



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Cricketers making Lions Cricket Club pose for a photo when they confronted Lions B in this season's Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) GP Gymkhana Shield tie which took place last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF LIONS CRICKET CLUB

Lions Cricket Club clobbers Lions **B in 2023 DC GP** Gymkhana Shield

By Guardian Reporter

LIONS Cricket Club has made its plan to competently battle for the title in the 2023 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) GP Gymkhana Shield known, having clobbered Lions B by seven wickets last weekend.

In an exhilarating tie that brought together the first and second strings of the same outfit at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC), Lions B batted first- ending with 82/9 in the scheduled 20 overs.

They experienced a shaky start to their turn with the bat in the form of an early dismissal of opener, Taher Chakera, who made his way back whilst being eight runs short of a two-digit figure.

The fellow opener, Mubin Hassan, held on for several overs to notch 11 runs from 25 balls before the team faced another blow following the exit of top-order players, Irfan Khan and Ashfaq Imtiyaz, in quick succession.

Sohail Ahmed thereafter stepped at the crease to attempt to bring stability, the top-order cricketer notched 26 runs, whilst clearing the boundary once, in what was generally the meaningful showing with the bat for the side.

Abdullah Essak- deployed at middle order- was another cricketer with two digits in the innings after chipping in with 13 runs from 17 balls.

The rest of the outfit's batsmen could not withstand Lions Cricket Club's bowling attack, returning to the pavilion in quick succession.

Karim Kiseto was impressive when Lions Cricket Club fielded, posting 3-8 in two overs and a 4.00 economy rate, and fellow bowlers Goodluck Andrew, Ali Sumar, Farhaan Mohamed, Umar Shaikh, and Gulraiz Haideri posted one wicket each.

Needing 83 runs to come out with

victory, Lions Cricket Club reached the target with ease after amassing 84/3 in just 8.3 overs.

Shaikh put ferocious batting to show as the performer scored 36 runs not out which included five fours and a six, to catapult the batting squad to the win.

Zaki Hassan (14 runs), skipper Mohamed Salim (11 runs), and Haideri (11 runs) put the game beyond Lions B's reach.

Irfan Khan ended with 2-12 in two overs in a futile attempt by Lions B's bowling unit to frustrate Lions Cricket Club's chase.

Following the victory, Lions Cricket Club is sitting third in Group B, having posted victory in two ties, and loss in two fixtures. They have as a result notched the 0.3170 net run

The outfit is trailing the top-placed Aga Khan SC- deemed as a serious challenger- and Caravans Cricket Club now sitting second.

rate.

Aga Khan SC has got off to an impressive start, winning all four ties the outfit has participated in and notching the 2.1125 net run rate.

Caravans Cricket Club is hot on the group leader's heels, coming out victorious in three fixtures and losing one encounter. The outcomes have seen the outfit amass the 2.3912 net run rate.

Gymkhana Cricket Club occupies fourth place after suffering a loss in three duels played, posting a -3.2167 net run rate.

Lions B, occupying the bottom place in the group, has also succumbed to three losses to settle for the -3.4681 net run rate.

Gymkhana Cricket Club has organized this season's DC GP Gymkhana Shield showpiece, which is sponsored by General Petroleum, Harab Wazir Motors, Makita, and Bank of India under the auspices of the DC.

Robertinho needs to understand he works in difficult fan-based country

HERE were mixed emotions when Simba SC fans left Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam recently.

The same applies to those who were at home watching the 2023/24 CAF Champions League Second Preliminary Round rematch pitting Simba SC, nicknamed 'Msimbazi Reds', against Zambia's Power Dynamos as the hosts cruised to the Group Stage.

The Tanzanian outfit's supporters have, in the past few years, seen their outfit progress to the premier continental showdown's Group Stage with ease. The problem is how the club made it after the recent performance.

In a match in which Simba SC needed either a 1-1 draw or a victory of any margin, Power Dynamos found themselves scoring both goals of the matchone was converted by the Zambian club and the other was an own goal that witnessed Simba SC leveling matters.

It did not make Simba SC fans happy given they wanted the outfit to possess swag and prove it was in total control

Fans want to see the 'Msimbazi Reds' play in such a way that the fanatics will call for an increase in entry fees for the outfit's fixtures.

Unfortunately, the present Simba SC squad does not showcase the displays that will impress its followers.

To make matters worse, the brand of football that Simba SC fanatics with to see their outfit showcase is now played by age-old rivals, Yanga. This is the most infuriating thing for the Msimbazi Street squad's supporters.

A few years ago, Simba SC was dominating matches against AS Vita Club (DR Congo), Al Ahly (Egypt), and others. Today the club is struggling against the Zambians.

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Chama, Lius Miquissoine, John Bocco, Meddie Kagere and Hassan Dilunga?

Simba SC played with tenacity and domination, this is where the fans failed to understand the club's head coach, Roberto Oliveira, popularly known as Robertinho.

People close to Robertinho should tell him something early. His close people, who are Tanzanians, should alert him about something, his work is in doubt... the results do not matter.

He has seen Simba SC win all matches in the Premier League, he has won this season's Community Shield mini competition in Tanga and the team has booked a place in the CAF Champions League Group Stage.

However, he lives in a known as pressing. country where everything is that he lives in a more diffi-

It is not enough because he has been given another measure in his results. The majority of Simba SC's fans want to see the side play the way Yanga plays.

If Yanga was playing a brand the outfit had showcased, once such players like midfielder Abdul-Aziz Makame were turning out for it, then the Simba SC fans would not have been complaining about their club's displays but Yanga is playing more attractive football and this is tormenting many Simba SC lovers.

When I saw one of the recent Simba SC clashes, I felt the outfit's players were not quite fit. They hardly move the ball faster, they do not get any faster in positional plays, in football words, it is

not enough and the truth is players to do many things quickly. After that, if a per-

ent of the existing players, it is clear that the outfit will dominate a soccer match.

Robertinho may be creating something but it is influenced by the side's fitness coach. The fitness coach may be doing his job correctly but Oliveira's methods are not working for his players.

At the end of the day, the head coach is the one who leaves once the outfit's leadership feels the supporters have started losing trust in him.

Many coaches have been fired because of the clubs' supporters' pressure and many players are benched because of the fanatics' pressure.

What happens is the fans might pressure the club's leadership to leave Robertinho but a person may find out that a section of leaders concurs with the supporters.

As the days go by, Yanga seems to be heading to the Group Stage with a more competitive team than Simba SC.

A good number of Simba SC followers want their team to change because they know the club's qual-

a SC was, in the 2018/19 CAF Champions League, the team that led the group containing Al Alhy and AS Vita, having secured 13 points.

The current Simba SC is not convincing and could not be compared to the previous squad. There are indeed statistics here and there to think about but sometimes if a squad is not playing very well such an outfit is close to posting horrible results.

Registering good results is probably the aspect that by Power Dynamos, then Modern football requires supports Robertinho but the Msimbazi Street outwhen the club's honor- fit still does not have the ary president, Mohamed strength to defeat the likes

form and writes that the team is about to kill him because of its results, and the way the side plays, then an individual knows the coach is in trouble.

And now Simba SC and Yanga have made it to the 2023/24 CAF Champions League Group Stage. Tanzanian teams are currently ready to take on any outfit on the continent and, when a side books a place in the Group Stage of the premier continental showdown, it should expect to confront the best teams.

The first thing that turns out to be interesting is that the outfits have both secured progression to the Group Stage. In recent days, they have moved their rivalry to the continental tournaments' ties.

In the past, the two outfits' fans used to mostly argue about either which team has scored the most goals or which outfit has the most Premier League titles.

Now the supporters' laughter is what pushes them towards success. Which outfit will not go past the Group Stage and which will sail through to the quarterfinals?

As far as I know, the only relief the fans will have will come about when either the outfits crash out of the Group Stage or they make it to the quarterfinals, otherwise, a host of supporters in the country will stand against one of them.

Robertinho has to change his squad's performance, the direction he has taken is more difficult, and it is difficult for the club to get good results by chance.

If Simba SC was pushed



Minister for Culture, Arts, and Sports, Damas Ndumbaro (4th L), poses for a picture with officials from Tanzania, Kenya, and Uganda at the Confederation of African Football (CAF) Executive Committee meeting in Egypt last month. The meeting endorsed the three countries to host the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON). PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA

Important reasons for East Africa to embrace 2027 AFCON

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi &

THE 2027 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) is set to be a pivotal event for East Africa, with Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania serving as proud hosts.

The spotlight that the tournament brings is crucial for every East African, offering a unique opportunity to foster regional unity and showcase the vibrant cultures and burgeoning potential of these nations.

The co-hosting of the tournament by Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania is poised to bolster

regional unity and pride. This collaboration prom-

ises to be a cornerstone for strengthening relationships and fostering camaraderie amongst the East African nations, setting a precedent for future partnerships in events of such magnitude.

The introduction of a regional tourism visa is a groundbreaking initiative aimed at facilitating seamless travel across Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania.

This innovative approach is expected to spur tourism, allowing visitors to explore the myriad of cultures, landmarks, and natural attractions that define East Africa, thereby promoting the region as a premier travel destination.

The economic windfall from event. the tournament is bound to be substantial.

With heightened tourism comes a cascade of economic benefits, impacting various sectors and trickling down to every stratum of the business ecosystem.

The anticipated influx of visitors will lead to elevated demand for local products, essentials, and souvenirs, thereby ramping up sales for local retailers and supermarkets.

The transportation sector, especially local taxi and cab services, is set to thrive with the skyrocketing demand for transit solutions during the

The surge in visitors necessitates extensive accommodation solutions, offering a lucrative window for hotels and lodges to optimize occupancy rates and profits.

Street vendors and local markets stand to gain significantly as attendees delve into local goods and produce.

The entertainment and food industry, encompassing salons, nightclubs, and restaurants, is geared up for increased patronage, promising a bustling atmosphere throughout the

The fashion sector, particularly boutiques and local

stores, will experience a surge in demand for indigenous designs and attire, celebrating the diverse fashion tapestry of the

The preparations for the 2027 AFCON will catalyze infrastructural advancements, including enhancements to stadiums, transport networks, and hospitality facilities, leaving a lasting legacy for the host countries.

Beyond immediate economic gains, the event serves as a platform to elevate the international profile of the host nations, potentially unlocking more diplomatic and economic opportunities and placing East Africa on the global map. Given the myriad benefits

and the unrivaled opportunity to showcase East Africa to the world, the call is to everyone, irrespective of their business domain, to rally behind this initiative.

2027 AFCON is not merely a celebration of football, it is a collective endeavour to highlight the rich cultures, warm hospitality, and untapped po-

tential of East Africa. From restaurant owners to market stall operators, everyone has a role in ensuring the shared success and prosperity emanating from this grand

The hosting of the 2027 AF-CON is a monumental stride for East Africa, offering a platform for unity, cultural exchange, and international acknowledg-

The combined efforts of Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania, supplemented by the innovative regional tourism visa, are set to propel the region into a new era of tourism and economic resurgence.

It is a clarion call for every East African to support this noble initiative, embracing the spirit of togetherness and shared prosperity for the benefit of the entire region.

Bellingham matches Ronaldo's start at Real Madrid with 10 goals in first 10 games

BARCELONA, Spain

JUDE Bellingham equaled the fantastic scoring numbers at Real Madrid of Cristiano Ronaldo's start with the club on Saturday, showing again that Real Madrid got much more than a promising midfielder when they signed him this summer.

The England international took his tally to 10 in as many games after netting twice to help Madrid rout Osasuna 4-0 and keep the Spanish league lead.

That was the best scoring start for a new Madrid player since Ronaldo also scored 10 in his first 10 games after his 2009 transfer from Manchester Unit-

"I'm a confident guy, but I didn't expect such a good start," Bellingham said. "At this stage of the season you can't ask for more."

Not only has the 20-year-old Bellingham started filling the big boots of an aging Luka Modric, he is also helping Madrid to quickly move past the exit of Karim Benzema amid a still unsuccessful pursuit of

"He puts on his Superman cape in nearly every game," veteran defender Dani Carvajal, who set up

Bellingham's opener, said about his new teammate. Bellingham sent a message that he was ready to handle high expectations when he accepted the No. 5 of Zinedine Zidane at Madrid. But nobody expected him to score at this rate, not even his coach.

And this was for a team that was supposed to struggle after Benzema, its top scorer for the past four seasons, left for Saudi Arabia.

Bellingham leads the league with eight goals – and has scored in six of eight league games. He has also scored in both of Madrid's Champions League games, including a 3-2 win at Napoli this week.

"His start to the season has been a surprise in every aspect. Nobody expected him to score like this," Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti said.

His sudden transformation into a serial goal-scorer since joining Madrid from Borussia Dortmund, where he scored 14 times in 42 games last season, has quickly elevated Bellingham to the role of team

He has proven nearly unstoppable for defenders to keep track of when he makes his runs forward from the midfield.

His first goal on Saturday in the ninth minute was a product of one of those runs, when Carvajal saw him coming and used one touch to knock a pass by Modric into the path of the charging Bellingham.

Bellingham used one touch to cut further into the heart of the box and fired over goalkeeper Sergio

He struck again in the 54th when he worked a quick one-two with Federico Valverde while surrounded by defenders in the area.

It was his second brace for Madrid after also scoring two in a 3-1 win at Almeria.

Vinícius Júnior added a third goal on the break in the 65th and five minutes later set up Joselu Mato for Madrid's fourth to crush Osasuna in a rematch of last year's Copa del Rey final.

"(Bellingham is) incredible. He was born to play for Madrid and to define an era," Vinícius said.

"I hope this connection that we have lasts for the many years that we can play together. I love playing with Jude.'

Madrid remained two points ahead of Girona. which won at Cadiz 1-0. Barcelona is four points behind Madrid before the defending champion visits Granada on Sunday. Aurélien Tchouaméni, a holding midfielder, had to

play as a central defender for Madrid with Éder Militão and David Alaba injured and Nacho Fernández That left Antonio Rüdiger as the only central de-

fender available, but Osasuna was unable to take advantage of Tchouaméni's lack of experience.

The only relief in an otherwise painful game for 10th-place Osasuna was Herrera's save of a penalty kick by Joselu to deny Madrid a fifth goal.

Osasuna coach Jagoba Arrasate also praised Bell-

"(Bellingham) is a super complete player. He plays well, scores, gives assists. He is still young and will only get better," said Arrasate, who watched the game from the stands while serving a suspension.

GARCÍA GOAL FOR GIRONA

Aleix García's goal in the 59th minute gave Girona the win against a Cadiz team that played for 80 minutes down a man.

Darwin Machis saw a direct red card in the 10th minute for a foul on Yangel Herrera.

Cadiz is 12th after losing its first home game of the

Girona, a team from northeast Catalonia partly owned by Manchester City's Abu Dhabi ownership, entered the previous round as leader after winning six games in a row before it lost to Madrid 3-0 last weekend.

SEVILLA SALVAGES POINT

Youssef En-Nesyri headed in a stoppage-time goal to complete a fightback by Sevilla in a 2-2 draw at home with Rayo Vallecano, which led 2-0 at halftime. Valencia also drew 1-1 at Mallorca.

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Man United manager Ten Hag demands action after late win against Brentford

MANCHESTER, England

HERE was relief, at last, for ten Hag and Manchester United after a late 2-1 comeback win against Brentford on Saturday.

The wild celebrations that greeted the final whistle at Old Trafford, however, did not disguise the problems that continue to plague the 20-time league champions and prompted Ten Hag to demand action from his players.

"It has to be a turning point, but also a restart because we have to get into higher levels," the United manager said.

"The spirit is good, the belief is good and the team is together. We have shown that. We have shown strong character. It can be a turning point, but it is up to us."

Two stoppage-time goals from substitute Scott Mc-Tominay got his manager out of a hole and secured a much-needed win.

Prior to the midfielder's late interventions, United was on course for a seventh loss of a season that was threatening to unravel.

The joyous scenes at the end were in stark contrast to the boos that have rung around the stadium in defeats to Brighton, Crystal Palace and Galatasaray already this season.

But while it was a stirring fightback, there was a repeat of the errors that



Manchester United manager, Erik ten Hag. AP

have been so damaging to United's season.

Casemiro was guilty of giving the ball away in a dangerous area in the buildup to Mathias Jensen's first-half goal.

Behind him, United's defense was ill-disciplined and out of position. And goalkeeper Andre Onana was beaten far too easily vet again.

Casemiro may be a fivetime Champions League winner with Real Madrid, but he was pulled at halftime as Ten Hag tried to turn the game round.

And afterwards he reminded his underperforming team of the expectations that come with playing for United.

"First of all, when you can't handle the pressure don't play here," he said. "Those players they are so experienced.

These are so high quality players, so they have to take responsibility. I don't point to one player, but I see it in the summer or the start to the season, we have to take responsibility.

"We need leadership to have a good organization and we don't always have

Victory was vital to lifting the mood at United going into the upcoming October international break, which is traditionally a period when Premier League

managers have come under intense pressure.

While there has been no suggestion that Ten Hag's position is at risk, even Brentford's losing manager Thomas Frank admitted he was relieved for the Dutchman, who he said would have faced "brutal" questions on the back of another defeat.

"I know it is good for the manager, so I am happy for Erik, but of course not happy for ourselves that we didn't win," he said.

SPURS ON TOP

Ange Postecoglou's impressive start at Tottenham shows no sign of slowing down. Even after going

Yves Bissouma's second yellow card just before halftime at Luton, Spurs still moved to the top of the standings with a 1-0 The former Australia and

Celtic coach is unbeaten in the league and 20 points from the opening eight games of the season is the club's best ever start in the modern era. James Maddison appears

to be taking on the role of talisman following the departure of Harry Kane in the off-season and he provided the assist for Micky van de Ven's 52nd-minute winner.

CHELSEA REVIVAL

With back-to-back league wins for the first time since March and three in a row in all competitions, Chelsea is beginning to take shape under Mauricio Pochettino. Meanwhile, Raheem Sterling is firing again and Cole Palmer has hit the ground running.

Even going behind at Burnley couldn't derail Pochettino's team as it completed a 4-1 rout at Turf Moor.

Sterling made a statement to England coach Gareth Southgate after he was left out of the latest Three Lions squad with a part in three of Chelsea's goals, including one for himself.

Palmer, who was signed from Manchester City, got his first goal for Chelsea

down to 10 men following from the penalty spot after Sterling was brought down.

EVERTON WINS

Everton responded impressively to last week's home loss to Luton with a 3-0 win against Bournemouth. It was only the Merseyside club's second win of the season and helped ease the pressure on manager Sean Dyche, while Bournemouth boss Andoni Iraola is still waiting for his first win in the league.

The Spanish coach was hired at the end of last season after earning an impressive reputation for his work at Rayo Vallecano.

But after Bournemouth's disappointing start to the campaign, he gave an honest assessment of his performance so far.

"When you are in the relegation spots like we are now we have to be worried," he said. "We haven't won games so I'm not doing my homework but I feel like players are pushing and are really disappointed and I am more than happy to coach the players I have here."

Sheffield United is also still looking for its first win since being promoted back to the top flight after a 3-1 loss at Fulham left the Blades at the bottom of the table.

Elsewhere, Crystal Palace and Nottingham Forest drew 0-0.

Borussia Dortmund beats Union Berlin in Bundesliga

TWO former Union Ber-Borussia Dortmund come from behind and beat their old team 4-2 in the Bundesliga on Saturday, stretching the visitors' losing streak to seven games across all competitions.

Nico Schlotterbeck and Julian Ryerson netted in the second half for Dortmund, which recovered from 2-1 down at the break. Union's Leonardo Bonucci scored his first Bundesliga goal.

"We've played well the last few games but something then always happens to throw us off course and we can't seem to get back on track," Union forward Kevin Behrens said. "Yeah. extremely difficult situation."

Serhou Guirassy's hat trick helped Stuttgart come from behind to beat Wolfsburg 3-1. The Guinea player took his league tally to 13 goals in seven match-

Stuttgart's win lifted the club to the top of the league before Bayer Leverkusen and Bayern Munich play on Sunday. Leverkusen hosts Cologne in the Rhine derby and Bayern hosts Freiburg.

Also, promoted Darmstadt won at Augsburg 2-1, and Leipzig drew with Bochum 0-0. Marius Bülter scored in

the second minute of injury time for Hoffenheim to beat Werder Bremen 3-2 in a remarkable finish to the late game.

Jens Stage equalized for Bremen in the first minute of injury time with a volley in under the crossbar, but Bülter replied a minute lat-



Dortmund's team celebrates Dortmund's scorer Julian Brandt who scored their side's third goal during the German Bundesliga soccer match between Borussia Dortmund and Union Berlin in Dortmund, Germany, on Saturday. AP

er for the visitors to grab three points.

DORTMUND BACK IN **FORM**

Robin

Dortmund endured a rocky start to the season but appears to have returned to form after its fourth successive Bundesliga win - and its fifth straight at home over Union.

Niclas Füllkrug gave the home team an early lead when he fired in a rebound in the seventh minute after Frederik Rønnow saved his initial effort. Union's defense failed to function as teammates Bonucci and Diogo Leite hampered each other.

But the visitors equal-

ized two minutes later from a corner took a dethrough Füllkrug – when

cisive deflection from the Dortmund forward. Gosens' header

When Mats Hummels conceded a penalty for a high challenge on Sheraldo

Becker, Bonucci converted the spot kick in the 31st.

Dortmund coach Edin Terzi sent on Julian Brandt for the second half, but it was defender Schlotterbeck who equalized in the 50th with a fierce shot from distance into the top corner. Four minutes later, Brandt made it 3-2 on a counterattack.

Terzi sent on Gio Reyna in the 64th for the injuryprone American player's first appearance of the sea-

Ryerson scored with a shot deflected in by Gosens in the 71st. The Norwegian player did not celebrate out of respect for his former side.

"It can be that the two weeks will do some good," Gosens said of the upcoming international break."

"A couple of players will go to their national teams, others maybe have a few days free to do something with the family, to think about something other than soccer, to hopefully come back with fresh en-

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by David Chikoko



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K'njaro hosts 2023 Nyerere Day hockey tournament

KILIMANJARO is this season set to organize the annual Nyerere Cup hockey tournament to commemorate the 23rd Anniversary of the Father of the Nation, Mwalimu Julius Kambarage.

The forthcoming Nyerere Cup tournament will be held in the Moshi Municipality, running for four days- from October 12-15, 2023.

The event is organized by the Sikh Club in conjunction Association and is usually sponsored by the Sikh Club of Moshi.

The country celebrates the annual Nyerere Day in honour of the founding Father of the Nation, Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere, who passed away on October 14, 1999.

Meanwhile, Twiga Hockey Club of Arusha is in the process of organizing a special Uhuru Tournament, to maintain his fitness, to be played in the city in even at this age, as he was December, to celebrate Tanzania's 62 Anniversary of Independence.

According to the club's officials, the Uhuru Hockey Tournament will be staged at the Sikh Union grounds in Arusha and is set to attract various clubs from all over the country.

However, before the major event, there will be the forthcoming Nyerere Cup tournament which will be held in the Moshi Municipality in Kilimanjaro from October 12-15, 2023.

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In another development, the hockey legends forming Arusha Twiga Club emerged victorious during the recently held field hockey tournament organized by the Black Mambaz Club in Dar es Salaam.

The Legends hockey comprised tournament participants aged over 45 Moshi next weekend.

Arusha was represented by the Twiga Club legends from the 1990s and 2000s, some of whom are Bhavesh Gohil, Kari Singh, Jite Singh, Monu Singh, Bhaiji Bhai, Jagdev Singh, and Jamil Shahbhai.

They were all out to prove that when it comes to hockey, age is just a number.

Arusha legends displayed their hockey skills, playing crisp short passes and moving hockey on the turf, entertaining the crowd and opposing teams.

It was a melancholic with the Tanzania Hockey reminder of the beautiful hockey they played in the 1990s and 2000s.

> A total of four teams participated in what was described as a well-organized

The final match was an end-to-end affair for all four quarters. The intense battle on the field showcased the best of both teams, with each vying for the trophy.

Singh seen passing the ball and combining well with Monu and Jamil to set up attacks for Twiga Club, while the outfit's defense was marshaled well by Bhavesh, Kari, and Bhaiji.

The pressure eventually paid off and led to Twiga Club winning the inaugural tournament, defeating their opponents 5-3.

The showdown's eventual winners, thus, added yet another trophy to their glorious history to further cement their status as the most decorated hockey club in the country.

A large number of spectators attended the Dar es Salaam tournament and showed their unwavering support to try and revive the golden days of hockey from the 1990s and 2000s.

The plan is to host the tournament annually and try to organize similar tournaments in Arusha and Tanga.

Spectators and hockey enthusiasts now turn their attention to the Nyerere Cup tournament to be held in



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2023/24 CAF Champions League draw has been finalized and Tanzania's Young Africans SC has been drawn in Group D along with Egypt's Al Ahly, CR Belouizdad of Algeria, and Medeama SC of

Al Ahly is the reigning Champions League winner. CR Belouizdad reached the Group Stage for the fourth consecutive with a 6-2 aggregate win over Gabon's Bo Rangers

Medeama SC qualified for the first time by beating Guinea's Horoya Athletic



Yanga's head coach, Miguel Ángel Gamondi. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

Club on aggregate.

Gamondi, Young Africans SC, Stage for the first time after 25

alias Yanga, qualified for the Under head coach Miguel CAF Champions League Group

Gamondi reacts to Yanga's CAF

Champions League draw

Gamondi has shared his reaction to the Group Stage draw which will be a reunion with his former club, CR Belouizdad.

The tactician disclosed: "My first feeling is happiness to see the name of Young Africans SC among the best 16 teams in the continent. To see the name of Yanga among these big teams is fantastic."

"The group is tough but we need to believe. We need to believe in ourselves, believe in this group of players," he said.

The Argentine revealed: "We play the strongest ever team in Africa, Al Ahly. I have played against them and it is very nice for me that Young Africa and Al Ahly are coming face to face. This is fantastic and nobody can forget this moment."

"Chabab Belouizdad is my former team. I got a very nice souvenir from them. I had a great season. They have unbelievable fans. They love me so much and I love these people," the gaffer said.

"They are similar to Young Africans, they fought for the independence of Algeria from Mohamed Belouizdad."

Gamondi said: "This Belouizdad quarter is very

cool, very emotional for the Algerian people and this club represents the people like Young Africans represent all the nationalities of Tanzania."

"The other team from Ghana, Medeama, I don't know. I think it is a new team in the competition. I don't know but we will analyse."

"People must know nothing is easy but to be part of the Group Stage is already an achievement," the Argentine pointed out.

Gamondi also took time to discuss how they need to approach the competition, saying that they need to believe and hope fans will turn out not to watch the best competition in Africa but to enjoy it.

He queried: "What we will do is to compete, not to participate in the group stage. I promise to compete face-to-face against all the teams. We need to believe. We need to believe we can do it, why not?"

The Argentine stressed: "My wish is, in the three home games it will be a full house, people coming to enjoy. Yes, we are coming to win the game but also to enjoy it because it is the best competition in Africa."

JKT Queens await CAF Women's CL draw

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

THE wait is almost over to discover who will be JKT Queens' opponents in the Group Stage of the 2023 CAF Women's Champions League scheduled to take place in Côte d'Ivoire.

The official draw for the 2023 CAF Women's Champions League will take place in Abidjan this evening.

The draw will be conducted at 19h00 EAT (16h00 GMT) and live-streamed on CAF digital

Eight clubs have reached the Group Stage, they will be split into two groups of four teams.

Tanzania's JKT Queens are the East African representatives for the third edition of this prestigious African women's club competition.

JKT Queens triumphed by edging Ethiopia's CBE Women's FC in the CECAFA Zonal qualifiers held in Kampala, Uganda in July.

They are the second Tanzanian team to win the regional qualifiers and earn a place in the continental competition. The continental competition

is set to take place in the West African country between November 5-19, 2023. This is the first time that CAF's elite club competition is hosted in West Africa.

CAF launched the CAF Women's Champions League in 2021 with the first edition played in Cairo, Egypt in November.

South African club, Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies FC, won the



Players and officials making Tanzania's JKT Queens celebrate with a trophy upon the conclusion of the 2023 CAF Women's Champions League (WCL) CECAFA Zone Qualifiers that took place in Uganda recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

Ghana's Hasaacas Ladies 2-0 in the final.

Morocco's AS FAR Women's FC is the current champions of the CAF Women's Champions League after they defeated Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies FC of South Africa in Rabat last year. Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies FC and AS FAR Women's FC have qualified for the final

maiden event after defeating tournament for the third consecutive time.

> Côte d'Ivoire's Atlético Abidjan will fly the host nation's flag in their maiden appearance, along with four other clubs that are through to the final stage of the competition for the first time.

> AS Mandé, the WAFU Zone A representatives are, for their part, returning after taking

part in the inaugural edition in Women's Champions League

The other confirmed clubs for the 2023 CAF Women's Champions League are SC Casablanca of Morocco representing the UNAF Zone, Ghana's Ampem Darkoa Ladies FC representing WAFU Zone B, and Huracanes of Equatorial Guinea from the UNIFAC Zone.

The winners of the CAF

will take home USD 400, 000 while the runners-up will walk away with USD 250, 000.

The two losing semi-finalists will each receive USD 200, 000. JKT Queens are guaranteed at least USD 100, 000 awarded to teams finishing bottom of their group. Third-placed teams in each group will walk away with USD 150, 000.

