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Scientists optimistic on controlling invasive tree

By Guardian Reporter

SCIENTISTS at the Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA), the Tanzania Forestry Research Institute (TAFORI) and the University of Nairobi (Kenya), working with the Centre for Agriculture and Biosciences International Archives (CABI) have reported progress in uprooting an invasive tree plant, Prosopis juliflora.

Scientists say that the tree was introduced to East Africa from Latin America in the 1970s with the intention of combating dust storms and providing fodder and wood for livestock.

However, the tree has spread aggressively, displacing grazing and arable land with dense, impenetrable thickets, devastating local ecosystems and undermining agriculture and livestock-based livelihoods.

Dr. Charles Kilawe, a researcher with the Sokoine University of Agriculture, said communal meetings were vital in promoting the sustainable land management against the tree, focused on uprooting the trees.

An online entry says that removal of prosopis, especially of individual trees or small infestations, can be achieved by mechanical or chemical means, including manual uprooting.



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It is also possible to use a "tree popper" to pull small trees from the ground, or cut stump and basal bark application of herbicides, it says, while another entry says that the best time for uprooting

trees is after at least a couple days' rain. Even then there was a limited degree of success trying to uproot even small trees, such that finding mechanical tools and finally applying herbicides on tree barks were equally relevant methods.

The agronomist said that households seeing neighbours use this method and discussing its benefits during public meetings helped convince others to adopt it, with scientists saying despite being an arduous effort, it is economically viable in the long run.

This approach can be scaled up in other regions affected by Prosopis infestations in the region and elsewhere, the study noted, pointing at demonstration sites and community meetings, such that adoption rates could increase significantly, benefiting even more communities grappling with the challenges posed by Prosopis juliflora.

Engaging local residents in sustainable land management, ensuring that more regions can effectively combat the spread of this invasive species is the focus of the project at the moment, he said Winnie Nunda, a Kenyan researcher

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No new ministers with new cabinet reshuffle



Abdallah Ulega - Minister for Works



Dr Damas Ndumbaro - Minister for Constitution and Legal Affairs

Jerry Silaa - Minister for

Technology







for Livestock and Fisheries

Information reverts to Culture docket

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has reshuffled the cabinet without appointing new ministers.

Chief Secretary Dr Moses Kusiluka said in a statement yesterday that the president had decided to shift responsibilities for the media sector from the Ministry of Information, Communication and Information Technology to the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Sports.

Prof. Palamagamba Kabudi is the new minister in the revamped ministry, aftrer having served as Minister for Constitutional and Legal Affairs. He swaps positions with Dr. Damas Ndumbaro, who returns to the ministry he previously led.

Similarly, the president appointed Jerry Silaa to take over at Communication and Information Technology as minister, while Hamad Yusuf Masauni, erstwhile Minister for Home Affairs, takes over the Union and Environment docket in the Vice President's

'GBV key obstacle to development efforts'

By Correspondent Julieth Mkireri

for Home Affairs

VIOLENCE against women and girls isn't only a violation of human rights but also a major barrier to sustainable development, a key diplomat has stated.

Christine Grau, the European Union resident ambassador, made this observation at a panel discussion organised by UN Women in Dar es Salaam over the weekend as part of the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence.

government's national action plan to end violence against women and children, acknowledging that progress had been made but much work remains to

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A truck moves cautiously at the weekend along a horribly muddy stretch of the road linking Shinyanga municipality's VETA college and Lyandu village. Photo: Correspondent Marco Maduhu

Police to accompany TRA officers in vehicle checks

Agency plans to employ widow of the deceased

By Correspondent Maulid Mmbaga

TANZANIA Revenue Authority (TRA) staff in the smuggling control unit will now patrol with the police, the agency's CEO has declared.

Yusuph Mwenda, the TRA commissioner general, expressed this intention st the funeral ceremony for the late Amani Simbayao in Dar es Salaam yesterday, similarly affirming that the wife of the deceased will be employed by TRA.

Despite legal procedures, TRA will explore ways to assist the widow, after the family provider died in the course of performing his duties, he

He died on Friday at Muhimbili National Hos-



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pital, while receiving treatment after an attack by members of the public, with reports saying that those in the area had suspected that the people stopping the vehicle and starting to ask questions, holding the driver, were abductors.

The TRA would provide insurance for the children left behind by their employee the CEO stated, regretting the attack on three TRA officers in the Tegeta suburb north of the city last week.

They were attempting to seize a vehicle suspected of having been smuggled into the country. The CEO, deploring the incident, stated that it was unlawful and unjust.

It was one of the late employee's responsibilities to control illegal immigration, along with monitoring the importation of vehicles, as TRA officers are mandated by law to patrol, inspect and seize property suspected to be contraband,

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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 do-

"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 pre-

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 firstclass 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 expens-



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she stated.

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

"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 violencefree 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

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

"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



Bahi district executive secretary Sarah Ngalingasi (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

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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 Ministry of Agriculture; Dr. Suleisecretary 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 n the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

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

man 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

Prof. Mohammed Janabi has been appointed as presidential advisor on health and medication, while Hospital (MNH) executive director. Anderson Mutatembwa, Mobhare

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: Corresp

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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

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

By Guardian Correspondent, Moshi

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.

Kilimanjaro plans to promote sorghum porridge in schools

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

"When I was the District Commissioner 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 part-

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 changemakers, 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 innova-

"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 busi-

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

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

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 FUN-GUO 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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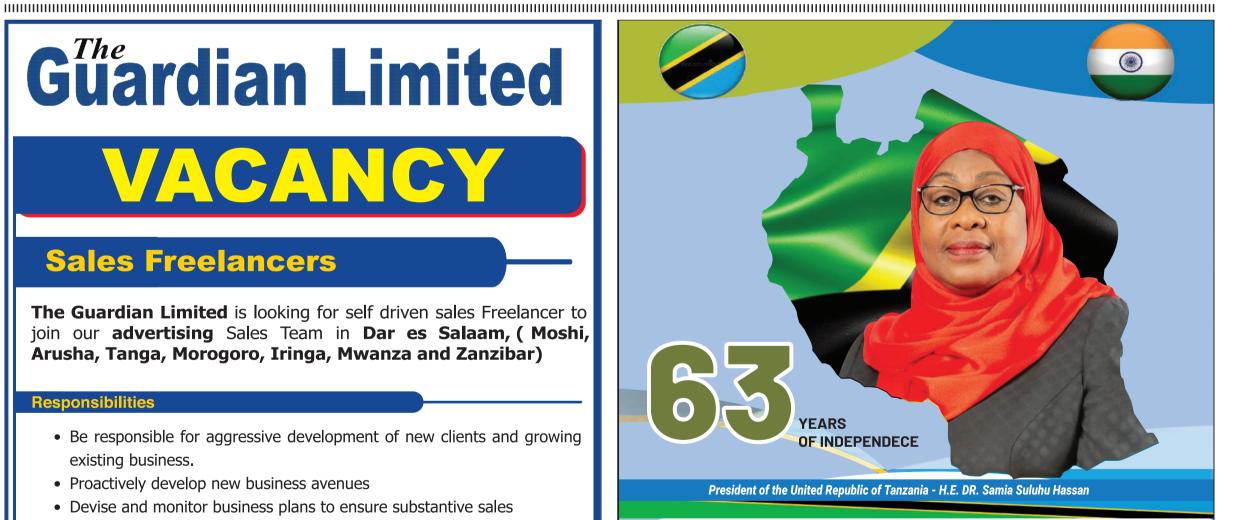
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Kidunda Dam set to transform water supply for three regions

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

THE ongoing construction of the Kidunda Dam is set to bring significant change to the water supply for the regions of Morogoro, Coas, and Dar es Salaam, addressing long-standing challenges that have affected millions of residents.

Once completed, the dam promises to provide a stable, reliable, and consistent water source for the rapidly growing regions, which have struggled with intermittent and inadequate water supply for years.

The dam, with a capacity to store 190 million cubic meters of water, is expected to meet the increasing demand for water due to urbanization, population growth, and industrial development in the surrounding areas.

The project is a vital component of the Tanzanian government's efforts to improve access to basic services and enhance the living conditions of its citizens.

During her recent inspection of the Kidunda Dam project, Eng. Mwajuma Waziri, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Water, highlighted the importance of completing the dam on schedule. She urged the Chinese contractor, Sinohydro, to expedite the construction process to ensure that the project is delivered on time.

"This dam is not just a project–it is a lifeline for millions of people who rely on a consistent water supply. The successful completion of Kidunda will be a game-changer for the residents of Morogoro, Coast and Dar es Salaam," Eng. Mwajuma

She further acknowledged the strong support of President Samia Suluhu Hassan, whose leadership has been instrumental in securing the necessary funding for the project. With finances in place, Eng. Mwajuma emphasized the need for focused and efficient implementation to bring the vision of the dam to life.

and social impact of the dam project.

reliable water access would create significant opportunities for development, particularly in agriculture, industry, and urbanization. These sectors rely heavily on a consistent water supply to support their growth.

cornerstone for the future fostering economic growth and improved livelihoods. The Ministry oversight to ensure the project stays

Once completed, the Kidunda Dam will not only meet the daily water needs of millions but will also support the industrial expansion of Dar es Salaam, promote agricultural productivity in Morogoro, and contribute to sustainable development across the Coast egion. The dam will be a key enabler of urban growth, helping to accommodate the increasing population and economic activities in these regions.

For residents of these areas, the Kidunda Dam represents a brighter future–a foundation for better health, economic growth, and improved livelihoods.

The project is also expected to provide long-term benefits, including job creation during construction and post-completion, as well as improved resilience to water shortages and climate-related

"The funding is secured, and now it's crucial that the contractor accelerates the construction efforts. We must ensure that the dam is completed and operational as soon as possible to provide reliable water

Meshack Anyingisye, the Ministry of Finance, who underscored the broader economic

He pointed out that ensuring

"The Kidunda Dam is a

challenges.

access for our people," she said.

Commissioner for Budget at

development of these regions. It will unlock potential in agriculture, industry, and urban expansion, of Water must continue its strict on track and is completed on time," Anyingisye said.

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> > leadership.

historical legacy of Dr. Mwinyi's leadership.

"This recognition is a testament to President Dr. the region.



By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE ruling-CCM in Zanzibar has applauded Zanzibar President Dr. Hussein Mwinyi for being awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Economics by Zanzibar University

The message was conveyed by CCM Secretary for Ideology, Publicity and Training, Khamis Mbeto Khamis, during a press briefing at the CCM offices in

Mbeto highlighted that the University of Zanzibar awarded the honorary degree to President Mwinyi in recognition of his significant contributions to the region's development during his

He emphasized that the honor reflects the lasting impact and

CCM commends Dr Mwinyi on honorary doctorate award The honorary degree ceremony He also emphasized that this

Mwinyi's extraordinary efforts in strengthening Zanzibar's economy, improving social services, and bringing positive changes to the people of Zanzibar, especially during his short but impactful fouryear leadership," said Mbeto.

He further noted that the award underscores the progress achieved under Dr. Mwinyi's leadership, particularly the economic advancements and significant developments across the region.

Mbeto also urged the people of Zanzibar to continue supporting President Mwinyi and his government in their ongoing efforts to foster economic growth, enhancing social services and ensure sustainable development in

took place at ZU grounds in Tunguu, during the 22nd graduation ceremony for the class of 2024.

In his acceptance speech, President Dr. Mwinyi expressed gratitude to the University of Zanzibar for acknowledging his government's development efforts. He noted that the honorary

degree was not only a personal achievement but a reflection of the collective success of his government and the people of Zanzibar.

"The degree symbolizes the collective success of my governmentand the people of Zanzibar. It will serve as a motivation to continue working harder toward sustainable development," Dr Mwinyi said.

recognition represents the hard work of his government and serves as a continuous inspiration to pursue further development goals.

Dr Mwinyi, who was conferred with an honorary doctorate for his exceptional leadership and contributions to Zanzibar's development, commended the university for its progress, including the introduction of a Master's programme in International Relations and Diplomacy, set to begin next academic year.

He underscored the importance of International Relations and Diplomacy in the current era, noting that global connections are vital to advancing the country's economic diplomacy.

NHC'S SUCCESS STORY IN TRANSFORMING HOUSING IN TANZANIA

been a cornerstone of Tanzania's housing transformation. Since establishment in 1962 under Act No. 45, NHC has played a pivotal role in the government's mission to provide every Tanzanian with access to decent and affordable housing.

A Vision Rooted in History

NHC was founded just a year after Tanganyika's independence, reflecting Mwalimu Julius Nyerere's vision to fulfill humanity's basic needs-housing, food, and clothing-for all citizens. In its early years, the corporation embarked on numerous projects, constructing residential and public buildings However, economic and legal challenges soon emerged.

One major hurdle was the Rent Restriction Act of 1984, which discouraged private sector investment in housing due to stringent regulations for property owners. Reforms followed in 1990, when NHC was merged with the Registrar of Buildings through Act No. 2. granting the Corporation new authority to manage government-acquired properties. A significant breakthrough occurred in 2005 when Parliament repealed restrictive laws and introduced investment-friendly frameworks, including amendments to the Land Act No. 4 of 1999 and Act No. 2 of 1990, effectively revitalizing NHC

Strategic Reforms for Development

In 2010, the government embarked on a new phase to strengthen NHC. This involved restructuring the Board of Directors and Management to enhance efficiency, expand housing construction, and foster partnerships with private investors.

The corporation's 10-Year Strategic Plan (2015/16-2024/25) outlined ambitious goals: constructing 10,000 housing units, managing large-scale projects, and collaborating with financial institutions. This roadmap aligns with Tanzania's current demographic and economic realities, providing a vision for the housing sector's growth.

Over six decades, NHC has constructed more than 30,000 housing units, significantly alleviating housing shortages nationwide With an asset base valued at TZS 5.47 trillion the corporation manages 3,092 properties comprising 18,654 housing units across

NHC has also embarked on major projects,

1. Residential Units:

o 887 units in lyumbu and Chamwino (Dodoma), Makete (Njombe), Chartur (Tanga), and Mlele (Katavi).

2. Commercial Spaces: 521 units in Mtukula (Kagera), Medeli (Dodoma), Dar es Salaam, and Mwanza

3. Mixed-Use Developments:





o 1,187 units in Morocco Square and joint venture projects in Dar es Salaam. Additionally, NHC acquired 896 units in Urafiki,

Dar es Salaam, including 389 residential and

497 commercial units. • Samia Housing Scheme: Phase one in

Kawe, Dar es Salaam, is 54% complete and

scheduled for January 2025. This project, part of a larger initiative to deliver 5,000 housing units nationwide, represents an investment of TZS 466 billion. • Kawe 711 Project: With 422 units under

construction, this initiative is expected to

- conclude in April 2026. Golden Premier Residence: Featuring 532
- units, this project is nearing completion.

NHC's contracting expertise has been instrumental in completing key national

- projects, including Government offices in Mtumba, Dodoma (85% complete, set for January 2025).
- · The University of Dar es Salaam School of Economics (80% complete). • The Tanzanite building in
- Manyara (86% complete). The Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute
- Strategic Partnerships NHC has partnered with over 22 financial institutions to provide affordable housing bridging the gap between

- homeownership aspirations and financial capabilities.
- The Corporation has also embraced public-private partnerships facilitating investments in modern housing and commercial spaces. Under a revised PPF framework introduced in 2022, NHC is executing 20 projects valued at TZS 191 billion offering high-quality homes and transforming urban landscapes.

Vision for the Future

NHC remains committed to leveraging local expertise and modern technologies to deliver efficient, citizen-centric services. The Corporation's future plans include initiating more housing projects, fostering international collaborations, and offering professional advisory services.

with Zanzibar Housing Collaboration Corporation (ZHC) has been a highlight, with knowledge exchange programs strengthening housing development in East Africa.

For over 60 years, NHC has been a vital force in Tanzania's journey towards quality housing for all. From overcoming initial challenges to its current achievements, the Corporation exemplifies how public institutions can drive economic and social development.

With its robust plans, NHC is poised to remain a catalyst for growth in Tanzania's housing sector, ensuring every citizen enjoys the right to a decent home



The Board of Directors, Management and Staff of National Housing Corporation. (NHC) join Her Excellency Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan the President of the United Republic of Tanzania and all Tanzanians in celebrating 63 years of Tanzania Mainland Independence.

> "We in NHC restate our commitment to honour our President by playing role of promoting quality habitats in the country."

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Empty plastic water bottles and other items lie at one of the scores of collection points to be found in various parts of Dar es Salaam city await transportation to recycling plants, as captured at the weekend. However, delays in taking action easily turn the areas into eyesores - this despite the fact that the idea is for the initiative to end indiscriminate disposal of the items as an environmental cleanliness measure. Photo: Correspondent

CSOs optimistic about positive impact of gender equality project

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

A Cross-section of civil society organisations (CSOs) based in Dodoma have expressed optimism that the recently launched Tuinuke Pamoja programme will bring about meaningful change in the region by enhancing grassroots action for gender equality and women's empowerment in Tanzania.

Tuinuke Pamoja is designed to address gender inequalities by supporting local-level initiatives that promote women's rights, while also diversifying the voices and experiences within the women's movement.

During a validation meeting held over the weekend here to discuss the guidelines for recruiting grassroots groups in the implementation of the programme in Kondoa and Chemba districts, participants expressed confidence that the programme would achieve its goals.

The meeting, organised by the Aga Khan Foundation Tanzania (AKFT) in partnership with the Tanzania Gender Networking together representatives from

Dodoma, the majority of which through the programme. were from the Chemba and Kondoa districts.

Edward Mbogo, Coordinator for the Non-Governmental Organization Network in Dodoma (NGONEDO), highlighted the challenge of limited funding for grassroots initiatives that address gender inequalities and support women and girls facing barriers to empowerment.

Elizabeth Shoo, Kondoa District Development Officer praised programme's grassroots the engagement and expressed hope that it would address issues affecting women, children, and people with disabilities in the region.

"We are grateful for the cooperation between government and other stakeholders in this programme, and we believe it will lead to positive changes in society," she said.

Lubengo Lubengo, Aga Khan Foundation Project Assistant explained that the meeting's purpose was to discuss the final guidelines for recruiting grassroots groups. He emphasized that these Programme (TGNP), brought groups will play a crucial role in identifying local challenges, which around thirty organizations in will then be funded and addressed

In her opening remarks, Lilian Liundi from TGNP stressed that the programme's main objective is to create gender-transformative change from the grassroots level. She called on CSOs to work diligently to ensure that the Tuinuke Pamoja programme has a tangible, positive impact on communities.

"Creativity is key in implementing activities that solve people's problems and foster societal development," Liundi said.

She added: "Tuinuke Pamoja is a collaborative effort aimed at helping society overcome the challenges they face."

The programme aligns with Tanzania's National Five-Year Development Plan (2021/22-2025/26), key policy frameworks such as the new Gender Policy (2023), and the second National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children (NPAVAWC II).

The government, development partners, civil society organizations, and community representatives are expected to collaborate closely as the programme rolls out, with a shared goal of advancing gender equality and empowering women across Tanzania.

Govt calls on DIT to produce skilled youth

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE government has called on the Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology (DIT) to continue producing innovative youth equipped with the skills needed to drive the country's scientific and technological development. Prof. Daniel Mushi, Deputy Permanent Secretary

in the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology made the call over the weekend in Dar es Salaam during the 18th graduation ceremony.

Prof. Mushi emphasized that DIT must remain a vital source of professionals who will contribute to the industrial sector and help the nation achieve its goal of becoming an industrialized economy.

"DIT should continue to be a hub for producing professionals who will play a key role in the industrial sector, helping us realize our vision of becoming an industrial nation," Prof. Mushi stated.

He added: "Public and private organizations should seize the opportunity to hire these technology and engineering graduates, who are a valuable asset to the nation, to spearhead large strategic projects aimed at boosting our national economy."

He noted that more than 1,463 professionals had graduated from DIT, and encouraged both government and private sector stakeholders to tap into this talent pool to address the country's various social and economic challenges.

"More than 1,463 professionals have graduated, and those organizations facing challenges in different sectors should recruit them to help solve problems in key areas of society and the economy," he said.

Prof. Mushi also urged the graduates, particularly those in vocational and engineering fields, to apply their knowledge for the betterment of their communities and the nation, warning against using their skills for harmful purposes.

"The education you have received is valuable, and I encourage you to use it for the good of society," he said. "If you choose to misuse your skills, you have the potential to harm the community. Use your knowledge to make a positive impact."

He commended the DIT management for fostering professional development opportunities for faculty and staff, ensuring that they continue to improve their skills and contribute to the institution's growth.

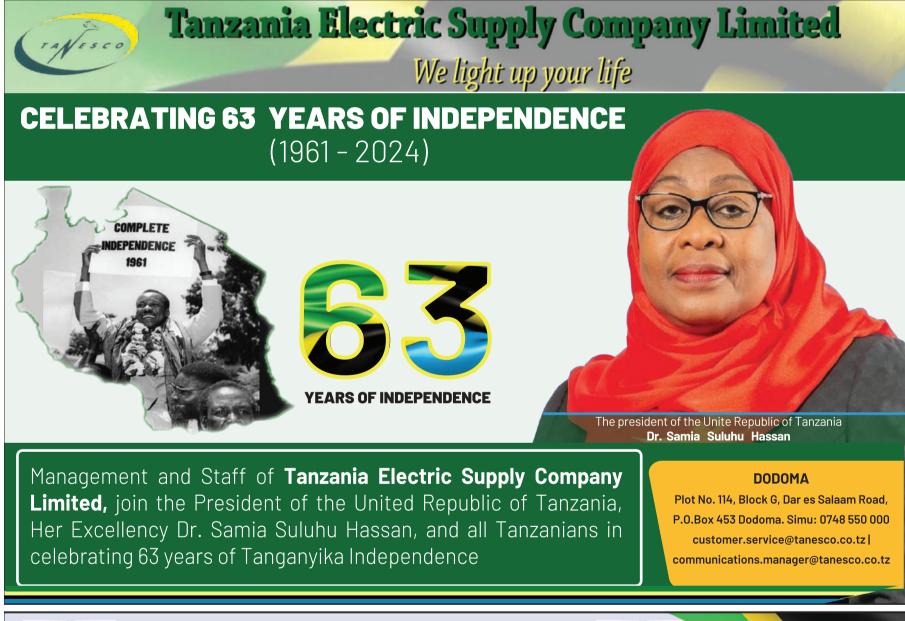
Prof. Mushi also praised DIT for its partnerships with international educational institutions, including those in China, Ethiopia, Russia, France, Uganda, Turkey, Kenya, South Korea, Hungary, and South Africa. These collaborations aim to ensure that DIT graduates receive knowledge and experience aligned with both regional and global needs.

On the government's ongoing efforts to enhance education and technical skills, Prof. Mushi highlighted the significant progress made in expanding the capacity of technical colleges.

He revealed that student enrollment had risen from 171,851 in previous years to 235,804 for the 2022/2023 academic year, with the number of colleges growing from 465 to 474.

Dr. Richard Masika, Chairperson of the DIT Council, assured the public that DIT would continue to refine its curriculum to ensure that graduates remain wellequipped to serve society in a variety of fields.

The education you have received is valuable, and I encourage you to use it for the good of society





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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



CELEBRATION OF THE AFRICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS/ICT DAY 2024

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



HON. JERRY WILLIAM SILAA (MP) THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MESSAGE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE AFRICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS/ICT DAY 2024

THEME: "ACCELERATING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) ADOPTION IN AFRICA THROUGH POLICY AND INNOVATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT"



HON. JERRY WILLIAM SILAA (MP), THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The United Republic of Tanzania is joining the African Telecommunications Union (ATU) in the celebration of African Telecommunications/ICT Day which is commemorated on 7th December of every year. This celebration marks the 47th anniversary since the establishment of ATU. The primary goal of the day is to celebrate the significant progress made by African countries and the outstanding achievements in advancing the telecommunications and ICT sector in Africa.

The Ministry of Information, Communication and Information Technology of the United Republic of Tanzania is delighted to join the African Telecommunication Union (ATU) in celebrating its establishment, a key institution that brings together African nations to drive technological progress and enhance connectivity.

"Accelerating Artificial Intelligence (Al) Adoption in

"Accelerating Artificial Intelligence (Al) Adoption in Africa through Policy and Innovation for Sustainable Development" is the theme of the 47th African Telecommunications/ICT Day 2024, which was formally adopted during the 25th Ordinary Session of the Administrative Council

meeting in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo for this year's celebration. This theme appreciates that emerging technologies, particularly Al are taking over the world and transforming Africa's future, fundamentally touching every aspect of life

African countries need to collaborate in developing policy frameworks, promoting digital innovation and creating an enabling environment for sustainable development to advance the adoption of Al which offers an unparalleled opportunity to reshape our economies, provides innovative solutions that enhance efficiency and drive growth across multiple industries. From healthcare and education to agriculture, climate resilience, and improved governance, AI provides solutions that can be uniquely tailored to Africa's specific contexts and needs. However, to fully harness AI's potential, we must act decisively and collaboratively to create policies and foster innovation that accelerate its adoption while aligning with our vision for sustainable development. Tanzania is currently reviewing its National ICT Policy of 2016 to ensure, it aligns well with advancements in emerging technologies such as AI. We are also developing the National AI Strategy to guide the development, adoption, and regulation of artificial intelligence technologies to drive innovation, economic growth, and societal benefits. This is important to ensure responsible AI use, promoting competitiveness, and addressing challenges such as ethics, privacy, and workforce readiness.

Government of Tanzania understand that having proper communication infrastructure is essential and prerequisite for the widespread adoption of various digital services and technologies by our citizens while ensuring they are affordable, high-quality, and reliable. In realizing this, we have continued to expand digital infrastructure, with a focus on ensuring the affordability and reliability of the intended services. This includes the ongoing development in implementing the last phases of the National ICT Broadband Backbone (NICTBB) infrastructure, which aims at connecting all regions, districts, and eventually villages, to facilitate diverse economic activities across our country. The move aligns with the enhancement of facilities for data management, such as the Tanzania National Internet Data Centre (NIDC), considering that emerging technologies, including AI, are data-driven, and robust data storage and processing

infrastructure is crucial

The Government of Tanzania also recognizes that we cannot continue to rely on foreign expertise to implement and utilize various technologies and services. It is essential to empower our citizens to manage these independently, reducing dependency on external expertise. Achieving this goal requires building a strong foundation of human capital in this field. To this end the government is committed to strengthening this area by ensuring the availability of adequate educational institutions, from primary and secondary schools to universities, as well as vocational and technical schools and colleges. This involves constructing new institutions and enhancing existing ones, while equipping them with appropriate curricula, learning materials, conducive environments, and tools for both theoretical and practical training. Moreover, the Government is committed to establish innovation hubs across the country aiming to foster active youth participation in technological advancements, particularly in the realm of emerging technologies like Artificial Intelligence (AI). By creating these hubs, the government seeks to provide accessible resources, mentorship, and collaboration opportunities for young innovators. This initiative will help cultivate a skilled workforce that is well-equipped to contribute to global technological progress and solve local challenges through AI and other cutting-edge technologies. These hubs are envisioned as dynamic spaces where creativity, entrepreneurship, and technology converge, nurturing the next generation of leaders in innovation.

We aim to ensure inclusivity, leaving no one behind, with a particular focus on equipping our youth with the necessary skills through education and training programs tailored to AI and other emerging technologies.

The Government of Tanzania also acknowledges that these emerging technologies bring challenges in areas such as security and privacy when implemented across various economic activities and service provisions. Recognizing this, the government is committed to ensuring that AI deployment in the country safeguards privacy, eliminates bias, and promotes inclusivity, ensuring no one is left behind. This will include the enhancement of the National Cyber Security Strategy 2016 and our Tanzania Computer Emergency Response Team under the supervision of the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA).

The Government of Tanzania also recognizes that it is very challenging for the government to advance the agenda of adopting emerging technologies, such as AI, and integrating them into daily economic activities across various sectors without collaboration with other stakeholders, particularly through Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs). Acknowledging this, the Government of Tanzania is committed to strengthening the existing collaboration between the government, private sector, and academia in selecting and integrating these technologies into socio-economic activities for the benefit of all Tanzanians.

Apart from the local collaboration, the Government of Tanzania will continue to collaborate with regional and international bodies in the area of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) by working closely with the East African Communications Organisation (EACO), African Telecommunication Union (ATU), International Telecommunications Union (ITU), other African nations and the globe at large to share experiences, resources, and strategies for effective AI adoption and implementation.

As we commemorate the establishment of the African Telecommunication Union (ATU), Tanzania joins Africa and the global community in renewing and reaffirming our shared commitment to leveraging technology to drive development, foster innovation, and build a sustainable and prosperous future. For Tanzania, this means embracing emerging technologies like Artificial Intelligence to accelerate socio-economic transformation. For Africa, it is an opportunity to lead in creating a digitally inclusive, resilient, and thriving continent. On a global scale, it underscores the importance of collaboration in harnessing technology to address shared challenges and ensure a sustainable future for

I wish all Tanzanians, ICT stakeholders and African Member States an exciting and memorable ATU/ICT Day 2024.

Thank you!

Jerry William Silaa (MP) MINISTER FOR INFORMATION, COMMUNICA-TION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



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MESSAGE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE AFRICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS/ICT DAY 2024

THEME: "ACCELERATING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) ADOPTION IN AFRICA THROUGH POLICY AND INNOVATION FOR SUSTAINABLE

The Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) proudly joins the African Telecommunication Union (ATU) in commemorating its establishment and in recognising the transformative potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) across the continent. This year's theme, "Accelerating Artificial Intelligence Adoption in Africa through Policy and Innovation for Sustainable Development," underscores the transformative power of AI in driving progress, achieving Africa's developmental aspirations and shaping a resilient, inclusive and prosperous future for the continent.

The establishment of the African Telecommunication Union (ATU) is commemorated annually on 7th December. The primary purpose of this day is to celebrate the significant progress made by African countries and the remarkable achievements in advancing the continent's telecommunications and ICT sectors.

AI adoption in Africa requires robust policies that promote innovation while ensuring inclusivity and fairness. TCRA is committed to advancing regulatory frameworks that encourage responsible AI development. These frameworks will safeguard data privacy, uphold ethical standards, and ensure equitable access to AI technologies for all stakeholders.

AI is the ability of computers or machines to think, learn, and solve problems like humans. It allows machines to perform tasks such as understanding language, recognizing patterns, making decisions, or predicting outcomes. AI has been there for decades but it has been fuelled recently by advancement in digital transformation which has paved way for availability of big data, computing power, storage capacity, and cloud computing, among others. TCRA understands the importance of building resilient and knowledgeable digital society that can develop and use AI applications. This is critical in this digital econo-

my. It is with this view, TCRA recognized the importance and pioneered establishment of digital clubs across all levels of education ecosystem to ensure pupils, students and scholars learn and exchange idea.

For Tanzania, the adoption of AI represents a significant opportunity to bridge development gaps, foster innovation, create employment opportunities, and improve the quality of life for all citizens. AI-based technologies are already emerging as a key component of proactive tools and applications being used to help people live better by improving healthcare, education, finance, agriculture, transportation, and a wide range of other services.

Our country generates vast amounts of data through digital services and internet access. By utilizing this data for deep learning, machines can learn and develop solutions to address many of the challenges we face as a society. This can be used to process and analyse information in different sectors such as health, agriculture, finance, tourism, and more, providing solutions to problems, which can lead to efficient resource use and support various economic activities in our country.

It is important to recognize the pivotal role of communications infrastructure and governance in accelerating AI adoption. Our mandate is to create a conducive environment where AI can thrive while ensuring its ethical and equitable use. To achieve this, and through the mandate we have been given as a regulator of communication services in Tanzania, we are committed to expanding digital connectivity by licensing competent communication service providers who can deliver reliable and affordable communication infrastructure and services, including those providing internet access. As of November 2024, TCRA has issued 2,795 licenses for the provision of various communication services, in



DR. JABIRI BAKARI, TCRA DIRECTOR GENERAL

line with the mandate given to TCRA.

In collaboration with the Universal Communications Service Access Fund (UCSAF), TCRA licensees, and other stakeholders, we are driving initiatives to bridge the digital divide, particularly in rural and underserved areas, by deploying relevant infrastructure to facilitate the availability of various communication services to all citizens, ensuring no one is left behind.

Electronic communication resources like radio frequency spectrum and numbering are crucial in the provision of different communication services in Tanzania. Effective management of radio frequency spectrum and numbering resources supports the deployment of AI-enabled technologies, such as 5G, which are essential for smart cities, the Internet of Things (IoT), and advanced analytics. In realizing this, TCRA is committed to promoting the efficient use of spectrum and numbering resources by assigning them

to the right licensed, efficient communication service providers transparently and competitively, ensuring their use for the intended services as outlined in the National Frequency Allocation Plan and the Numbering Resources Plan. Further to that, recognizing that research and innovation are key in the communication sector, TCRA provides radio frequency and numbering resources for free up to six months so that innovators can use them in the innovation of different technologies and services to facilitate their proof of concept before those technologies and services are put in use in the market.

The TCRA's message to all Tanzanians is that we cannot avoid technological advancements, but we must embrace them for our enhanced socio-economic development. As we celebrate this day alongside other nations, we encourage everyone to recognize the positive impact of ICTs in our daily lives. TCRA remains committed to ensuring the availability of an appropriate regulatory environment with a level playing field for all licensees to support the growth of ICT in the country, enabling Tanzanians to fully benefit from its advantages. ICT is a key enabler of economic transformation, and its effective utilization is crucial. Emerging technologies such as AI and others unlock significant potential across various sectors, including agriculture, healthcare, transportation, tourism, manufacturing, education, culture, and other socio-economic areas. Let us all commit to developing, innovating, and leveraging these technologies for the advancement of our country.

Thank you!

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Youth demands will be met with generalised economic revamping

"NSTEAD of focusing on from 2021. providing youth groups with means of empowerment for economic growth generally as often applies, key policy advisers are taking up a different theme.

The government is now emphasizing the critical link between national security and the well-being of the youth.

A labour docket deputy minister of state has lately stressed that this demands sustained investment in key sectors which promote job creation, to which he linked longterm stability. That sets a new tone.

The deputy minister made the remarks at a conference examining the relevance of Chinese modernisation for African development, in which case this setting can help an observer to decipher clear and hidden meanings of the sharp reference to stability.

The emphasis on addressing the needs of young people, particularly that employment opportunities are essential for national security, is not in doubt on its validity.

However, there are subthemes to be explored further on ways most appropriately suited for the task or in pursuit of that quest. Both the remarks and the setting in which they were made add up to a sort of testament on the issue.

The strident assertion is that by focusing on agriculture, science, innovation, entrepreneurship and fisheries, the government is creating pathways for the youth to contribute to the nation's economic

A number of government agencies have always found the funds to finance a series of uplift initiatives, whether in productive or technological adaptation, though it is hard to say that this has led to as much change as planned or expected.

It is possible that those in policy making offices will say that these initiatives have only just started, say

Saying that this investment in job creation is not just about economic growth but also about ensuring the security and well-being of our nation, as the prosperity of our youth is the foundation of our future, is noteworthy.

It is to say that the job opportunities or widening employment expectations are tied up with these expectations and if they are not sufficiently conducted, stability itself will be at issue.

That is true, but it sort of misrepresents the enormity of the problem, and thus underestimates the breadth of change we need to see in grappling with the broader problem.

Affirming that since 2021 the government has committed over 2.8trn/- to initiatives meant to widen job openings and that the initiatives have benefited more than 24 million people refers to the bulk of youth, either finishing school or hunting for employment.

As is often the case, there is a subtle shift in the frame of reference from what was being said earlier as to addressing the sort of problems the youth face. We hear of benefits these measures bring, while it is left to each individual youth to see how he or she fits into that equation.

In a word, infrastructure outlays or technological knowhow do not in themselves create jobs, and where productive initiatives are made there are at times serious drawbacks with market conditions.

Productive initiatives require rises in personal incomes in tandem with increase in offers of goods and services, a problem seldom solved by infrastructure or technological outlays alone.

The Chinese experience has other lessons if those in the conference needed to hear, but they clearly were satisfied with what is currently obtainable, strategic emphasis being on projects of a bilateral sort.

Research must decipher more riddles on science, growth and inclusion link

ESEARCH being conducted in various African countries can on the whole be said to be applicable in other areas, as their sociocultural or economic situations are comparable in many

That is why examining research findings on social attitudes to science in a country like South Africa is relevant for us, and many people believe 'science and technology' isn't just a force of good life but has hidden dangers.

Some feel that some scientific advances are changing lives too quickly for comfort, or that science unfairly benefits the rich at the expense of the poor.

Were it that the surveys were carried out in Tanzania, the theme about how much the rich are gaining and the poor missing or losing out would hardly be there.

This is in that our more formal reference points are how far the youth and women are part of these advances - just as much as those living in rural areas or those living with disabilities.

Being keen about the dichotomy the rich and the poor isn't always about levels of income but also lack of bridges between one facet of society and another.

Still the more important findings were things to smile about as, overall, 76 per cent of respondents said S&T was helping improve their ways of life.

This sentiment could be related to the big worry we keep being treated to that mobile phones are leading society up a blind alley both on what youth and children hear as well as relates to the sort of communications they make with third parties.

It was instructive where the South African survey found 66 per cent of respondents affirming that scientific advances tend to benefit the rich more than the poor, and that the proportion has grown by 17 percentage points from 2013 data.

It is quite possible that there is a big shift to regarding mobile phones more negatively, but so is a less contested feature of society, youth music and rhythms.

Some aspects of the survey have occasional local comparisons for instance, seeing 67 per cent of respondents either 'trusting' or 'strongly trusting' scientists, with cited confidence levels varying between institutions where the survey was conducted.

Locally that same question could be framed in relation to the rapid spread of non-communicable diseases and the proportion of society trusting what they hear from medical experts and other scientists.

Still, the hilarious part is scientific interventions from universities and research institutions enjoy 71 per cent trust, compared with just 38 per cent for national government sources and 33 per cent for local government

Casual looks at social media exchanges in a sense bring out such a picture, with attachment to principles appearing to be on a free **The Guardian Limited Key Contacts**

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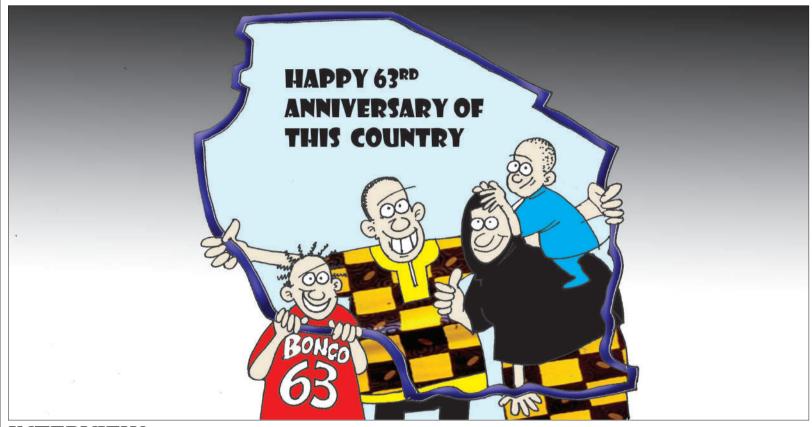
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INTERVIEW Media executive speaks on leadership, AI and the future of journalism

By Neha Gupta

journalist based in Jordan recently asked Ladina Heimgartner, Head of Media Lat Ringier AG and CEO of Ringier Media in Switzerland: "What's your best advice for a woman working in a leadership position in a newsroom?"

Heimgartner's answer: "Being a square in the organisational chart is never enough in a newsroom. Every day, you have to prove that you are worthy of being there.'

She added: "Don't be scared to get your hands dirty, work and lead as an example. If you are a kind person, don't be scared to show that trait. Don't try to copy male behaviour - it's not authentic and people will not listen to you. Simply, be yourself, and speak the language of the business and the newsroom."

Heimgartner, who was also elected WAN-IFRA's first female president this May, joined the association's Newsroom Summit in Zurich and answered an array of key questions about leadership in today's newsroom, her journey in the media, and how news organisations need to secure their footprint on a number of fronts.

Here is a slightly edited version of the conversation between Heimgartner and Rianne Roggema, OKR-Expert, Podcast and Event Host, Founder of Practic, Netherlands, who moderated the event:

Rianna Roggema: You started your career as a journalist. Do you remember when you began thinking more about the business side of media companies?

Ladina Heimgartner: I spent 13 years working at Swiss Broadcasting Corporation SRG. When you're in public broadcasting, you don't think much about business models. When I joined Ringier five years ago. I realised very quickly how hard it is to earn every cent. Content is still important, but there are so many other things that become crucial, too - like distribution, managing growth and marketing.

Iconic media brands - like Blick have been well-known across markets. We didn't need marketing. We were marketing! Now, all of a sudden, younger generations do not know these brands anymore. This is a new experience for many managers of legacy brands. Like any other B2C (business-to-consumer) industry, we need to start using marketing tools. We are becoming an industry like others. And that's quite a paradigm shift.

Do you face the challenge of convincing journalists to make the newsroom their business?

Not really. But to be clear: I'm not talking about mixing the commercial and the editorial part. We keep that distinction. It is meanwhile healthy to have the entrepreneurial mindset across the departments.

That said, journalists do not have to close sales deals of course. But: They have to keep on trying to sustainably reach and engage the audience as much as possible. As soon as we have the audience, and they engage with content, then we have a business model.

Five years ago when you joined Ringier, you did so as the Head of Corporate Centre. Within six months, you became the CEO of Blick. What were some of your first observations?

I've always worked in the media. Joining Ringier as the Head of Corporate Centre was quite an active decision. For once in my life, I wanted to change the environment a bit, because working with journalists is not always easy. They're very intelligent people and they actively question your actions and decisions. If you're not used to this kind of being challenged at all times, you run! But I always thought that this keeps me down to earth and improves the quality of my decisions. For once, I still wanted to change and experience another working environment. But after six months, I was back in the line of journalists. Apparently, it seems to be my destiny.

When you joined Blick, what key areas stood out to you as priorities for driving the business forward?

I had to learn and grow into it. It took me five years because there's so much happening, and the conversation around products kept me on my toes. Initially, I experienced quite some fights between the product department and the editorial teams. We found an interesting solution to bridge that gap by bringing counterparts into the newsroom. So, there's always someone in the newsroom that links with a counterpart outside of the newsroom, like AI for example. This way, it works.

What I also realised is that often things can be changed through simple semantics. In the beginning, our Audience Development department was simply called "Marketing". But, in the newsroom, there was some skepticism towards Marketing. So, we started calling it "growth management" or "audience development", and it works for us.

You mentioned you drive change by putting someone inside the newsroom. Do you have more hints for people trying to push their organisations forward?

AI is the best example I can cite right now. When we started with GenAI, from Day One, we always implemented those features directly into the CMS (Content Management System), for instance. So people at Ringier don't have to go to some other site to look for the tool, because that's already an extra step. You need to make it as convenient as possible. Innovation needs to be convenient and the quick wins have to be seen immediately. If it helps you to become a better journalist, and reach more people, in that case, everybody is open to innovation. Success feels greater, and it's nicer to go home with such a feeling at night. You cannot expect people to spend hours figuring out how to navigate these things. It has to be there, and it has to be very easy to use. Then, I think, you can evolve quite well.

Recently you made another switch, now you are the CEO of Ringier Media Switzerland. How do you manage a team of some 1,000 people?

It's not so different managing a team, to be honest. The most stressful times in my life were when I had to manage an

editorial team - because you're so close to the product and the daily routines.

I don't feel that I'm leading a thousand people every day. I have my team I lead directly, but when the organisation gets bigger, you have to manage dynamics. That's the difference.

So, the thousand is easier than the 10, somehow?

Somehow, yes, because in that case, you can delegate and have people supporting you. If you have a team of ten, it's just you.

I want to talk a little more about adopting technologies. Are there other technologies out there, other than AI, we should be keeping an eye out for? Or is AI the main focus right now?

I was astonished how quickly the media adapted to generative AI. As an industry, we didn't take the onset of digital media seriously enough, calling it a "phase", thinking print will remain. We missed that train, and it hit us hard. The same happened with social media: "It's an interesting thing, but it will go away," And it didn't. And with smartphones, the same thing.

With the advent of GenAI, I think media companies jumped in. We realised that it's an interesting technology to boost productivity, but we haven't found the Holy Grail yet, when it comes to the top line - how to earn big money with AI.

An interesting thing to see will be the emerging AI (search) experience. That might be a game-changer, again. Content will shift from a destination game to a distribution game. Gatekeeping of content probably becomes a question of three or four global companies.

What's your vision for the space between AI developers, like OpenAI, and media companies? How do you see them working together in a perfect world?

It has been - and is - a lively discussion within the media industry. Some publishers want to sue the big AI companies, some want to strike deals with them, and most of them want both.

Now, in the media, we tend to always say what should be - and that hasn't helped a lot lately. We are probably better off if we think about what is likely to be. So, will OpenAI disappear? I don't think

We should accept the fact that big players will be there, and we have to cope with them. And that they're stronger than we are. How can we protect what we are? I think we can because they will never hire journalists to report on what's happening today. They will never invest in people to bridge that gap from today to tomorrow - simply because the margin isn't interesting; but they need that! Because the LLMs (large language models) are not up-to-date, they'll always have "old" information, and the same goes for Search. Therefore, we need humans to bridge that gap - that will be our USP (unique selling proposition), but it needs to come with a price and then, I think, we can find an ecosystem.

As I said, I think it will be much more about distribution than destination. Our brands might lose importance

going forward, we might move towards content distributors, and we need to ensure that we have good models for this way of doing business as well.

This brings to mind what happened with the rise of social media. Initially, it seemed like a win-win: publishers could share their content with a broader audience than ever before. But as we saw, it was not a win-win, ultimately. Now, I'm not sure if the media industry can endure another major player siphoning away a significant share of its revenue.

As I have said, we have to fight. We have an important task to fulfil here. We see so many challenges, and this is one of them. So either we surrender, or we try to make the best of it. This is an area where the (media) industry should stick together. This is something you will never solve as one media company - not even as one country. Here we need global alliances. I'm convinced that we have to work with them, and not against them, but we need to find a strong position in this new

Yesterday, you were talking about your vision of putting the media in the United Nations' sustainable development goals. Can you share more with us?

The United Nations has 17 sustainable goals, and not one of them is around the media industry. I don't know if we have managed to get there, but if we, at least, talk about ESG (environmental, social, and governance), it is such an important topic for companies. If they contribute something in a sustainable way, then they get, for instance, better bank loans. If they work according to ESG frameworks, and if we've managed to be within these ESG frameworks, everyone benefits.

If advertisers get benefits from spending their money in professional media companies that take social responsibility, we would get so much further. If the (mainstream) media get only 10 per cent back from social media, it would be such a game-changer. We have to fight for that, and so we have to create this narrative. We have to show advertisers that directing their money into media companies is a good investment in an empowered society and democracy. We're storytellers but we are not that good when it comes to storytelling about ourselves.

The next challenge is defining a "media company" - that will be a topic that will keep us on our toes over the next few vears. There will be many platforms that look like media companies, but without people behind them, and it will be hard to differentiate between the two. We see it already happening in markets like Germany, where agencies are defining criteria, putting them in a blender and then there's a number coming out, and they say, "This is a good media company!" "Dear client, invest into this, don't invest into this," - according to their criteria. As publishers, we are not amused. So, let's do something. Let's act. It's up to us, we have to take action and tell our story and not leave it up to others. It should be us.

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MALOLO AGRICULTURE CENTRE LIGHTS-UP URBAN FARMING IN KINONDONI

From Kaunga Maulid, KMC Media

DESPITE various efforts Ministry the from 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.





some strategies plans that will through the support the Government's efforts in the development and help various groups of farmers with disabilities.

and Fisheries at Kinondoni succeeded in empowering Municipality, Ms. Mkwama, said that Malolo comprising of youths, women,

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

According to Ms. Mkwama in the presence of Youths who the Center was established in are the main workforce of this 2016 with the aim of providing nation. Women and people training and education to farmers, livestock, fishing, Kulwa more than 150 groups

In view of this, The agricultural center, which is and people with disabilities productivity in vegetables, at Malolo Center, Mr. Hamza who are beneficiaries of 10 fruits, and fishing farming in Municipal Council.

Ms. Mkwama saya, "We are and Fisheries very proud to have this center Officer said that Malolo has in Malolo because it has grown various modern methods and has uplifted Kinondoni of agriculture, such as drip residents, who grew up thinking irrigation, that agriculture could not be modern chicken coops, fish implemented in urban areas. ponds, and a dormitory for But thanks to our division students. Malolo Training The head of the Division food processors. Also, she adds being stronger in providing Center practices its agricultural, Agriculture, Livestock, that, currently the Center has education in each Ward and in livestock, and fishing activities each household through which in collaboration with various the center's plan has succeed stakeholders to a large extent in increasing

of Dar es Salaam."

hydroponics, who bring modern methods of crop production such as TARI-Naliendele, 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 in of mushroom production from South Korea and the best farming methods from Japan," said Ms. Mkwama.

Due to a great improvement thatisdoneatMalolo,Kinondoni Municipality, through the Division of Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries, is encouraging all stakeholders such youth, women and people with disabilities to join forces and learn the best 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

Mkoka, said that Malolo is one percent loans from Kinondoni our district and the whole City of the hub that create more opportunities for youths as In addition, the Agriculture 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 nearly.

Adecadeago, 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 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 thestatusofagricultureindustry 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 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 practices. Indian Ocean coast within Kinondoni Municipality.

The presentation meeting took place at the Kinondoni Municipal headquarters on November 11st, 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

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.

Economist, emphasizes the strategic approach marine resources. These include: 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."

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 marinebased 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 transformation. socio-economic These policies provide a supportive framework for Kinondoni's efforts to develop its marine economy.

The Nairobi Convention, to which establish itself as a hub for Blue 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

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 2024, and involved experts from the 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 further promising projects to harness its

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 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

Seaweed Farming (Kilimo cha

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 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 portbased 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 and improve the efficiency of marine new avenues for income generation, economy strategies, Kinondoni 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

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

reducing unemployment rates.

To successfully implement blue 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 ventures, fostering inclusivity and 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.

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Reflection on 63 years of independence: Striving after new heights

FEATURE

By Telesphor Magobe

N 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,

dant 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 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. Tanzania is in the fourth category of 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 (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

203 square kilometres. It has abuncountries and territories grouped Population and Housing Census 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.

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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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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 vet 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 Work-

place 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 awareplace 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

The Visionary Leadership of OSHA's

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 Na. 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 emplovee 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 regula-

tions. 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

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



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

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 underscores 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.

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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

He asserted that these organizations now play significant roles in managing, regulating, and promoting sustainable mining practices through geological research, supporting smallscale 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 ini-

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

Godfrey Nyamrunda, 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.

Nyamrunda 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 Mazense 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

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 AUTHORIT (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 Procure-

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



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

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

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 procurement processes, improving decision-making and

accountability. Under his leadership, partnerships 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

A Vision for the Future

and inclusivity.

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.

INDEPENDENCE DAY 2024



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 Enhance-

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 grants totaling 31.3b/-. **Presidential** Leadership: **Guiding TASAF's Success**

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

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 coun-

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 Her Excellency, President Dr. championing equitable devel- 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 nation-wide 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 power-house 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

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

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

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

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

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

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 techsavvy 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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THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

DAR ES SALAAM CITY COUNCIL



CELEBRATING 63 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE

1961-2024



YEARS OF INDPENDECE

The Management and Staff of Dar es Salaam City Council, join the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Her Excellency **Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan**, and all Tanzanians in celebrating **63** years of Tanganyika Independence (now Tanzania). Dar es Salaam City Council will continue to work and stand by the government making sure that through our activities we contribute positively to the national economic strategies and wellbeing of the communities we work in.

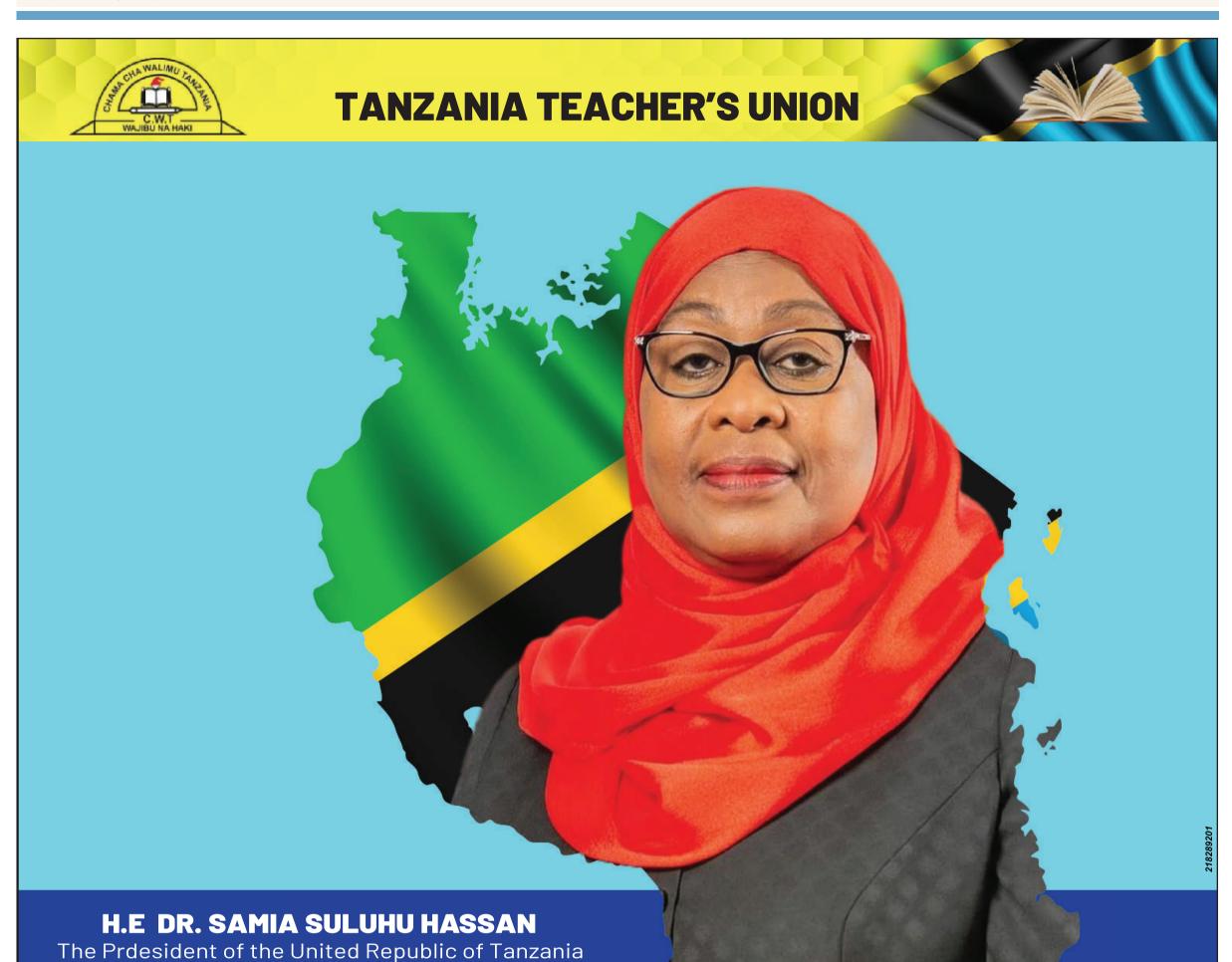
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'Everything that we have unites us'

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

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

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.

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

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

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

"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

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

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 at the news began to slowly dis-

one in unison, calling on them 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

"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 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, eleased 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

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 Palestinan 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 he 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

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

Refuting the claim made in the report as entirely unfound 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

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

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 confli

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

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 midrange 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 re-

gional 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 vanguard 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 Philippines. 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 **Global Times**

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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, standards, both locally and internationally.

collaborate 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



Samuel Ahadi Mshote **Director General**

farming activities and increase hour, marks a significant step

food production for both local and international markets."

TFC's Achievements

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 fertilizers, to improve their blend 120 tons of fertilizer per

in addressing the country's fertilizer needs.

Mshote expressed gratitude to President Dr. Samia Since its establishment, 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 shillings 2022/23 from the Ministry of sustainable growth. Agriculture, which enabled TFC to resume operations, import, strategies to expand our and sell agricultural inputs," Mshote explained. "In 2023/24, percent of all fertilizers sold we were allocated 40bn/- from in the country, with the aim

funded by the Government of budgets," Mshote said. Japan, 70bn/- was allocated to facilitate the distribution of **Strengthening the fertilizer** fertilizers to farmers."

TFC Strategies to achieve **Government goals**

successfully identified and partnered with major fertilizer manufacturing via various Furthermore, TFC has set up new fertilizer sales centers, who are linked with financial institutions, empowering them economically and enabling them to serve more farmers.

strengthening resources by hiring staff with preliminary with the Tanzania-Zambia to manage and verify fertilizer and pesticide sales at agent sales centers.

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

Mshote shared that TFC has strengthened its fertilizer sales

billion systems to generate visible TFC collaborates with foreign

"We market share to more than 65 the government's main budget. of fostering growth without

market

Mshote stated that TFC has production and sale of highquality fertilizers that meet standards, are competitively producers and suppliers from priced, and remain affordable. countries The company has increased embassies. the number of fertilizer sales points in every region and district, signed contracts with utilizing trained input agents transport companies, and procured vehicles to ensure timely delivery to farmers.

TFC works closely with the Other strategies include Ministry of Agriculture, under human Minister Hussein Bashe, and agencies such as the Tanzania various specialties, entering Fertilizer Regulatory Authority agreements (TFRA) and the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute Railway Authority (TAZARA) (TARI), as well as the Tanzania for fertilizer transport, and Plant Health and Pesticides implementing a digital system Authority (TPHPA), to ensure quality standards are met.

TFC also collaborates points. This system has been with the Tanzania Ports installed in all warehouses and Authority (TPA) to ensure clearance.

Furthermore, TFC works region and district across the with regional commissioners, district commissioners, and council directors to ensure timely availability of fertilizers farmers have easy access to fertilizers, fostering strong relationships with various ministries, the National **TFC**'s financial utilization plans Service (JKT), and Parliament enhance agricultural productivity.

Mshote also noted that this year," said Mshote.

in profits, ensuring the company's nations with representatives in Tanzania, including the have developed UAE, Turkey, Russia, Zambia, and China, to ensure a steady supply of fertilizers with the required quality, quantity, and timeliness.

Through the TAISP program relying on government **TFC's Appreciation for** President Dr. Samia Suluhu **Hassan's Support**

Mshote expressed TFC's appreciation for President TFC has sourced both local Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan's and international fertilizer leadership, which enabled producers to ensure the the company to secure a capital injection of 46 billion Tanzanian shillings, all directed toward purchasing fertilizers.

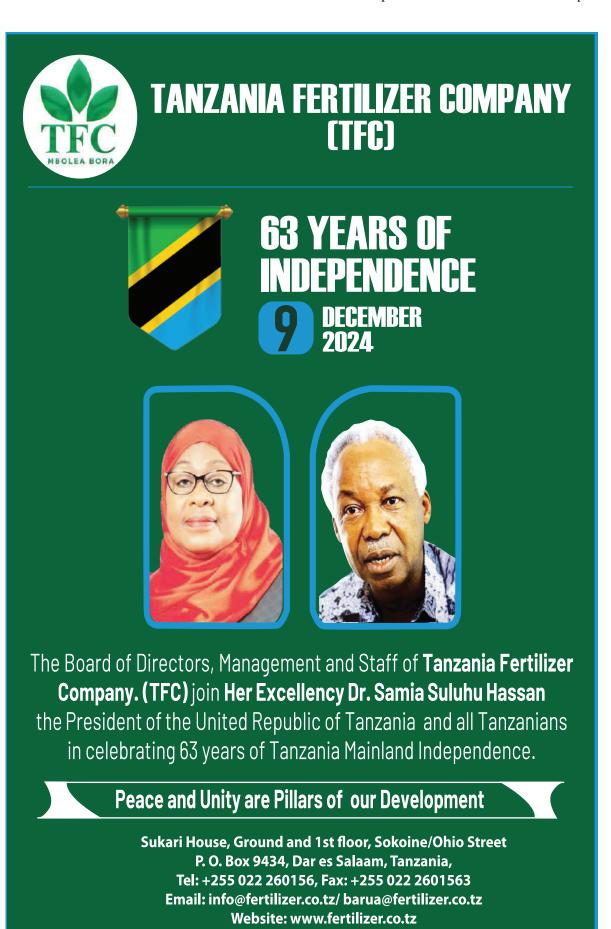
He highlighted TFC's success in reaching all regions of the country, with Ruvuma region leading in fertilizer sales. This success is attributed to high awareness about fertilizer usage and the efforts made Mshote emphasized that by TFC, which resulted in profitable fertilizer sales during the 2022/2023 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 prompt fertilizer delivery and to continue trusting TFC as the government's reliable supplier of high-quality fertilizers.

> "We assure you of the 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



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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."

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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 Villamarin Stadium after goals from Robert Lewandowski and Ferran Torres, but home side Betis fought back through Giovani 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

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 side-

"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.

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

"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 qualifi-

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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.

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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 bestlaid 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 his team in the second half, bringing from a 2-0 midweek defeat at Arsenal when both goals came from that

"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 confer-

"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

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

Martinez and goalkeeper Andre Onana were then both at fault for Forest's third goal in the 54th minute, a looping header form Chris Wood that one of them should have dealt with.

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"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

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 Ir 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

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 sum-

"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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Karia reveals progress and challenges in VAR training for referees

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, possessionheavy play. Stephane Aziz Ki played as a false nine, Kennedy Musonda operated as a wide midfielder, and Pacome Zouzoua floated across the forward line. Maxi Nzengeli was positioned centrally in

"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

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

"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

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

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

YOUNG Africans SC head coach Sead 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 Abdelaoui 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 play-

"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.



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' chal-The Tanzanian champions now lenging history with MC Alger, following a face a crucial away match against 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.

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 longterm 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.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

