

Police to accompany TRA officers in vehicle checks

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he explained.

"The actions taken by Amani and his colleagues were fully in line with legal procedures," he said, elaborating that internal TRA procedures similarly back what they were doing.

"While fulfilling their duties, they were unjustly obstructed. Following this tragedy, we will continue to educate the public about the rights and powers TRA staff have, so they understand that these measures are in place for their benefit."

Insisting that the officer working for the good of Tanzanians, he said that the TRA officers did not deserve such treatment. Taxes for the car in question had not paid, he affirmed.

He similarly appealed to Tanzanians to cooperate with TRA by reporting smuggling activities, as such tragedies would not deter the agency from its work. Even as the realisation of the incident being wrongful would not bring Amani back,

the agency will persist in the fight against tax evasion, he declared.

Justice for Amani would involve bringing all those responsible for the incident to court, he said, expressing gratitude to the Good Samaritans who helped during the incident.

Albert Chalamila, the regional commissioner, said that Amani's death marked a turning point for the regional secretariat, assuring the public that the area where the incident took place would be cleared and that justice would prevail.

Moshi Kabengwe, the TRA director of human resource management and administration, said that the late employee had served the agency for six years, working in the smuggling control unit as a first-class driver.

The employee's uncle, Amani Kamguna, expressed gratitude for the support provided by TRA in the wake of the incident and the funeral arrangements, covering all expenses.



Bahi district executive secretary Sarah Ngalingsi (3rd-L) assists Mwanaidi Issa of Kondoa District in using crutches the senior citizen was presented with yesterday in marking December 3 as International Day of Persons with Disabilities. Photo: Correspondent Peter Mkwavila

'GBV key obstacle to development efforts'

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secretary, noted that eradicating violence requires a comprehensive approach, starting with education and societal norms at the family level.

"No development can occur in an environment where violence persists, particularly within families. Responsibility must be taken at the community level to address what the government is doing to combat violence," he said.

Godlizan Bakari, an analyst at UN Women, concluded the discussion by highlighting Tanzania's commitment to addressing gender-based violence as part of broader regional and global efforts.

"As we approach the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration, we have a unique opportunity to accelerate the elimination of violence and make substantial progress toward gender equality," he stated.

Pointing at the African Union's Convention on the elimination of violence against women and girls, he said the convention seeks to establish a comprehensive legal system to address the root causes of violence.

It seeks to strengthen legal frameworks and institutions, and promote a culture of respect for human rights, gender equality and the dignity of women and girls throughout Africa, he elaborated.

UN Women was working as part of the broader UN system to advance collective efforts with partners, including the European Union, to support comprehensive programs aimed at eliminating gender-based violence, he said.

"Our vision for 2030 is a world where women and girls live free from violence. This is possible if we work together," he added

Despite the efforts being made, we are constantly reminded that the fight against gender-based violence is ongoing and requires collaboration, commitment and innovation," she stated.

"No one should face violence due to their gender, age or status. We cannot achieve sustainable and inclusive growth if we do not take bold steps to address gender-based violence," she said.

Development partners' commitment to supporting initiatives that prevent, respond to gender-based violence help to ensure that the global commitment to a violence-free world by 2030 becomes a reality, not just a distant hope, she specified.

Susan Ngongi, the resident coordinator of United Nations agencies, similarly pointed at the severity of gender-based violence, as it durably affects the health, dignity, safety and freedom of victims.

The violence is a violation of human rights and a significant obstacle to achieving gender equality and sustainable development, she said, asserting that one-third of women and girls over the age of 15 in Tanzania report experiencing physical, sexual, emotional or economic abuse.

Women and children with disabilities face even greater challenges, including social discrimination, limited access to support services and systemic marginalization, deepening the personal and social crisis that requires urgent, collective action, she emphasised.

Amon Mpanju, the Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups deputy permanent

No new ministers with new cabinet reshuffle

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Office (VPO), the statement indicated.

Dr. Ashatu Kijaji replaces Abdallah Ulega at Livestock and Fisheries, while Ulega moves to Worksm replacing Innocent Bashungwa who moves to Home Affairs, replacing asauni, it elaborated.

Gerson Msigwa becomes Informa-

tion, Sports and Culture permanent secretary as well as returning to his earlier position as chief government spokesman, while Dr James Kilabuko becomes deputy permanent secretary for Policy, Parliament and Coordination in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

Dr. Stephen Nindi will serve as Cooperatives and Irrigation deputy permanent secretary in the

Ministry of Agriculture; Dr. Suleiman Serera shifts to the Ministry of Trade and Industry as deputy permanent secretary, paving the way for the incumbent, Dr. Stephen Simbachawene, to be assigned new duties.

Prof. Mohammed Janabi has been appointed as presidential advisor on health and medication, while remaining the Muhimbili National

Hospital (MNH) executive director.

Anderson Mutatembwa, Mobhara Matinyi, ACP Suzan Kaganda, and outgoing government spokesman Thobias Makoba were appointed ambassadors and will be assigned their duty stations shortly.

The newly appointed top officials will be sworn in at Tunguu State Lodge in Zanzibar tomorrow, it added.



Kilombero district commissioner Dunstan Kyobya (R) graces Kilombero Festival celebrations aimed at bringing together stakeholders and residents of the Kilombero District towards raising awareness on tourism attractions found in the district. Photo: Correspondent Christina Haule



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Scientists get optimistic on controlling invasive tree

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and one of the study's authors, commented that the results show that all respondents prefer uprooting the plant despite initial investment to uproot the trees being on the high side.

Dr. René Eschen, co-author of the study and research scientist at CABI, said that initial attitude was to leave the invasive plant aside and stick to farming, but their perception of the uprooting method became more positive over time.

"Despite the high initial investment and the risk of injury during uprooting, the long-term benefits of SLM are clear," he added.

JKCI to offer free heart screenings and treatment on independence day

By Correspondent Christina Mwakangale

THE Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI) is today set to celebrate the National Independence Day by offering free heart screenings and treatment to the residents of Dar es Salaam and surrounding regions.

The screenings, available for both children and adults, will take place from morning to evening at the JKCI-Upanga centre and its branch at Dar Group Hospital.

Anna Nkinda (pictured), Head of the JKCI Communications and Public Relations Department, said in a statement yesterday, highlighted that, in honour of Tanzania Mainland's 63rd Independence Anniversary, a health outreach service called 'Samia Suluhu Hassan Outreach Services' will be offered.

"This screening will be free of charge for both children and adults on December 9, 2024, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the



Jakaya Kikwete Heart Institute (JKCI), located at Dar Group Hospital in TAZARA," Nkinda said.

"There will also be nutrition experts providing education on healthy eating, helping the public understand and adopt better lifestyles to avoid non-communicable diseases (NCDs), including heart diseases, which can be prevented with professional

advice," she said.

He noted that individuals diagnosed with heart conditions will begin treatment, including receiving free medication.

"We encourage the public to come in large numbers for a health check to determine if they have any heart conditions, so that treatment can begin early for those found to be affected," Nkinda urged.



Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority director general Salim Msangi (R) briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam on Saturday on the commemoration of International Civil Aviation Day (Dec 7) alongside congratulating Tanzanian youth granted scholarships to study aviation and aeronautical engineering. Photo courtesy of TCAA

By Guardian Correspondent, Moshi

Kilimanjaro plans to promote sorghum porridge in schools

KILIMANJARO Regional Commissioner Nurdin Babu has announced the government's plan to develop a strategy encouraging pupils and students across the region to drink sorghum porridge daily, due to its rich nutrient content.

Speaking at the finals of a nutrition competition involving 93 secondary schools over the weekend here, Babu highlighted the significant health issues caused by a lack of essential nutrients, many of which are found in millet.

Organised by Floresta Tanzania in collaboration with the World Vegetable Centre and funded by the American people through the Accelerated Introduction of Technology to Farmers (AID-I) project, the competition aimed to raise awareness about nutrition.

"When I was the District Commissioner in Kilwa, I initiated a policy requiring every school to allocate five acres for growing millet, fruits, and vegetables. While land availability is limited in Kilimanjaro, maximizing its nutritional potential could address many health challenges, including malnutrition," Babu said.

Richard Mhina, Director of Floresta Tanzania, explained that the competition sought to promote balanced diets, particularly focusing on vegetables and fruits to combat poor nutrition, especially among adolescents.

"The competition has been conducted

in three phases. The first phase involved 93 schools at the ward level, the second phase included 50 schools at the district level, and the final phase focused on assessing students' and teachers' understanding of nutrition, vegetable production, and its health benefits," Mhina said.

The initiative is also linked to environmental conservation efforts, with Floresta Tanzania participating in the global CNN Call to Earth Day celebrations. The organization aims to plant 500,000 trees by the end of the year in collaboration with schools, farming families, and other partners.

20 student-led businesses win competition, receive over 80m/-

By Getrude Mbago

IN an inspiring display of innovation and entrepreneurship, 20 student-led businesses have emerged as winners of the YouthIgnite Student Founders Fellowship, receiving over 80m/-.

The two-month competition, which concluded over the weekend, saw 30 businesses from 10 Higher Learning Institutions (HLIs) across Tanzania showcase exceptional creativity and entrepreneurial spirit.

The fellowship, aimed at empowering young entrepreneurs, was made possible through collaboration between StartHub Africa Tanzania, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Funguo Innovation Programme, and the Westerwelle Foundation Tanzania.

Speaking during the awarding event Shakila Mshana, Director and Co-Founder of StartHub Africa Tanzania, expressed her excitement about the initiative's impact.

"We are thrilled to partner with UNDP Funguo and the Westerwelle Foundation on a programme that truly empowers young innovators across Tanzania," she said.

She said the pilot programme involving ten universities in Tanzania has showcased the transformative potential of practical entrepreneurship education.

"Over the course of the initiative, students engaged in refining their business ideas, conducting customer and market research, and testing demand—key elements that laid the foundation for the results celebrated today," she said.

She added: "At StartHub, we are committed to nurturing the next generation of change-makers, and YouthIgnite perfectly aligns with our mission to foster growth and create lasting impact."

The programme which lasted for over two months provided students with workshops, training sessions, and networking opportunities that helped them refine their business ideas and transform them into scalable, sustainable ventures.

Joseph Manirakiza, Programme Manager for the UNDP Funguo Innovation Programme, highlighted the critical role of Tanzanian Higher Learning Institutions in nurturing innovation.

"Strengthening the support system for student entrepreneurship at universities will help produce more job creators rather than job seekers," he said.

He added "Initiatives like YouthIgnite play a key role in driving sustainable development

and fostering innovation, with the support of the UK Government and the European Union."

He said the initiative highlighted how practical, hands-on approaches to entrepreneurship can prepare students to create scalable businesses with the potential to contribute to the global economy.

The 20 winners will receive funding and ongoing mentorship to help scale their businesses.

One of the winners, Scolla Jonathan, a student from Tengeru Institute of Community Development and founder of Skyverse Solutions, reflected on the significance of the programme.

"Out of over 1000 applicants, I was chosen as one of the 30 students. Through StartHub Africa Tanzania, I gained invaluable skills and insights, and I'm confident that our business will make significant strides in the next five months."

The final week of the programme featured an intensive boot camp in Dar es Salaam, where participants received mentorship from industry experts and had the chance to present their businesses to potential investors, partners, and customers.

Beyond supporting individual founders, the YouthIgnite initiative also strengthens university-based innovation ecosystems by providing skills development for university hub managers, ultimately helping to build stronger entrepreneurship support systems at universities.

Dr Irene Isibika, Innovation Coordinator at Mzumbe University, commended the program for its alignment with the university's mission of nurturing talent and fostering innovation.

"YouthIgnite fits perfectly with our mission, and we are grateful to the UNDP Funguo programme, StartHub Africa Tanzania, and the Westerwelle Foundation for this incredible opportunity," she said.

The YouthIgnite Student Founders Fellowship provides financial and capacity-building support to young entrepreneurs, with a focus on developing university-based innovation ecosystems. The program equips students with the resources necessary to succeed as entrepreneurs, enabling them to create their own employment opportunities and contribute to Tanzania's economic growth.

The fellowship is implemented by the FUNGUO Innovation Programme, a UNDP initiative co-funded by the European Union and the UK Government, in collaboration with StartHub Africa Tanzania and the Westerwelle Foundation.

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Honoring Independence: TFS's Role in Preserving Our Natural Heritage

As we commemorate our nation's Independence Day on December 9th, it is a moment to reflect not only on our political liberation but also on the strides we have made in preserving Tanzania's natural heritage. The Tanzania Forest Services (TFS) plays a critical role in managing, conserving, and protecting our forests, which cover over 48.1 million hectares—nearly 55% of our land area. These forests are vital for supporting biodiversity, regulating climate, and providing livelihoods through timber, tourism, and other forest products.

TFS's Milestones Since Independence

Since its establishment, TFS has spearheaded significant initiatives that have transformed forest management in Tanzania:

1. **Reforestation Programs:** TFS has successfully restored over 500,000 hectares of degraded land through massive tree-planting campaigns. This effort not only replenishes our forests but also enhances biodiversity and combats climate change by bolstering carbon sequestration.
2. **Community-Based Forest Management (CBFM):** By integrating local communities into forest management, TFS has created over 10,000 jobs annually. These programs allow communities to benefit economically through sustainable practices such as eco-tourism and the sale of forest products, fostering a sense of ownership and responsibility towards forest conservation.
3. **Digital Forest Monitoring Systems:** The introduction of advanced digital monitoring technologies has enabled TFS to track forest health, detect illegal logging, and identify forest fires. These systems have contributed to a 15% reduction in deforestation rates over the past decade, ensuring the protection of valuable forest resources for future generations.

Challenges Faced

While TFS has achieved notable progress, it has also encountered several challenges:

- **Illegal Logging and Deforestation:** Illegal logging poses a significant threat to Tanzania's forests. To combat this, TFS has implemented advanced monitoring systems that provide real-time data to forest management teams, significantly reducing illegal activities.
- **Limited Funding:** Financial challenges have been a hurdle for TFS. However, the Tanzanian government has supported the agency through funding and partnerships with international donors and the private sector, securing resources to expand reforestation and conservation efforts.

The Road Ahead

Looking forward, TFS envisions expanding the national forest cover to 40% by 2035 through a combination of reforestation and community-driven conservation programs. Prof. Dos Santos Silayo, the Conservation Commissioner, emphasizes, "Our forests are the lungs of our nation, and every tree we plant is a step towards a healthier, wealthier, and greener Tanzania."

In celebration of our Independence Day, TFS plans to launch a "Green Independence"



In a celebration that blended environmental consciousness with birthday festivities, President Samia Suluhu Hassan marked her 64th birthday by spearheading a tree-planting campaign in Zanzibar on January 27, 2024.



Earlier this month, Professor Dos Santos Silayo, Conservation Commissioner of Tanzania Forest Services (TFS), presented a sapling to the Speaker of the National Assembly, Dr. Tulia Ackson, to officially launch the Kijanisha Mbeya campaign. Through this initiative, TFS provided trees to support reforestation efforts and promote sustainable forestry in the Mbeya region, contributing to a greener Tanzania.

campaign, aiming to plant 60 million trees—one for every Tanzanian—by the next decade. This initiative reflects our collective responsibility to safeguard the treasures of our nation.

Call to Action

As we reflect on our journey as a free and united nation, let us also celebrate the natural beauty that defines us. We invite all Tanzanians to join us in this noble cause. Whether through volunteering for tree-planting events, supporting local eco-tourism, or advocating for sustainable practices, every action counts. Together, we can ensure that our forests continue to flourish, symbolizing the strength and resilience of our beloved nation.

Happy Independence Day to all! May our forests thrive for generations to come.



A dedicated TFS officer meticulously oversees operations at one of the agency's tree seeding nurseries, ensuring optimal conditions for seedling growth

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MALOLO AGRICULTURE CENTRE LIGHTS-UP URBAN FARMING IN KINONDONI

From Kaunga Maulid, KMC Media

DESPITE various efforts from the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries in endorsing farmers in the country, Kinondoni Municipality has been supporting the efforts by establishing an Agricultural Training Center (Malolo) which has become a beacon for urban farmers at Kinondoni.

This Malolo Agriculture Training Center has become a great source of motivation for urban farmers at Kinondoni as so far it has been largely successful in providing training to youth, women and people with disabilities.

All this is to ensure that Kinondoni Municipality supports the Government's efforts through the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries in helping groups of farmers in the country, in order to increase the food production in the country.

Indeed, agricultural sector is very important for the economic growth in our country because it creates more employment and reducing the problem of poverty as 98.3 percent of households in our country are engaging in food production while 60.5 percent of households are involved in production activities through breeding and fishing.



In view of this, The Municipality, through her Division of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries has prepared some strategies plans that will support the Government's efforts in the development and help various groups of farmers in the presence of Youths who are the main workforce of this nation, Women and people with disabilities.

The head of the Division of Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries at Kinondoni Municipality, Ms. Kulwa Mkwama, said that Malolo

agricultural center, which is located in Mabwepande Ward with a size of 38 acres, is owned by the Kinondoni Municipality through the Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries Division.

According to Ms. Mkwama the Center was established in 2016 with the aim of providing training and education to farmers, livestock, fishing, food processors. Also, she adds that, currently the Center has succeeded in empowering more than 150 groups comprising of youths, women,

and people with disabilities who are beneficiaries of 10 percent loans from Kinondoni Municipal Council.

Ms. Mkwama says, "We are very proud to have this center in Malolo because it has grown and has uplifted Kinondoni residents, who grew up thinking that agriculture could not be implemented in urban areas. But thanks to our division being stronger in providing education in each Ward and in each household through which the center's plan has succeed to a large extent in increasing

productivity in vegetables, fruits, and fishing farming in our district and the whole City of Dar es Salaam."

In addition, the Agriculture Officer said that Malolo has various modern methods of agriculture, such as drip irrigation, hydroponics, modern chicken coops, fish ponds, and a dormitory for students. Malolo Training Center practices its agricultural, livestock, and fishing activities in collaboration with various stakeholders who bring modern methods of crop production such as TARI-Naliende, TARI-Mikocheni, IITA, South Korea, JICA, Malolo Composti Company, Open Mindi, Brac Maendeleo, UVCCM Mabwepande, and Red Cross Tanzania.

"Our center is focused on providing more theoretical and practical training from trainers inside and outside the country. There are methods of mushroom production from South Korea and the best farming methods from Japan," said Ms. Mkwama.

Due to a great improvement that is done at Malolo, Kinondoni Municipality, through the Division of Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries, is encouraging all stakeholders such youth, women and people with disabilities to and modern methods of crop production, food processing, animal keeping, fish farming, and financial and marketing management so as to increase crops and food production.

On his side, the Manager

at Malolo Center, Mr. Hamza Mkoka, said that Malolo is one of the hub that create more opportunities for youths as they gain knowledge that help them to improve themselves in various fields of crop production, modern animal keeping, fish farming, food processing such as baking pastries, bread and others.

Mr. Mkoka adds that apart from having more and modern method of farming also the environment at Malolo Training Center is conducive for learning, for it has more professional trainers, accommodation and all social services are available nearby.

A decade ago, the government coined "Kilimo Kwanza" slogan which aimed at raising farmers' and nation's agricultural economic status. It is a common knowledge that, almost 80 per cent of Tanzanians engage in agricultural activities hence agriculture being the backbone of our economy. The efforts which are being undertaken by the Municipal, have supplemented the Central government's efforts in raising the status of agriculture industry in our nation thus culminating in improving individuals' income through agriculture, fisheries and livestock keeping.

The Kinondoni Municipal Council Director Ms. Hanifa Suleiman Hamza (right) receiving the award victory from the former Vice President Mizengo Peter Pinda (left) after emerged the first overall winner at Nanenane Exhibition this year.



BLUE ECONOMY IN KINONDONI MUNICIPALITY: Unlocking Opportunities Along The Coastline

From Diana Kamasho, KMC Media

The concept of the Blue Economy has gained significant traction globally as nations recognize the potential of sustainably utilizing Ocean and Marine resources to boost economic growth, improve livelihoods, and ensure environmental sustainability. Kinondoni Municipality, located along Tanzania's expansive Coastline, is taking steps Oceanfront, stretching from Coco Beach to Mbweni, to establish itself as a hub for Blue Economy initiatives.

Advisory experts from the University of Dar es Salaam, in collaboration with the Ministry of Fisheries, have presented an initial report on various Blue Economy activities to be implemented along the Indian Ocean coast within Kinondoni Municipality.

The presentation meeting took place at the Kinondoni Municipal headquarters on November 11st, 2024, and involved experts from the Economic, Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries Departments of Kinondoni Municipality. During the plenary session, among Blue Economy activities which were identified for implementations are cage fish farming, sea weed, sea cucumbers and crabs farming.

On his part, The Kinondoni Municipal Planning and Coordination Officer (MPCO), Mr. Jabir Chilumba, stated that the advisory experts will undertake the task of determining how these Blue Economy projects can be implemented within Kinondoni Municipality. "These experts will identify areas for fish farming, sea cucumber and crab farming, as well as suitable locations for seaweed cultivation. Kinondoni Municipality has 42 kilometers of coastline along the Indian Ocean," Mr. Chilumba emphasized.

The Economist, further emphasizes the strategic approach the municipality is taking to foster Blue Economy projects. According to him, "We have successfully engaged experts specialized in blue economy projects, who have helped us initiate transformative programs along our coastline. The 42 kilometers of oceanfront from Coco Beach to Mbweni have already begun to showcase vast opportunities for sustainable projects, benefiting our community both economically and environmentally."

This commitment includes identifying viable projects such as sustainable fishing, marine tourism, marine transportation, aquaculture, and renewable energy generation through ocean resources. By collaborating with specialists, Kinondoni aims to align its strategies with National and Global Blue Economy priorities.

Moreover, the Municipality has begun community outreach programs to educate local residents on the importance of the Blue Economy. These efforts include training sessions for fisherfolk on sustainable practices, workshops for youth on marine entrepreneurship, and public awareness campaigns about conserving marine biodiversity.

Tanzania has demonstrated a strong commitment to the blue economy through its National Development Vision 2025 and the Blue Economy Policy 2020. These frameworks prioritize the sustainable utilization of marine and coastal resources to enhance socio-economic growth. The government also supports capacity-building initiatives for local communities to engage in marine-based economic activities while safeguarding biodiversity.

At the international level, Tanzania is a signatory to the United

Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly Goal 14, which advocates for conserving and sustainably using the oceans, seas, and marine resources. Additionally, the African Union's Agenda 2063 underscores the Blue Economy as a key driver of the continent's socio-economic transformation. These policies provide a supportive framework for Kinondoni's efforts to develop its marine economy.

The Nairobi Convention, to which Tanzania is a party, also facilitates regional collaboration in managing marine and coastal environments. This international agreement ensures that projects in Kinondoni align with broader ecological and developmental goals, emphasizing sustainable practices.

The Blue Economy initiatives have sparked diverse reactions among the citizens of Kinondoni, reflecting both optimism and hope for the future. Anna James, a seaweed farmer from Kinondoni, expressed her excitement about the municipality's plans. Anna comments that, "For years, we have practiced small-scale farming without much support. With these new initiatives, we hope to gain access to better farming equipment and markets for our products. This is a great opportunity for us to expand our businesses and improve our livelihoods."

Similarly, John Peter, a fisherman from Msasani, highlighted the need for training and resources. He says, "The idea of fish farming in cages sounds promising, but we need proper training to adopt these new methods. If the government can support us with the right tools and knowledge, we can double our production while protecting the ocean's resources."

Kinondoni Municipality has outlined, among others, Seven key promising projects to harness its marine resources. These include:

Aquaculture Development

Establishing fish farms along the coastline will help meet the growing demand for seafood while providing employment opportunities for residents.

Marine Tourism Enhancement

Developing tourist attractions, such as guided tours of coral reefs and water sports activities, can draw visitors while promoting environmental conservation.

Renewable Energy Projects

Exploring ocean-based energy solutions, such as wave and tidal energy, will reduce dependence on non-renewable energy sources and contribute to environmental sustainability.

Mangrove Restoration Initiatives

Protecting and restoring mangroves will enhance biodiversity, mitigate climate change impacts, and support the livelihoods of coastal communities.

Marine Transport Development

Expanding and upgrading the maritime transport infrastructure will improve the movement of goods and people along the coastline. This will create new trade routes, enhance tourism access, and stimulate economic growth through efficient logistics.

Seaweed Farming (Kilimo cha Mwani)

Promoting seaweed farming is another vital initiative for Kinondoni. Seaweed farming can provide sustainable livelihoods for local communities, especially women, by creating new income sources. Additionally, seaweed is a valuable resource in various industries, including pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, and food production, boosting the local economy.

Port and Harbor Development



A picture above show Coco Beach area which is suitable for investment opportunities found in Kinondoni Municipal Council (PHOTO BY KMC LIBRARY)



A picture above show Coco Beach area which is suitable for investment opportunities found in Kinondoni Municipal Council (PHOTO BY KMC LIBRARY)

Upgrading infrastructure at key coastal points will facilitate trade and improve the efficiency of marine logistics, making Kinondoni a hub for both domestic and international maritime commerce.

The adoption of Blue Economy initiatives in Kinondoni promises to unlock numerous benefits for its residents. Key advantages include:

Job Creation

Projects such as aquaculture farms, marine tourism ventures, and port-based logistics will create employment opportunities for local communities, boosting household incomes.

Sustainable Resource Utilization

Promoting responsible fishing practices and environmental conservation will ensure that marine resources are preserved for future generations.

Economic Diversification

Kinondoni residents will gain new avenues for income generation, reducing over-reliance on traditional land-based activities.

Community Development

Investments in Blue Economy projects will improve infrastructure, such as fishing ports and tourism facilities, enhancing the overall quality of life.

Climate Change Mitigation

Activities like mangrove restoration and renewable energy generation will help combat the adverse effects of climate change while promoting ecosystem health.

Empowering Women and Youth

Special programs targeting women and youth will encourage their active participation in marine-related ventures, fostering inclusivity and

reducing unemployment rates.

To successfully implement blue economy strategies, Kinondoni Municipality must address key challenges, including community awareness, funding, and technical expertise. Strengthening partnerships with government agencies, private investors, and international organizations will be critical in achieving these goals.

One such opportunity is leveraging partnerships with institutions like the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), which provides support for member states to develop marine economies. Additionally, collaborating with NGOs focused on marine conservation can provide valuable resources and technical assistance.

The Municipality's vision for a thriving Blue Economy aligns with

Tanzania's broader ambition to become a regional leader in sustainable marine resource management. As Mr. Chilumba aptly states, "Our coastline is not just a natural boundary. It is an asset with immense potential, with the right investments and strategies, we can transform it into a cornerstone of economic growth for Kinondoni."

Through careful planning and execution, Kinondoni is poised to become a model for how coastal communities can harness the power of the Blue Economy to foster prosperity while preserving their natural heritage. By transforming challenges into opportunities, Kinondoni Municipality is not only improving the lives of its residents but also contributing to the global mission of sustainable ocean management.

Reflection on 63 years of independence: Striving after new heights

By Telesphor Magobe

On December 9, 1961 Tanganyika gained independence from Britain, thanks to the charismatic leadership of Mwalimu Julius Nyerere. As young as just 39 years old he became Prime Minister of independent Tanganyika. In 1962, he became the first President of Tanganyika, the office he held until 1985 when he retired.

One of the great things Mwalimu did was to mobilise, unite and prepare Tanganyikans for independence through peaceful means. He used Kiswahili to unite them as they belonged to over 120 tribes. This unity in diversity has remained to date and woe to us if we disintegrate!

As we mark 63 years of independence let us reflect on what we have so far achieved and move from there to new heights.

Tanzania is endowed with fertile land covering 945,

203 square kilometres. It has abundant natural resources, a variety of wildlife, beautiful birds and scenery - all of which make Tanzania a unique country not only in Africa, but also in the world.

It is also one of the fastest growing economies, but is still a fledgling democracy. In this year's Freedom in the World 2024 ranking, Tanzania is ranked a "partly free" country. The surveyed countries were categorised as "free", "partly free" and "not free".

The Human Development Report 2023/24 ranks Tanzania 167th in Human Development Index (HDI) out of the 192 surveyed

countries and territories grouped in four categories, namely 1) countries with very high human development, 2) countries with high human development, 3) countries with medium human development, and 4) countries with low human development.

At independence, the population of Tanganyika was about 8 million people, but in 2022 Tanzania's population had reached 61.7 million people, and is estimated to reach 68.0 million people by 2025, 79.8 people by 2030, and 151.3 million people by 2050, according to

Population and Housing Census (PHC, 2022). In 2100, it is projected to have 263 million people and to be number eight of the 10 largest countries in population growth in the world, leaving behind Bangladesh (estimated to have 209 million people) and Brazil (163 million people).

However, population growth can be both an asset and a curse. It can be an asset where it contributes to development and national wealth is equitably distributed to all and none feels left behind and disadvantaged. It can be a curse where it leads to more poverty due to scramble for and the depletion of

natural resources and some sections of the population feel left behind in development and do not benefit from national wealth. This state of affairs has in some countries led to perennial conflicts and civil wars.

In UNIDO Report (2024) Tanzania is categorised as a middle-income industrialising economy. It has also met criteria for the first time for graduation from the UN category of 45 least developed countries (LDCs). These are lower-income countries suffering from the most severe structural impediments to sustainable development.

So, looking at what Tanzania is at the moment it is on track towards becoming a great nation in terms of economic growth. However, we must work hard to turn its fledgling democracy into an emerging democracy in which all citizens enjoy electoral justice as they participate in free and fair periodic elections which reflect the will of the people, the basis of the authority of government. In this way, Tanzania will be building positive peace - that is, attitudes, institutions and structures that create and sustain peaceful society (Global Peace Index 2024) and coexistence.

We must recall the first paragraph of the Preamble of the Constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania (as amended until 2005). It says: "...we, the people of the United Republic of Tanzania, have firmly and solemnly resolved to build in our country a society founded on the principles of freedom, justice, fraternity and concord." Article 8(1) states: "The United Republic of Tanzania is a state which adheres to the principles of democracy and social justice..." This needs to be put into practice.

As we celebrate our independence today we should see that we have traversed 63 years. At this age, we have made great strides in many things. Yet, we must shun elements that characterise us as uncivilised people who turn against each other. The wanton abductions, disappearances and killings of some of our brothers and sisters are inconsistent with the principles of democracy and social justice which we claim to adhere to. If anything they are just a regression to barbaric acts and breaking the law with impunity.

Tanzania used to be a model of positive peace, and we shouldn't spoil this image. We can do this by ensuring as H.W.R. Wade & C.F. Forsyth in their book "Administrative Law (Eight Edition): Oxford 2000" put it: "Every act of governmental power - every act which affects the legal rights, duties or liberties of any person, must be shown to have a strictly legal pedigree." Happy Independence Day!

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The Vice Chancellor, Ambassador Prof. Costa Ricky Mahalu, Management and the Community of St. Augustine University of Tanzania (SAUT) joins Her Excellence Hon. Dr. SAMIA SULUHU HASSAN, President of the United Republic of Tanzania to celebrate the 63rd Anniversary of National Independence Day.

SAUT will continue fostering and executing all efforts and strategies that Honorable President is advocating for in Education, Research and Innovation for a better tomorrow.

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Safeguarding the Workforce: A Cornerstone of Tanzania's Development

- Workplace Safety and Health: A Foundation of National Independence and Prosperity
- Celebrating Independence with a Commitment to Worker Safety and Health



On December 9, Tanzanians across the nation come together to celebrate Independence Day, marking 63 years since gaining freedom from colonial rule. It is a day to honor the sacrifices of those who fought for the country's sovereignty and to reflect on the strides made toward building a prosperous and independent nation.

Among the pillars of this prosperity is an often-overlooked yet critical component, workplace safety and health. Beyond political freedom, true independence means safeguarding the health, dignity, and rights of workers. For Tanzania, the Occupational Safety and Health Authority (OSHA) has been at the forefront of this effort, ensuring that workers across various industries can pursue their livelihoods in safe and healthy environments.

OSHA's Role in Advancing Workplace Safety

OSHA, established in 2003, is the country's leading institution responsible for occupational safety and health. Its mission extends far beyond merely enforcing regulations. OSHA is dedicated to creating a culture where safety and health is a shared value among workers, employers, and the government.

Through rigorous workplace inspections, OSHA identifies and mitigates risks associated with hazardous equipment, harmful chemicals, and unsafe practices. Training programs and workshops have educated thousands of workers and employers on



OSHA Chief Executive, Khadija Mwenda

best safety practices, while awareness campaigns have elevated workplace safety to a national priority. OSHA's impact spans a wide range of sectors, from mining and agriculture to construction and manufacturing. Its proactive approach has significantly reduced workplace accidents and illnesses, ensuring that workers can perform their duties without the fear of harm.

The Visionary Leadership of OSHA's CEO

At the helm of OSHA's success is its Chief Executive Officer, Khadija Mwenda. Her leadership has been instrumental in transforming OSHA into a modern and dynamic institution. Mwenda has prioritized innovation, adopting advanced technologies to streamline workplace inspections and enhance data collection. Currently, OSHA clients can access almost all services offered by OSHA through an electronic system dubbed: Workplace Information Management System (WIMS). Her focus on collaboration has strengthened partnerships with employers, unions, and government bodies, emphasizing the shared responsibility of workplace safety and health. Mwenda's advocacy for safety and health awareness campaigns has brought OSHA closer to the communities it serves, ensuring that even workers in remote areas benefit from its programs.

Under Mwenda's stewardship, OSHA has expanded its reach, conducting inspections in more workplaces and industries than ever before. Her vision aligns with the broader goals of the government, making OSHA not just a regulatory body but a key driver of Tanzania's economic growth and worker empowerment.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan: A Champion of Worker Welfare

The progress made by OSHA reflects the unwavering commitment of President Samia Suluhu Hassan and her administration. President Hassan has prioritized worker welfare as an integral part of Tanzania's development strategy. Her government has strengthened OSHA's mandate by allocating resources to enhance its capacity and expand its programs. This includes modernizing inspection processes



Her Excellency, the President of the United Republic of Tanzania Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, greets workers during International Labour's Day celebrations in Morogoro 2022. In her public speech she insisted on the need by Tanzania to embrace Occupational Safety and Health best practices including ratifying ILO Conventions No. 155 and 187 on Occupational Safety and Health

using modern scientific equipment, increasing training initiatives, and extending workplace safety efforts to the informal sector, which employs a significant portion of the Tanzanian workforce.

President Hassan's vision for Tanzania's workforce emphasizes inclusivity and equity, ensuring that vulnerable groups such as women and youth are protected in their workplaces. By reinforcing the importance of workplace safety and health, her administration continues to uphold the ideals of independence dignity, equality, and opportunity for all.

Workplace Safety and Health: A Key to National Prosperity

Workplace safety and health is not merely a regulatory requirement, it is a cornerstone of economic growth and national stability. A safe workforce is a productive workforce, and Tanzania's economic aspirations rely on the ability of its workers to contribute effectively and confidently. By reducing workplace injuries and illnesses, OSHA's efforts directly

boost productivity, minimize economic losses, and enhance employee morale. The ripple effects extend to Tanzania's global competitiveness, as strong safety and health standards make the country an attractive destination for foreign investment. Additionally, the prevention of workplace accidents alleviates the financial burden on healthcare systems, ensuring resources are directed toward other pressing national priorities. As Tanzania continues to industrialize, workplace safety and health will remain a vital component of its economic success.

The Legacy of Independence and the Promise of Safety

Tanzania's journey to independence was marked by a commitment to the dignity and rights of its people. Workplace safety and health is a continuation of this legacy, ensuring that the workforce Tanzania's most valuable resource can thrive in environments that protect their health and well-being.

Before independence, workers in industries like mining and agriculture faced deplorable conditions, from exposure to hazardous chemicals to unsafe machinery despite presence of the Factory Ordinances Act, 1950 for guiding administration of safety in factories. The fight for freedom was not just about political liberation but also about creating opportunities for Tanzanians to work in environments that respected their humanity something which resulted into development of the Occupational Safety and Health Act No. 5 of 2003 and its respective regulations. The move was meant to bridge the gap left vacant by the Factory Ordinance Act including embracing only safety issues and leaving behind the aspects of occupational health. Thus, OSHA's efforts are a modern manifestation of that promise.

A Shared Responsibility for a Safer Future

While OSHA plays a central role in promoting workplace safety, it is a



Parliamentary Committee on Social Welfare and Development in one of its tours at workplaces for verifying their compliance to OSH standards as directed by OSHA.

shared responsibility that requires the involvement of all stakeholders. Employers must prioritize the safety and health of their workers by investing in protective equipment, conducting regular risk assessments, and fostering a culture of vigilance. Workers, in turn, must adhere to safety protocols and report unsafe conditions.

The government continues to provide oversight and resources to ensure OSHA's effectiveness. President Hassan's administration has underscored the importance of intersectoral collaboration, where ministries, businesses, and international partners work together to uphold safety and health standards.

This collective effort is essential in cultivating a culture where safety and health is deeply embedded in every workplace, from the largest factories to the smallest informal enterprises.

Workplace Safety as a Pillar of Independence and Health

As Tanzanians celebrate 63 years of independence, it is a time to honor both past achievements and the ongoing work of building a prosperous future. Workplace safety and health



OSHA Plant Inspector, Eng. Sam Sichone (in orange reflective vest), inspects a mineral drilling plant at a mine.

is a critical part of this journey. It is not only about protecting workers from harm but also about empowering them to contribute to the nation's development with confidence and pride.

With OSHA's leadership, the vision of its CEO Khadija Mwenda, and the steadfast support of President Samia Suluhu Hassan's government, Tanzania is setting a benchmark for workplace safety and health in the region. This commitment under-

scores the nation's broader aspirations for equality, dignity, and prosperity for all its citizens.

On this Independence Day, let us celebrate not only the political freedom won decades ago but also the continuous strides being made to ensure that every Tanzanian can live and work in safety and health environment. True independence is the freedom to thrive without fear, and Tanzania is on the path to realizing that promise for its workforce.

BUSINESS



UNDP brings together Tanzania, Uganda to fortify mining regulatory frameworks

By Francis Kajubi

TANZANIA'S achievements in transforming its mining sector have attracted the attention of neighboring Uganda, as both nations strengthen their ties for mutual development through strategic regional collaborations facilitated by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

On December 3rd, a high-level meeting took place in Dodoma, where senior officials from Uganda's Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, the Uganda Chamber of Mines, and representatives of small-scale miners engaged with experts from Tanzania's Ministry of Minerals and its agencies.

The purpose of this meeting was to exchange knowledge on mining sector management and operations. This gathering was part of a broader knowledge

exchange initiative organized by UNDP under the ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme.

This program is implemented in Africa and the Caribbean and aims to support governments and stakeholders in improving the profile and management of Development Minerals.

These minerals include industrial minerals, construction materials, dimension stones, and semi-precious stones, which are often referred to as neglected minerals.

Engineer Yahya Samamba, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Minerals, highlighted the country's progress in mineral exploration since gaining independence in 1961. He pointed out key milestones in value addition and private sector involvement.

According to him, this journey has involved the establishment and strength-

ening of important institutions such as the Geological Survey of Tanzania (GST), the State Mining Corporation (STAMICO), and the Tanzania Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (TEITI).

He asserted that these organizations now play significant roles in managing, regulating, and promoting sustainable mining practices through geological research, supporting small-scale miners to access financing from commercial banks, value addition techniques, and through unlocking of both domestic and international markets.

Engineer Irene Bateebe, the Permanent Secretary of Uganda's Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, expressed her admiration for Tanzania's thorough and well-rounded approach to the mining sector, in particular on how the country has been successful in managing and coordinating artisanal small scale miners.

She articulated her dedication to implementing these exemplary practices within Uganda's mining industry to foster substantial improvements. Furthermore, she acknowledged the indispensable role that the UNDP has been playing in their country especially in facilitating the sharing of knowledge across borders and in enhancing capacity-building initiatives.

She realised that the two countries have similar ambitions and hence these efforts of knowledge sharing are instrumental in fortifying regulatory frameworks, promoting sustainable development within the region, and improving the working

conditions of artisanal and small-scale miners who are integral to the mining ecosystem.

Godfrey Nyamruna, the UNDP National Coordinator for the ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme, emphasized the importance of regional partnerships in realizing Africa's natural resource potential for inclusive and sustainable growth.

He stated that this collaboration aligns with UNDP's commitment to empowering communities through innovative solutions and promoting shared learning opportunities among nations through South-South Cooperation.

Nyamruna admitted that Tanzania has made significant strides in harnessing local value addition to minerals, organizing mineral trade and state participation in mining operations.

Minerals minister Anthony Mavunde said that Tanzania's strategy has been based on increased efficiency, enhanced monitoring of mineral smuggling and strict enforcement of mineral regulations.

"It is against this background that UNDP will, in collaboration with Uganda's Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, organize an exploratory and knowledge exchange visit to Tanzania to learn from counterparts," said Mavunde.

He said the initiative is in line with the ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme's objective of enhancing inter-ACP knowledge exchange and collaboration to enable ASMEs in the Development Minerals sector to increase their competitiveness and incomes from their mining and mineral processing operations, as well as making Development Minerals value chains more inclusive and sustainable.

According to the Tanzania Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (TEITI), the value of minerals rose from 8.18trn/- in 2020/21 to 8.73trn/- in 2021/22 with gold remaining the dominant mineral.

In 2022/23, mining exports generated \$3.1billion, representing 56 percent of Tanzania's foreign earnings. Mining contributed 15 percent of domestic tax revenue, amounting to 2.1trn/-.

However, it is mentioned that there is a challenge of mineral extraction carried out by small gold miners. In the period from July 2023 to May 2024, the Ministry in collaboration with other authorities has succeeded in capturing various minerals with a total value of 3.9bn/- that were being smuggled in the mining regions of Geita, Songwe, Chunya, Kahama, Mbeya and Kilimanjaro.

The 2024/25 Mining Budget Speech explains that in the last financial year 157 small miners were arrested and accused of being involved in the smuggling of minerals including gold.

TGNP sensitise women on leadership skills ahead of 2025 General Election

By Francis Kajubi

THE Tanzania Gender Networking Program (TGNP) has conducted a three-day seminar to build the leadership capacity and skills of more than 40 women politicians from various political parties with the aim of preparing talented and committed women leaders ahead of 2025 general elections.

The seminar also focused on discussing the conduct of the local government elections held on November 27 this year in a gender perspective.

It further aimed to identify and discuss the challenges that women candidates faced during the campaign, on the day of voting and during the results announcement for the purpose of setting a common way forward of surviving such challenges in future elections.

Speaking at the seminar in Dar es Salaam at the week-

end, Deogratius Temba, TGNP's Associate Facilitator for Women in Leadership said that the seminar comes after the first seminar held at the beginning of November aimed at preparing women candidates from various political parties to know the laws and regulations of the 2024 local government elections.

"We taught them to understand the laws and regulations that prohibit gender based violence, humiliation of women's dignity during the campaign period. We taught them how to bid for their policies and how to relate their policies to issues related to gender equality," he said.

He said that TGNP built the capacity of these women to go and motivate their fellow women to participate in the election by contesting for street and village positions or by voting.

"This seminar aims to evaluate the entire election process to identify various shortcomings including the implementation of local government election regulations;

Their answers will give us the light to advise the government in the preparation of the 2025 general election," said Temba.

Hanifa Mkula, a resident of Mazese Ward, Muembeni Street has won the seat of the local government delegation through Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM), she said that she competed with ten men in the process of finding candidates within the party.

"In the election, I won with 1,148 votes. Getting a leadership position through politics is still a big challenge for women due to the economic situation. TGNP training has helped me construct ide-

as, how to reach voters, influential approaches and address issues that concern people, especially when there are challenges in their areas," said Hanifa.


She said that in order to win, she had to campaign house by house which enabled her to meet the voters and answer the questions they had. Sarah Katanga, a member of the opposition CHADEMA National Central Committee representing a group of disabled people who ran for Kivule Street, says that the 2024 local government elections were not free and fair.

"The women who represent the

opposition political parties have been robbed of our victory even though the people voted for us. Elections have been spoiled by disqualifying candidates, rejecting objection appeals and stealing votes;

Dreams of empowering a woman to become a leader with this Constitution are impossible because it favours a one-party system," said Sarah.

She said that Rule 36 of the 2024 Local Government Election Rules ordered the assistance of people with disabilities but that wasn't the case during the campaign period and on the day of voting.



The United Republic of Tanzania

PUBLIC PROCUREMENT REGULATORY AUTHORITY

(PPRA)



PPRA: Advancing National Growth Through Transparent Procurement

As Tanzania celebrates Independence Day on December 9th, the nation reflects on its remarkable journey of progress and resilience. Central to this development has been the establishment of robust institutions dedicated to ensuring accountability and efficiency. Among these, the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) has stood out as a vital force in managing public resources and advancing national priorities. Since its formation, PPRA has consistently aligned its work with Tanzania's broader development goals, ensuring public procurement serves as a tool for growth, transparency, and equity.

A Legacy of Tangible Achievements


PPRA's contributions over the years have transformed Tanzania's public procurement landscape. From leveraging technology to fostering local economic empowerment, its milestones demonstrate a strong commitment to progress:

- 1. Digital Advancements Transform Procurement**

The introduction of the National e-Procurement System (NeST) is one of PPRA's most significant achievements. This digital platform has revolutionized public procurement by streamlining processes, reducing corruption, and enhancing transparency. Today, more than 75% of public entities use NeST, contributing to annual savings of over TZS 5 billion. Additionally, 90% of major tenders are processed through NeST, drastically cutting down on administrative inefficiencies. By providing real-time access to procurement information, NeST has also built trust among stakeholders and improved service delivery nationwide.

- 2. Building Expertise and Compliance**

PPRA's focus on capacity building has resulted in over 20,000 procurement professionals being trained in compliance and ethical practices. This extensive training program has driven compliance levels to 95% as of 2023, ensuring public funds are used effectively to deliver critical services. Furthermore, regular audits and inspections have led to the recovery of TZS 12 billion in funds previously lost due to non-compliance. Such



Dr. Mwigulu Nchemba
Minister for Finance

initiatives reinforce public trust and enhance resource management across all sectors.

- 3. Empowering Local Contractors**

Through deliberate policies and directives, PPRA has increased the share of procurement contracts awarded to Tanzanian firms by 60%. This shift has not only bolstered local businesses but also contributed to job creation and economic self-reliance. By ensuring that Tanzanian contractors have fair access to public tenders, PPRA has created a procurement ecosystem that fosters sustainable development and strengthens the domestic economy.

Presidential Reforms Drive Accountability – President HE. Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan

The reforms championed by President Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan have been pivotal in reshaping the procurement sector. Her leadership has emphasized transparency, resource optimization, and digitization, ensuring that public procurement aligns with global best practices. Under her administration, the introduction and expansion of NeST




Mr. Dennis Kwame Simba
Director General

were prioritized, resulting in a 75% adoption rate among public entities and generating annual savings of over TZS 5 billion.

Moreover, her government has ensured that 90% of major public tenders are now processed through NeST, significantly reducing administrative bottlenecks. Speaking on the importance of these reforms, President Samia noted, "Transparency and accountability are the cornerstones of our development agenda." Her policies have also fostered greater inclusivity, with more Tanzanian contractors benefiting from public tenders, contributing to job creation and economic growth.

Ministerial Guidance Fosters Local Growth

Guidance from the Minister of Finance, Dr. Mwigulu Nchemba, has further cemented PPRA's role as a driver of local economic empowerment. His directives to prioritize local contractor participation have resulted in a 60% increase in contracts awarded to Tanzanian firms. This policy shift has not only boosted domestic businesses but also fostered economic self-reliance by retaining



President Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan

wealth within the country.

Additionally, the Minister's push for expanded training programs has enabled over 20,000 procurement professionals to gain essential skills, raising compliance with procurement regulations to an impressive 95%. "Empowering local contractors is not just policy; it is a necessity for self-reliance," Dr. Nchemba stated, emphasizing the long-term benefits of these initiatives for Tanzania's economy.

Leadership Shapes the Future

Director General Dennis K. Simba has brought visionary leadership to PPRA, focusing on innovation and collaboration. His tenure has seen the integration of advanced data analytics into procurement processes, improving decision-making and accountability. Under his leadership, partnerships with international organizations, such as the World Bank, have provided technical expertise and financial support to modernize Tanzania's procurement systems.

Looking ahead, Simba envisions a fully digital procurement environment by 2025, aiming to expand NeST usage to 90% of public entities and simplify processes for all stakeholders. "Our goal is to create a procurement system that every Tanzanian can trust and benefit from," he said, highlighting the institution's commitment to efficiency and inclusivity.

A Vision for the Future

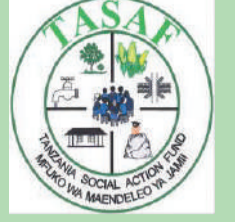
PPRA's achievements over the years are a testament to the transformative power of accountability and good governance. As Tanzania celebrates 63 years of independence, the authority continues to chart a path toward a more transparent and efficient

procurement landscape. Future plans include nationwide compliance audits, increased private sector participation, and measures to ensure equitable access to public tenders.

Tanzania's Independence Day serves as a reminder of the strides made and the promise of a brighter future. The accomplishments of institutions like PPRA underscore the importance of transparent governance and the collective effort required to achieve sustainable development. As the country moves forward, the foundations laid by PPRA will undoubtedly continue to support its growth and prosperity.



THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
Tanzania Social Action Fund
(TASAF)



TASAF: Advancing the Spirit of Independence Through Community Empowerment

As we celebrate 63 years of independence on December 9th, we reflect on the progress our country has made in building a society that uplifts and empowers its people. One of the institutions championing this mission is the Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF), established in 2000. Over the years, TASAF has become a beacon of hope, helping to bridge inequality and transform lives, while embodying the values of self-reliance and freedom that define our independence.

Achievements by TASAF: A Journey of Transformation

TASAF has become a cornerstone of our nation's efforts to combat poverty and empower communities. This is done through implementation of a Productive Social Safety Net (PSSN) program. The program has addressed immediate needs while laying the groundwork for sustainable development, fostering hope and resilience in the most vulnerable communities. These achievements highlight the power of collective action and the significant progress TASAF has made in improving the lives of our people.

1. Reducing Poverty with Conditional Cash Transfers

One of TASAF's most impactful initiatives is the Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) program, which has reached over 1.3 million households across the country. This program provides financial assistance to low-income families, enabling them to invest in essentials like education, healthcare, and proper nutrition. As a result, attendance among school children in supported households has increased by 80%, ensuring a brighter future for the next generation. This initiative not only uplifts families but also strengthens the foundation of our communities.

2. Building Vital Infrastructure to support the most vulnerable

The implementation of PSSN II program that started in February 2020 TASAF has facilitated the construction of over 30,000 community assets, including schools, health facilities, and water sources. These projects have brought critical services closer to people in remote areas, reducing inequalities in access to basic needs. For example, 75% of



H.E. President Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan

the schools constructed under TASAF have contributed to higher literacy rates, enabling children to dream bigger and achieve more. Such investments in infrastructure are vital for sustaining growth and development in our regions.

3. Empowering Communities through Livelihood Enhancement

Through Livelihood Enhancement, TASAF has trained its beneficiaries to engage in Income-Generating Activities and agriculture, small businesses, and vocational skills. By equipping people with tools and knowledge, the organization has enabled many to become financially independent. This approach creates a ripple effect, as empowered individuals contribute to the economic stability and growth of their communities.

Over 60,000 groups were formed by June 2024, predominantly comprising women, who collected savings of 7.9b/- and loaned out 3.2b/- for income-generating activities. Furthermore, 84,674 households received entre-



Shedrack Salmin Mziray
Executive Director

preneurship training and grants totaling 31.3b/-.

Presidential Leadership: Guiding TASAF's Success

Her Excellency, President Dr.

Samia Suluhu Hassan's leadership has been instrumental in driving TASAF's success. By prioritizing social welfare and championing equitable devel-

opment, she has ensured that TASAF remains a critical part of our nation's development agenda. Her administration has expanded TASAF's PSSN II program to reach even the most marginalized areas, ensuring that no citizen is left behind. This commitment has strengthened TASAF's ability to uplift communities and reduce poverty across the country.

Additionally, her focus on good governance and resource management has ensured that TASAF programs are implemented effectively, benefiting those who need them the most. The emphasis on partnerships with international and regional organizations has also enabled TASAF to secure additional resources and technical expertise, boosting its overall impact.

Leadership at TASAF: Paving the Way for Future Growth

Under the leadership of Executive Director Shedrack Mziray, TASAF has embraced innovation as a key strategy to amplify its impact. The introduction of digital tools has improved

the accuracy of beneficiary data and streamlined operations. This efficiency ensures that resources are more effectively channeled into critical projects that directly benefit communities.

Additionally, Shedrack Mziray has emphasized capacity building within TASAF, investing in the professional development of staff to enhance their ability to manage and implement projects with greater effectiveness. His leadership has fostered a culture of continuous improvement, ensuring TASAF's programs are carried out efficiently and with a high level of accountability.

Overcoming Challenges: A Testament to Resilience

TASAF's journey has not been without hurdles. Delays in registering beneficiaries due to manual processes hindered the timely implementation of programs. This challenge was resolved by adopting a digital registration system, which now ensures faster and more accurate data collection.

Mismanagement of community assets was another issue that affected the sustainability of certain projects. To address this, TASAF introduced training programs for local committees on proper asset management and implemented regular audits to ensure accountability. Reaching marginalized and remote areas posed another challenge, but TASAF tackled this by establishing mobile outreach teams. These teams have extended TASAF's reach, ensuring that even the most vulnerable benefit from PSSN Program.

Celebrating Independence Through Progress

As we commemorate Independence Day, TASAF's achievements remind us of the transformative power of unity, determination, and leadership. Through its programs, TASAF continues to advance the spirit of independence, fostering a nation where every citizen has the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Let us celebrate this day by acknowledging the incredible strides we have made as a country and renewing our commitment to building a brighter, more inclusive future.

Happy Independence Day! Together, we build, grow, and prosper!

TEDA to chart more policies to woo MNCs

TIANJIN

TIANJIN Economic-Technological Development Area, or TEDA, is charting more preferential policies for foreign companies, said a senior official of the development zone.

"TEDA will continue to fulfill its commitment to higher-standard opening-up and accelerate reforms and quality development," said Hong Shicong, director of the administrative committee of TEDA, during the zone's 40th anniversary celebration on Thursday.

Among the first batch of national-level economic and technological development zones in China, Hong said TEDA will continue intensifying implementation of the pilot free trade zone enhancement initiative, and strive for more proactive policy trials.

With more opening-up efforts in the pipeline, the development zone aims to take the lead nationwide in making breakthroughs in more areas, such as cross-border data flow, telecommunications and high-end foreign-funded hospitals, Hong said.

TEDA said that as of the end of 2023, it had become home to 53,400 companies. Since its establishment until the end of last year, the zone had utilized foreign investment totaling \$69.56 billion from 97 countries and regions, covering 573 projects from 124 Fortune Global 500 companies.

Additionally, foreign-invested enterprises in TEDA contribute about 45 percent of the area's tax revenue, nearly half of its GDP and over 70 percent of its industrial output value.

Many major companies, such as FAW Toyota, FAW-Volkswagen, Sinopec, CNOOC and Novo Nordisk, set up facilities or offices in TEDA, making it a powerhouse for industrial innovation and collaboration, Hong said.

Ryu Kyeong-woo, general manager of Tianjin Samsung Electro-Mechanics Co Ltd, said, "We benefit from TEDA as a company involved in electrical products, of which the industrial value reaches 1 trillion yuan (\$137.6 billion) in the zone."

Attracted by the favorable policies and the business environment, some multinational corporations



A cargo ship docks at a port in Tianjin

relocated their research hubs and engineering facilities to TEDA.

Yan Caiming, general manager of PPG Asia-Pacific, said, "Of PPG's only two research centers worldwide, one is in the United States and the other

is in TEDA, as we are attracted by the talent there." Michael Griffin, a former executive with Otis China, said TEDA has superior infrastructure and supportive policies leading its settled enterprises to success.

Jochem Heizmann, former president of Volkswagen AG's China operations, said the administration and operation of TEDA align with development strategies of Volkswagen, particularly in the realm of advancing

new energy vehicles. Looking ahead, TEDA will seek a bigger role in projects related to the Belt and Road Initiative for development, said Hong, adding that since 2016, enterprises in TEDA have also executed 184 outbound investment projects worldwide, with a total value of \$4.45 billion.

6.2m banana crypto empire in Trump's potential conflicts

NEW YORK

NOT Long after buying and publicly consuming a \$6.2m banana as part of an artworld stunt, Chinese crypto entrepreneur Justin Sun made another eye-catching purchase, investing \$30m (\$23.5m) into a cryptocurrency firm called World Liberty Financial.

The company had foundered since its October launch, investors seemingly leery of its prospects and its terms.

But it boasted a potentially enticing feature: the chance to do business with a firm partnering with and promoted by none other than Donald Trump.

Mr Sun's investment tipped the company over the threshold that allowed the president-elect to begin profiting from the venture. Trump and his family are now in the position to collect roughly \$20m - and potentially far more.

Mr Sun, who is currently fighting fraud charges in the US related to his own crypto business, did not respond to questions about what prompted his interest in the tokens, which cannot be traded.

But the episode set off alarm bells among government ethics experts, who see it as an indication that Trump's expanding business ventures have made it easier than ever for those hoping to influence US policy to steer money his way.

"The conflicts have grown substantially with the scope of his business empire," said Richard Painter, who served as the White House's chief ethics lawyer during the George W Bush administration.

In a statement to the BBC, Trump's team shrugged off the worries.

In his first term, "President Trump removed himself from his multi-billion-dollar real estate empire to run for office and forewent his government salary," Trump spokeswoman Karoline Leavitt said.

"Unlike most politicians, President Trump didn't get into politics for profit - he's fighting because he loves the people of this country and wants to make America great again."

But Trump has taken little action in response to concerns about the potential for corruption, or appearance of it, as he prepares for a return to the White House.

Trump has faced questions about conflicts of interest before.

During his first term as president, the Trump International Hotel in Washington, DC became a symbol of the issue, as a go-to place for lobbyists, foreign diplomats, and allies to stay and spend.

Critics argued that the hotel created a way for Trump to profit indirectly from his office. He faced accusations and lawsuits alleging he violated the US Constitution's ban on presidents receiving foreign emoluments - or profiting from their office.

But experts said the growth of his business empire, which now includes a publicly traded social media company, a cryptocurrency firm, and ties to a Saudi-backed golf league, makes it possible for anyone hoping to curry favour to move money more quietly and in much greater sums.

"The scale has increased and the ease has increased," said Michael Ohlrogge, a law professor at New York University, who has studied Trump Media, which operates Truth Social and currently represents the bulk of Trump's \$6bn fortune. "You can only book so many hotel rooms."

On Truth Social, for example, Prof Ohlrogge said a foreign government or business could purchase ads convincing investors the firm was gaining traction, prompting a pop in its share price.

Private sector urged to leverage technology in curbing corruption

NAIROBI

PRIVATE sector players have been urged to leverage technology as a critical tool in combating corruption and upholding business ethics.

Speaking at the 5th Africa Business Conference (ABEC), Francesco Checchi, Team Lead at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Africa Anti-Corruption Hub, noted that advancements in technology have significantly enhanced transparency and accountability in public and private sectors.

E-governance solutions now enable citizens to track bureaucratic processes and verify public service information, reducing corruption opportunities and empowering accountability.

Representing the Principal Secretary of the State Department for Investment Promotion, Ms. Patricia Aruwa, Director of the Directorate of Business Environment, stressed the importance of integrity in fostering a conducive investment climate.

She underscored that the cost of inaction against corruption far outweighs the cost of maintaining ethical practices.

The government is actively addressing integrity issues to attract investments and build trust within the business environment.

This year's ABEC, themed "A Brave New Africa:

Business Growth in a Time of Economic Turbulence," convened over 200 business leaders, policymakers, and stakeholders, including the Kenya Private Sector Alliance, Kenya Association of Manufacturers, and the Kenya Chamber of Commerce.

ABEC Convener Fatma El Maawy highlighted the platform's impact in raising awareness about corruption and its toll on Africa, which loses an estimated \$140 billion annually to corruption and \$60 billion to illicit financial flows.

The 2023 Kenya National Ethics and Corruption Survey ranked corruption as the fourth most pressing national issue after the cost of living, unemployment, and poverty.

Jacqueline Mugo, CEO of the Federation of Kenya Employers, emphasized the detrimental impact of corruption on business competitiveness.

She highlighted how corruption increases costs, discourages investment, and damages reputations, urging businesses to adopt ethical practices as a foundation for sustainable growth.

Kenya Airways Chief Human Resources Officer Tom Shivo and Safaricom Chief Corporate Security Officer Nicholas Mulila both pointed to the role of digital tools in addressing corruption challenges.

Mulila explained how Safaricom equips its employees and partners with tools for risk assessment,

reporting, and compliance.


He stressed that collective action is essential to tackling corruption, as no single organization can address the issue alone.

The conference concluded with a call to action for private sector players to align anti-corruption strategies with business goals, utilize technology for compliance and risk management, engage tech-savvy youth to champion transparency, and reward businesses that consistently demonstrate ethical behavior.


Since its inception in 2019, ABEC has fostered dialogue on mitigating corruption and promoting integrity across Africa's business landscape.



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'Everything that we have unites us'

Vladimir Putin on ties between Russia and Africa

DURING the "Russia Calling!" Investment Forum recently held in Moscow, the Russian President Vladimir Putin answered questions from journalists. A reporter from Nigeria inquired about the increased contacts between Russia and Africa. The following is the transcript of the response of the Russian leader.

"The African continent has bright growth prospects. Indeed, we are aware of all the problems that Africa faces, but the prospects are very good.

These assessments were provided by the global expert community, including the Western expert community. Many of my friends from

Germany and other European countries say that they are also willing to develop and step up their activity in Africa.

The urbanization level remains below the world level, which stands at about 65 percent. By the way, we, in Russia, have it, I think, at 75 percent, and Asia has the same level. What does this tell us? The urbanization will continue to grow, no doubt about it. The population growth rates are very high, which means there will be a catch-up growth in living standards. It is inevitable. It means the latest economic tools and technology will be implemented. So it is just a natural process of expanding our coop-



eration with Africa.

Among other things, Africa is a rather outlying continent geographically, but is close to us in spirit, because Africa is home to courageous and freedom-loving countries that value their sovereignty and, based on it, make and, we are sure, will continue to make decisions in the best interests of their peoples and their countries. In this sense, Africa is our reliable partner.

We have numerous ties with the peoples of Africa. I am speaking, of course, about the years of struggle for independence and liberation from colonialism. Nothing has ever separated us from African countries or from the peoples of Africa. Everything that we have unites us.

We are particularly excited about the growth prospects of the African continent. Of course, we will do our best to

raise the level of development. Unfortunately, the trade is not as large as we would like, about 25 billion, but the prospects are good.

During the two forums held at the highest level, we have had the chance to sense the African leaders' frame of mind. No one of them is asking for anything. Everyone is talking about one thing, which is to build mutually beneficial cooperation, which we will, of course, do, and we will create new instruments.

A decision was made to create a special fund for promoting cooperation with African countries. I am confident that we will step up bilateral efforts and our efforts to expand cooperation with various African associations. I am sure that the result will be very good."

Agencies

Hamas releases new video of Israeli hostage, says ending Gaza war key to any truce deal

GAZA/JERUSALEM

THE Al-Qassam Brigades, the armed wing of Hamas, released a new video on Saturday showing an Israeli hostage alive and held in Gaza, in which he called for a prisoner exchange deal.

"I was held captive by Hamas for over 420 days ... To Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, I heard about your new plan to bring us home, offering 5 million dollars to anyone who ensured our safe return and exit from Gaza," said the hostage identified as Matan Zangauker.

"The (Israeli) government neglected us and continued to do so every day. I hoped you would do everything you could to change the situation and bring me and the other prisoners back alive, in good health, and safely," Zangauker said.

His mother, Einav Zangauker, is one of the prominent activists in the struggle for the release of the hostages, including pressuring the Israeli government to advance a deal with Hamas. Einav Zangauker spoke at a demonstration in Tel Aviv after the video was released and addressed Netanyahu.

"The fact that Matan is alive today does not mean that he will survive the winter or the continued military pressure. The only way to return Matan and everyone is through a deal, even at the cost of ending the war."

Also on Saturday, Hamas said in a statement that ending the war and Israeli "aggression" is the core of any agreement in Gaza. The statement was issued following a meeting in Doha between Mohammad Darwish, chairman of Hamas's Shura Council, and Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi.

Darwish said Hamas is open to mediator proposals, provided they prioritize the interests of the Palestinian people and work to ease their suffering, and urged increasing support for Gaza's residents and countering Israel's "malicious plans" of killings, blockade, and starvation in the enclave.

Darwish also highlighted the outcomes of recent meetings in Cairo between Hamas and Fatah delegations held under Egyptian sponsorship. On Thursday, Hamas announced its approval of the Egyptian proposal to form a joint committee with Fatah to run the post-war Gaza Strip.

According to the Saturday statement by Hamas, Araghchi reaffirmed Iran's commitment to the Palestinian cause and emphasized efforts to strengthen the Palestinian people's resilience through all possible means and platforms.

Israel has been launching a large-scale offensive against Hamas in the Gaza Strip to retaliate against a Hamas rampage through the southern Israeli border on Oct. 7, 2023, during which about 1,200 people were killed and about 250 taken hostage.

The Palestinian death toll from ongoing Israeli attacks in Gaza has risen to 44,664, Gaza-based health authorities said in a statement on Saturday.

Egypt denies US media report of Egyptian officials urging Assad to leave Syria

CAIRO

THE Egyptian Foreign Ministry on Saturday categorically denied a report by The Wall Street Journal which claimed that Egyptian officials urged Syrian President Bashar al-Assad to leave Syria and form a government in exile.

Refuting the claim made in the report as entirely unfounded and false, the Egyptian ministry, on its official Facebook account, urged all media outlets to release information after proper fact-checking.

In a separate statement, the ministry urged Egyptian nationals in Syria to exercise extreme caution and stay away from areas of tension. It called on Egyptian citizens to abide by the concerned Syrian authorities' instructions, avoid traveling to Syria at the current time, and stay in contact with the Egyptian embassy in Damascus.

Disappointment mounts following failed impeachment motion against S. Korean president

SEOUL

DESPITE bitter cold winds, large crowds of people have gathered around the National Assembly in Seoul, capital of South Korea, since early morning of Saturday, the day of an impeachment motion vote against President Yoon Suk-yeol.

Holding up banners reading "Reject Yoon Suk-yeol," "Arrest Yoon Suk-yeol who is guilty of treason," the crowds demanded immediate resignation of Yoon, who declared an emergency martial law Tuesday night before repealing it early Wednesday as the parliament voted against it.

"This has nothing to do with political camps or partisanship, but a matter of common sense. I hope the lawmakers can understand the people's will and make correct judgments," Yoo Hwa-jeong, who traveled to the capital from Cheonan in South Chungcheong province, told Xinhua.

The road in front of the main gate of the National Assembly building was packed with rally crowds, as 200,000 people reportedly took to the street, chanting slogans.

The parliament held a plenary session as scheduled at 5:00 p.m. local time. After voting against a bill to investigate scandals involving Yoon's wife, most of the 108 ruling party



People attend a rally to call for the impeachment of South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol near the National Assembly in Seoul, South Korea, on Saturday. Xinhua

lawmakers left the parliament hall. One ruling party lawmaker remained at the hall and two came back after leaving. Lawmakers of the opposition parties, including the main liberal Democratic Party, named the ruling party lawmakers one by

one in unison, calling on them to come back and cast ballots. More than 200 lawmakers are required to vote yes to pass the impeachment motion.

National Assembly Speaker Woo Won-shik ended the voting process about three hours

after waiting for the ruling party lawmakers, announcing the impeachment motion was scrapped on lack of quorum.

Outside the parliament building, disappointment and frustration grew as the crowds at the news began to slowly dis-

perse.

"We would not give up," Jeong Myeong-sik, a Seoul resident, told Xinhua. "I believe our continuous efforts will make a difference. It is only a matter of time to impeach the president."

US deployment of 'Typhon' in Asia-Pacific threatens to disrupt regional stability

IN November 2024, the Philippines claimed that it was considering purchasing the "Typhon" intermediate-range capability missile system from the US, which was temporarily stationed in the Philippines for the alleged purpose of military exercises. This is a significant development in the US' push to deploy the "Typhon" system across the world since its withdrawal from the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty in 2019. It will undermine security and cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region and should alarm regional countries.

The US has long been planning to deploy 'Typhon' in Asia-Pacific

In one of its most notorious withdrawals from international treaties, the US abandoned the INF Treaty in 2019, essentially giving itself a free pass to develop and deploy ground-based intermediate-range missiles (GBIRM) with a range of 500 to 5,500 km. Multiple reports released by RAND Corporation and other American think tanks in recent years show that the US has been eyeing new deployment locations, which include allies in the Asia-Pacific and Europe.

In April 2024, the US took advantage of the joint military drills to ship the "Typhon" system to the Philippines and continued to keep the system there long after the drills ended. Then, Manila expressed its interest in owning the system.

The Philippines is only one of multiple locations in the US' deployment plan. In August 2024, Secretary of the US Army Christine Wormuth expressed a desire to deploy intermediate-range missiles in Japan during a visit to Tokyo to strengthen their "deterrence against China."

The US also announced plans to deploy long-range missile systems in Germany in 2026, including SM-6 air defense missiles, Tomahawk cruise missiles and hypersonic weapons, to enhance NATO's defense capabilities. The ranges of these weapons far exceed those of existing land-based missiles in Europe. Russia has made clear that it will respond militarily, which may include the deployment of nuclear missiles in Kaliningrad. These threatened moves, if materialized, could upset the existing strategic balance and increase the risk of miscalculation and confi-

Although the US has broken free from the INF Treaty, it contravenes other multilateral agreements with the deployment of "Typhon," such as the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR). And this may lead to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMDs). The MTCR, developed by the US and other Western countries, prohibits the export of tactical missiles with a payload of more than 500 kg and a range of more than 300 km.

The "Typhon" system could carry Tomahawk cruise missiles and SM-6 missiles, which have much longer ranges than those allowed under the MTCR. Deploying it would also push up the risk of proliferation of WMDs, including biological, chemical and nuclear weapons. The US claims it is doing so to safeguard the security of its allies. However, in reality, what the US is really doing is preserving its own hegemony by pursuing global deployment of missile systems with mid-range capabilities, disregarding international rules and legal bounds. This will undoubtedly intensify confrontation and cause more volatility in the global security landscape.

Security of Asia-Pacific

becomes a victim of US Indo-Pacific Strategy

When the US first shipped the "Typhon" system to the Philippines in April, it chose to deploy it in northern Luzon. The island is only 400 km away from the Taiwan Straits, while Tomahawk missiles have a range of up to more than 2,000 km, capable of covering the South China Sea. This is not defensive deterrence, but offensive provocation that further complicates the regional situation.

Apart from that, shortly after Manila announced in November its plan to discuss the purchase of "Typhon," the US and the Philippines signed the General Security of Military Information Agreement (GSMIA), which allows the US to provide the Philippines with more advanced and sophisticated weapons. Such a move could make other Asia-Pacific countries feel insecure and prompt them to seek procurement of advanced weapons. The result would only be an intensifying regional arms race and an even more complex military landscape in Southeast Asia and the Western Pacific.

Analysts have pointed out that the Asia-Pacific came first in the US missile deployment plan after its withdrawal from the INF

Treaty, likely for the purpose of tilting the regional dynamics in its favor by provoking an arms race and making Asia-Pacific countries more dependent on its "military protection." Such an arms race would mean the US could profit from arms sales to these countries and even extract more economic and political concessions from allies. This will have a far-reaching negative impact on regional security and diminish the strategic independence of Asia-Pacific countries, especially Southeast Asian countries. China's response to this development is clear: It firmly opposes the US deploying intermediate-range missiles in the Asia-Pacific and urges the US to stop provoking military confrontation and undermining regional peace and stability. Manila's plan to bring in the mid-range capability missile system, a strategic and offensive weapon, is an extremely irresponsible decision for the people of the Philippines and other Southeast Asian countries as well as for regional security.

Manila acting as a US pawn hinders regional unity and development

Since President Ferdinand Marcos Jr came to power, the Philippines has become a van-

guard of advancing the US' strategy for the Asia-Pacific. Washington and Manila have also been trying to link the Taiwan question with the South China Sea issue. The Philippine government officials claim that the deployment of "Typhon" is aimed at modernizing the country's military capabilities and strengthening deterrence. However, the Philippines does not have the ability to operate the "Typhon" system alone and needs to rely heavily on the US. This means it will eventually become a tool of the US and fall into a security dilemma where its actions for the ostensible purpose of bolstering security will only lead to greater insecurity.

The unwise move of the Marcos administration has been widely criticized by clear-minded people in the Philippines. Imee Marcos, sister of Marcos Jr and chairperson of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, has openly denounced the adventurous moves of the Marcos administration for making the Filipino people a target and calls for an independent policy. Some Filipino intellectuals also warn that the actions of the Marcos administration are more likely to serve the US agenda and that the Philippines should seriously consider how to avoid being dragged into a "new Cuban missile crisis."

The other Southeast Asian countries are also against Manila's move. During the authors' research trips to Southeast Asia, many local scholars shook their heads when talking about the Philip-

pines. They see the Philippines as an "outlier" now among Southeast Asian countries because the Marcos administration's repeated provocations in the South China Sea run counter to the spirit of the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia and the "ASEAN way." Under the pretense of defending "sovereignty" in the South China Sea, the Philippines has signed military agreements with the US, Japan, Australia and even EU countries and held various combinations of military exercises, inviting external forces to the region. This has undermined ASEAN unity as well as centrality and hindered ASEAN's effort to keep the focus on regional economic cooperation and development.

With the Trump 2.0 era just around the corner, the US is expected to shift back to the unilateralist "America First" policy, and the world is eager to know whether the US will again demand more military spending from its allies while imposing additional tariffs on them. Having this in mind, many countries in the region are adjusting their strategies and preparing for what may come. If Manila still stubbornly ties itself to the US agenda, it will only bring volatility and insecurity to itself and the region. It is time for the Marcos administration to heed the voice of the people and appeals of other regional countries and stop its dangerous, self-defeating maneuvers. If it doesn't, it could become an expendable pawn of someone else.

Global Times

TFC Proud of Major Achievements in Delivering Fertilizer to Farmers Nationwide

THE Tanzania Fertilizer Company (TFC), a government institution under the Ministry of Agriculture, plays a key role in the distribution of agricultural inputs across the country.

Established on July 6 under the Companies Ordinance CAP 212 (now the Companies Act 2002 CAP 212), TFC is dedicated to enhancing agricultural productivity by providing essential inputs such as fertilizers.

TFC's Director General, Samuel Mshote, outlined the company's responsibilities and achievements in distributing and selling agricultural inputs.

Mshote highlighted that TFC offers support and expert information on fertilizer production, quality, and standards, both locally and internationally.

"We collaborate with research institutions to conduct studies on fertilizers and other agricultural inputs in the country," said Mshote, adding, "Our goal is to implement the government's objective of empowering farmers to access agricultural inputs, especially fertilizers, to improve their



Samuel Ahadi Mshote
Director General

farming activities and increase food production for both local and international markets."

TFC's Achievements

Since its establishment, TFC has achieved significant milestones. Mshote mentioned the establishment of a fertilizer blending plant (Bulk Blending Facility) that will blend fertilizers tailored to the soil health of specific areas.

The plant, with a capacity to blend 120 tons of fertilizer per

hour, marks a significant step in addressing the country's fertilizer needs.

Mshote expressed gratitude to President Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan's government, particularly the Ministry of Agriculture led by Minister Hussein Bashe, for supporting the company in resuming operations after a long pause due to various challenges, including market changes.

"We received a capital



injection of six billion Tanzanian shillings in 2022/23 from the Ministry of Agriculture, which enabled TFC to resume operations, import, and sell agricultural inputs," Mshote explained. "In 2023/24, we were allocated 40bn/- from the government's main budget.

Through the TAISP program funded by the Government of Japan, 70bn/- was allocated to facilitate the distribution of fertilizers to farmers."

TFC Strategies to achieve Government goals

Mshote stated that TFC has successfully identified and partnered with major fertilizer producers and suppliers from manufacturing countries via various embassies. Furthermore, TFC has set up new fertilizer sales centers, utilizing trained input agents who are linked with financial institutions, empowering them economically and enabling them to serve more farmers.

Other strategies include strengthening human resources by hiring staff with various specialties, entering preliminary agreements with the Tanzania-Zambia Railway Authority (TAZARA) for fertilizer transport, and implementing a digital system to manage and verify fertilizer and pesticide sales at agent points. This system has been installed in all warehouses and sales centers.

"We are proud of our strategy to distribute fertilizers to every region and district across the country, and we continue to work hard to ensure that fertilizers are reliably available to all agents throughout the farming seasons," Mshote affirmed.

TFC's financial utilization plans

Mshote shared that TFC has strengthened its fertilizer sales

systems to generate visible profits, ensuring the company's sustainable growth.

"We have developed strategies to expand our market share to more than 65 percent of all fertilizers sold in the country, with the aim of fostering growth without relying on government budgets," Mshote said.

Strengthening the fertilizer market

TFC has sourced both local and international fertilizer producers to ensure the production and sale of high-quality fertilizers that meet standards, are competitively priced, and remain affordable. The company has increased the number of fertilizer sales points in every region and district, signed contracts with transport companies, and procured vehicles to ensure timely delivery to farmers.

Mshote emphasized that TFC works closely with the Ministry of Agriculture, under Minister Hussein Bashe, and agencies such as the Tanzania Fertilizer Regulatory Authority (TFRA) and the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI), as well as the Tanzania Plant Health and Pesticides Authority (TPHPA), to ensure quality standards are met.

TFC also collaborates with the Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) to ensure prompt fertilizer delivery and clearance.

Furthermore, TFC works with regional commissioners, district commissioners, and council directors to ensure farmers have easy access to fertilizers, fostering strong relationships with various ministries, the National Service (JKT), and Parliament to enhance agricultural productivity.

Mshote also noted that

TFC collaborates with foreign nations with representatives in Tanzania, including the UAE, Turkey, Russia, Zambia, and China, to ensure a steady supply of fertilizers with the required quality, quantity, and timeliness.

TFC's Appreciation for President Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan's Support

Mshote expressed TFC's appreciation for President Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan's leadership, which enabled the company to secure a capital injection of 46 billion Tanzanian shillings, all directed toward purchasing fertilizers.

He highlighted TFC's success in reaching all regions of the country, with Ruvuma region leading in fertilizer sales. This success is attributed to high awareness about fertilizer usage and the efforts made by TFC, which resulted in profitable fertilizer sales during the 2022/2023 season.

In 2023/24, TFC was ranked sixth in the country for fertilizer distribution, surpassing its distribution goals across all regions. This achievement is largely attributed to the substantial capital support from the government.

A call to Tanzanians

Mshote urged Tanzanians to continue trusting TFC as the government's reliable supplier of high-quality fertilizers.

"We assure you of the timely availability of fertilizers and excellent service. TFC has successfully delivered fertilizers to all regions and districts across the country and has achieved significant distribution since it began selling fertilizers in February this year," said Mshote.

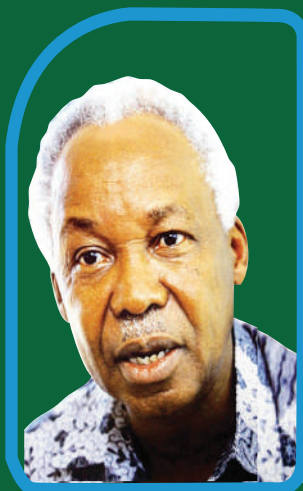


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Man City are not thinking of title chase amid poor form, says Guardiola

LONDON

MANCHESTER City cannot think about winning a fifth consecutive Premier League title, Pep Guardiola said, with the team mired in a run of poor performances.

Guardiola's side had to settle for a point in a 2-2 league draw with lowly Crystal Palace on Saturday, twice coming back from a goal down and losing Rico Lewis to a red card late in the game, to remain fourth in the standings.

"We take a point. We fought incredible and came back twice. It's a season to suffer. We'll see what happens in the last months," Guardiola said. "We cannot talk about the title race when we lose four games in a row and draw. We'll try to recover players. We'll see in the last month."

Lewis and Erling Haaland scored in the draw that had Guardiola speaking with pride about his players' resilience with his side still missing a number of key players through injury and illness.

"We have many important players injured - many players with many minutes but the physicality is there - but we were there, and we did everything we could to win, and I am so pleased and proud of

the players," the Spaniard said.

Manuel Akanji and Nathan Ake were the latest to join City's list of absentees, both sidelined after injuries suffered in their 3-0 win over Nottingham Forest on Wednesday. Phil Foden sat out his second successive game with bronchitis.

The draw, however, felt like a loss in City's chances of remaining in the title fight.

"With Man City it's always two points lost," City midfielder Bernardo Silva said. "One point is better than zero but we're not happy at the moment. We know our situation with injuries. Coming to Crystal Palace is never easy but we have to do better."

Thanks to my coach and my management. 00:3700:47

"When I finish a game and I get a point I'm not happy. It's not the way we built this team, it's not our standard. We're in December. We'd like to be in a different position. If we recover our players quickly we can always do it. But right now our concern is a different one."

"If we're fourth or fifth we have to look at winning the next game. The last month and a half have not been good enough."

REUTERS

Barcelona need to show quality on consistent basis, says Flick

SEVILLE, Spain

BARCELONA manager Hansi Flick said his side have more than enough quality but need to display it consistently after they stumbled to a 2-2 LaLiga draw at Real Betis which left them susceptible to be overtaken by Real Madrid in the title race.

Barca twice took the lead at the Benito Villamarín Stadium after goals from Robert Lewandowski and Ferran Torres, but home side Betis fought back through Giovanni Lo Celso and substitute Assane Diao to earn a share of the points.

After the draw, Flick's side have 38 points from 17 matches but second-placed rivals Real, who have 33, can move past them if they are able to win their two games in hand.

"It wasn't a good game. We are a young team and we need to improve a lot," Flick told reporters.

"We must be stronger, especially when we play away. We have quality, but we have to show it in every game. We could have played better."

"But we've been slow in passing, with a lot of long balls... it's not what we want and not our strength. We have to focus on our strengths and what we have to do."

Flick was issued a red card in the second half for protesting after Betis were awarded a penalty following a VAR review of Frenkie De Jong's tackle on Vitor Roque.

The German manager said he had not done anything wrong but added that he was not planning on appealing the red card.

"Marcus, my assistant, did a good job. We scored a goal with him (on the sidelines)..." Flick said.

"I didn't say anything to anyone, it was just my reaction. It was my reaction. It took a long time to decide if it was a penalty or not."

"If you need so much time, it can be a doubt. I don't agree with my sending off. It has never happened to me before. But maybe it's something here. I got angry at myself, not at anyone else."

Barcelona next travel to Germany for a Champions League meeting with Borussia Dortmund on Wednesday, before hosting Leganes in a league match on Dec. 15.

REUTERS

Motta sees positives in Juve reaction after poor display in Bologna draw

TURIN, ITALY

JUVENTUS manager Thiago Motta was far from satisfied with his side's performance in their 2-2 draw at home to Bologna on Saturday but praised the reaction of his team who maintained their unbeaten Serie A record this season.

Bologna took a well-deserved two-goal lead against a Juve side who struggled to create any decent chances but an added-time goal from Samuel Mbangula rescued a point for Motta's side.

"The positive point was the reaction. We pulled back a game which was in a very bad position," Motta told a press conference.

"We are not satisfied with the result or even with what we have done. I have to thank the guys for the heart and the courage that they showed."

It was a poor performance from Juventus as they played out their ninth league draw of the season but the manager took full blame for the display.

"No player went missing. It was a tactical problem and that's my fault," Motta said. "We were not able to overcome the pressure. Today was complicated and we went into difficulty, then we came back but we can't be satisfied."

"I repeat, we are not satisfied but this must make us stronger."

Juventus may be the only undefeated side in Serie A but another draw leaves them sixth, seven points off the pace, and Motta was asked if their league placing could affect his side.

"We have to improve to be in the position where we want to be, which is not the one we have today," Motta said.

"We have to deal with this situation by moving forward and improving for the next game on Wednesday."

Manchester City visit Turin for a Champions League tie on Wednesday, with both sides on eight points and outside the automatic qualification places.

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First win at Old Trafford since 1994 a huge moment for Forest, Nuno says

LONDON

NOTTINGHAM Forest manager Nuno Espirito Santo said it was a big moment for the club to secure their first win at Old Trafford since 1994 with a 3-2 victory over Manchester United on Saturday.

Forest, who fought off relegation last season, are fifth in the league with 25 points from 15 matches, two points behind defending champions Manchester City.

"Huge moment for all of us in the club. So many years, now it's time to celebrate," Nuno told Forest TV. "First action of the game we score, makes a big difference."

Forest, who had secured their first win at Anfield since 1969 by beating leaders Liverpool 1-0 in September, have grown as a team over the last year, Nuno said.

"The growing process of the team today was evident, the way we controlled the tempo of the game," he added. "We have to be better ... this is what we are achieving."

"Every day we should improve on. Because the talent is there. We still make mistakes that we should not have done."

Forest next host Aston Villa, who are also on 25 points in sixth place, on Saturday.

Meanwhile, Solving Manchester United's dreadful defending at set pieces has quickly become one of the main priorities for new head coach Ruben Amorim, whose best-laid tactical plans have been left in ruins due to his side's failure to clear the danger at corners.

Nottingham Forest needed just 90 seconds to score from a corner at Old Trafford on Saturday as United suffered a 3-2 loss and showed



Manchester United's Lisandro Martinez shoots at goal during their Premier League match against Nottingham Forest at Old Trafford, in Manchester, Britain on December 7, 2024. REUTERS

Amorim's side had learned little from a 2-0 midweek defeat at Arsenal when both goals came from that source.

"When this happens it's my fault, because I'm responsible. We tried to do it in the best way, we did a lot of work in this area because we saw it in (the Arsenal game), and it is really hard," Amorim told a news conference.

"In the beginning of the game (against Forest), you suffer on the first play, it's really hard then to put energy in the team, but we managed to draw the game, and then in the second half the same thing."

United's lack of height and power at the back is exposed at free kicks and corners and Amorim rejigged

his team in the second half, bringing on centre-back Harry Maguire at 3-2 down in a sign that he was worried about conceding again.

"We put Harry Maguire on because of set pieces, to control more who was winning all the first balls. The only way to attack Nottingham was transitions, to try and win first and second balls. When Harry was on the pitch he won all the first balls," Amorim said.

However, by then the damage had already been done.

A simple screen had freed up Forest defender Nikola Milenkovic, who brushed off Lisandro Martinez to score.

Martinez and goalkeeper Andre Onana were then both at fault

for Forest's third goal in the 54th minute, a looping header from Chris Wood that one of them should have dealt with.

"Everybody know the emphasis on set-pieces these days, it's huge, a big avenue for and against. We did well today," delighted New Zealand striker Wood said.

Amorim insisted he would stick to his principles, despite his shaky start at Old Trafford.

"This happens with a lot of clubs and we have to manage to continue doing the same things in improving the team, because this will turn around," he said.

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Ancelotti praises Real Madrid's return to form in Girona win

GIRONA

REAL Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti was delighted with his team's display as they enjoyed a resounding 3-0 victory at Girona in LaLiga on Saturday following recent disappointing performances.

Ancelotti's side arrived at the Montilivi stadium following a midweek 2-1 loss to Athletic Bilbao, marking their fourth defeat in the last seven games in all competitions.

Real's win over Girona closed the gap on leaders Barcelona to two points, with a game in hand, as they regained control of the title race despite scrutiny of key players like Kylian Mbappe and a lengthy injury list including talisman Vinicius Jr.

"(Jude) Bellingham has scored his fifth goal in a row. He's back and in good form. Mbappe scored today too ... We have to hang in there, little by little we're coming back," Ancelotti said told a news conference.

"We had to hold on at the beginning because (Girona) pushed hard. We did a good job collectively, and then we handled the advantage well. The team had more clarity and more idea. I think the second half went very well."

The Italian also praised Arda Guler's performance after the Turkish youngster scored Real's second goal, delivering a solid overall performance despite limited playing time this season.

"He wasn't good in the first half but in the second half he scored a fantastic goal," Ancelotti said.

"What I want to highlight is his work. He runs a lot and helps the team. His goal takes a bit of pressure off him. He's a young player with a lot of pressure around him and it's good for him to take a bit of pressure off."

all of our country and everybody that loves the game here and throughout the world, we're honored to have you in our league to have the best player in the world.

The Spanish champions now turn their attention to the Champions League where they visit Serie A leaders Atalanta on Tuesday, looking to move up from 24th place - the last spot that qualifies for the knockout round playoffs.

Ancelotti said he expected Vinicius Jr and Brazilian compatriot Rodrygo to return to action in Bergamo.

Meanwhile, Girona are struggling to



Real Madrid's Kylian Mbappe scores their third goal against Girona during their LaLiga match at Estadi Montilivi, in Girona, Spain on December 7, 2024. REUTERS

match the giddy highs of last season when they finished a surprise third in LaLiga and after a 3-0 home defeat by Real Madrid on Saturday coach Michel said they are finding it tough to compete against the top teams.

Defeat on Saturday extended Girona's winless streak to four games in all competitions and they are eighth in the league, two spots out of the final European qualification berth.

They are also enduring a tough debut in the Champions League, losing four of their opening five matches, and were knocked out of the Cop del Rey by fourth-tier Logrones in midweek.

"There are games that, at the mo-

ment, are a little bit too big for us, like this (against Real Madrid) or some of the Champions League games," Michel told a news conference.

"That punishes you because the players see that last year they were doing much better and this year it's not so easy."

Michel said a recent good run in the league had raised hopes they were on the right track.

"We had gone four games unbeaten in LaLiga, we lost today and expectations were high," he added. "I said I wanted to qualify for Europe and I want to give this squad that boost. So many games, in three competitions, is

costing us a lot."

He also pointed to the changes in his squad following the departure and arrival of several players over the summer.

"It is difficult, structurally, because we have changed a lot of players. We haven't been able to train together much and there have been a lot of difficulties to have a good pre-season," the Spaniard said.

"Everything we compare to the past is negative. We are a rising club and we are doing things right. We had to sell players."

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Yanga coach explains defensive strategy in MC Alger 2-0 defeat

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

YOUNG Africans head coach Saed Ramovic shed light on the defensive strategy his team employed during their 2-0 loss to MC Alger in the CAF Champions League on Saturday at Stade 5 Juillet in Algeria.

The Tanzanian side struggled to impose themselves throughout the match as goals from MC Alger's captain Ayoub Abdellaoui and Sofiane Bayazid handed the hosts a comfortable victory.

The defeat leaves Young Africans at the bottom of Group A, without a point or a goal in the competition so far.

The Algerian side dominated possession, holding 52% of the ball and registering 16 shots - five on target - compared to Young Africans' three attempts, none of which troubled the opposition goalkeeper.

Ramovic revealed that his team opted for a deep defensive setup in the first half, focusing on counter-attacks to exploit gaps in MC Alger's formation. The plan appeared to shift after the Algerian side lost key midfielder Mohamed Zougrana to injury, allowing Young Africans to gain more control in midfield.

"We adopted a counter-attacking strategy in the first half to counter their dominance. In the second half, we anticipated their offensive pressure, especially with their experienced substitutes," Ramovic explained.

The coach made notable positional adjustments to counter MC Alger's fast-paced, possession-heavy play. Stephane Aziz Ki played as a false nine, Kennedy Musonda operated as a wide midfielder, and Pacome Zouzou floated across the forward line. Maxi Nzengeli was positioned centrally in attack.

"These adjustments were necessary to disrupt their rhythm while giving us balance in attack," Ramovic stated. "We knew our opponents had fast players, so we focused on maintaining a compact defensive shape. Solid defense is the foundation for effective attacking play."

Despite the changes, the Tanzanian side failed to make an impact in the final third, missing a key chance late in the game before MC Alger sealed the result with a 91st-minute goal following a defensive lapse.

Ramovic also acknowledged that his players are still adapting to his high-intensity tactical approach.

"Our fitness levels are not where they need to be, but we're working on improving them. The players are adapting to my style, and this takes time. This defeat is disappointing, but we will continue to work hard and bounce back," he said.

Young Africans are now at the bottom of Group A, while MC Alger lead with four points. With two consecutive losses, Ramovic's side faces an uphill task to qualify for the next round. They must win their remaining four matches to stand any chance of advancing.

Their next challenge is an away clash against TP Mazembe in Lubumbashi, DR Congo, on December 14. This will be followed by a home rematch against TP Mazembe at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium.

Young Africans will then travel to face Al Hilal on January 10, 2025, before wrapping up their group stage campaign by hosting MC Alger on January 17, 2025.

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Karia reveals progress and challenges in VAR training for referees

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi



TANZANIA Football Federation (TFF) president Wallace Karia has underlined the significance of Video Assistant Referee (VAR) training for local officials, despite the technology not yet being implemented in the Premier League.

Tanzanian referees have participated in numerous training sessions organized by FIFA in collaboration with CAF and TFF. These sessions, especially those focusing on VAR, have introduced new challenges for the country's officiating teams.

Currently, Tanzania lacks the required stadiums and infrastructure to implement VAR technology. However, the rapid development of the Tanzanian Premier League has prompted FIFA to invest in specialized training for local referees, preparing them for higher levels of officiating.

Karia stressed the need for continuous training and performance reviews to elevate the league's officiating standards. He views VAR training as an investment in the future of Tanzanian football.

"While we've faced challenges with refereeing in our league, it's vital to recognize the critical role our officials play. FIFA has provided valuable VAR training to prepare them for the demands of modern football," said Karia.

He added: "Though we haven't implemented VAR yet due to infrastructure limitations, the knowledge our referees have gained ensures we'll be ready when the time comes. Additionally, when our teams compete in continental tournaments, the world will know Tanzania has VAR-trained officials."

Karia reaffirmed his commitment to improving refereeing standards and maintaining fair play. He warned that referees who consistently fall short of expectations or make errors favouring specific teams will face strict disciplinary measures.

"I've spoken with our referees about the importance of upholding high standards. Any official who fails to meet these expectations will be held accountable," he emphasized.

Karia celebrated the growing reputation of Tanzanian referees on the international stage. An increasing number of match commissioners, coordinators, referees, and assistant referees are being appointed for CAF and FIFA competitions.

"We've transitioned from being mere spectators in CAF games to seeing our officials take charge of major matches. This progress is a testament to our commitment to developing top-tier officials, and we must continue building on this achievement," he noted.

While the implementation of VAR in Tanzania remains a long-term goal, the foundation laid through ongoing training is positioning the country's referees to excel domestically and internationally.

As infrastructure develops, the introduction of VAR will further enhance the league's competitiveness and credibility.

Karia remains optimistic about the future of Tanzanian football and the role of officiating in its growth, emphasizing that the federation's efforts are geared toward creating a fair, professional, and globally respected football environment.

Ramovic highlights key injuries after Yanga's loss to MC Alger

By Correspondent Seth Mapoil

YOUNG Africans SC head coach Saed Ramovic reflected on his team's 2-0 loss to MC Alger in the CAF Champions League group stage, citing defensive lapses, missed opportunities, and the absence of key players as pivotal factors.

Despite the setback, Ramovic (pictured) expressed optimism about his team's ability to recover and remain competitive.

The first goal came in the 64th minute when MC Alger captain Ayoub Abdellaoui capitalized on a free kick, heading the ball past goalkeeper Djigui Diara.

Reflecting on the goal, Ramovic said: "This is where we should defend better, of course. Then we tried to put more offensive players up front to equalize, but we missed a key opportunity toward the end."

Despite their tactical adjustments, Young Africans failed to test MC Alger's goalkeeper meaningfully, with strikers Kennedy Musonda and Maxi Nzengeli struggling to convert chances.

Young Africans' inefficiency in front of goal proved costly as substitute Soufiane Bayazid capitalized on a late defensive error to seal the victory in the 91st minute.

Ramovic highlighted the absence of four critical players - central defender Dickson Job, defensive midfielder Khalid Aucho, left-back Shadrack Boka, and winger Clement Mzize - due to injuries.

"If you play without four starters who are key players, it's not easy. These injuries undoubtedly affected our performance," Ramovic explained.

The coach also stressed the need for improved fitness and better adaptation to his high-intensity playing style.

"We have 25 good players, but we need to improve our compactness and defensive organization. The first offensive action is to defend well because defending well sets the stage for better attacks," he added. The defeat leaves Young Africans at the bottom of Group A without a point, following an earlier 2-0 loss to Al Hilal.

MC Alger, Al Hilal, and TP Mazembe occupy the top spots. The Tanzanian champions now face a crucial away match against



TP Mazembe on December 14.

Ramovic remains confident in his team's ability to bounce back, saying: "It's not the start we wanted, but my belief in this team is strong. We will work hard and turn this around. There's no room for doubt."

This loss continued Young Africans' challenging history with MC Alger, following a 4-0 defeat in the 2017 CAF Confederation

Cup. However, the Tanzanian side had previously secured a 1-0 victory against the Algerians in the first leg of that tie.

Young Africans must secure a positive result against TP Mazembe to revive their campaign and keep their hopes of advancing alive. With the stakes higher than ever, the Tanzanian champions are determined to rise to the occasion.

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