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Salaam Port as pictured yesterday, it is expected to provide free humanitarian medical services in Dar es Salaam Region from July 18 to 23 in marking 60 years of military cooperation between Tanzania and China. Story on Page 5. Photo: Correspondent Mary Kadok

Correspondent Mwendapole

HE government has instructed the National Development Corporation (NDC) to quickly revive the Liganga and Mchuchuma coal project so that it can start producing steel and help the country earn foreign currency.

Dr Selemani Jafo, the Industry and Trade minister, issued this directive yesterday at a working session with heads of commercial institutions operating under the ministry and board chairmen at offices of the Tanzania Trade Development Authority (Tantrade) in Dar es Salaam.

He discounted any viable reason why the project has perennially stalled while it carries strategic resources needed in various countries to produce steel products for regional and global mar-

He recalled hearing the same news about Mchuchuma and Liganga since entering the National Assembly in 2010, stressing that NDC should take care of this matter to ensure the project starts producing steel.

"This is my order, I want to get answers quickly," he stated, affirming that he expects the NDC board to present a roadmap on "how we are going to ensure that we get out of where we are."

He aired the possibility that there may be unsolved contractual issues curbing progress, reiterating that such issues need to be solved so that the stalling comes to an end.

He similarly directed that the NDC proceed with the Engaruka soda ash project in Arusha Region by finding out people who need to be compensated for the project to start, stressing that the Engaruka project is similar to Liganga and Mchuchuma as a strategic project.

They are resources that if used well will help to increase employment for young people and raise the national economy, he said, demanding that the work be conducted with speed. NDC has to report on what it has done within a month to avoid the project being stalled again.

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By Guardian Reporter, Simiyu Families say those conducting INSPECTOR General of Police

glued to speeding.

(IGP) Camilius Wambura has refuted reports that police officers have been carrying out abductions of people, asserting that such allegations are "unfair as the institution is mandated with protecting citizens and their properties."

By Guardian Reporter

107-kilometer

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu

Hassan has reminded taxpayers

of their role to voluntarily pay

taxes to facilitate implementa-

tion of various development

projects including road con-

Inaugurating the new mu-

Sumbawanga-

nicipal office building and the

Matai-Kasanga road in Kalambo

District during a three day tour

of Rukwa Region, the president

cautioned drivers on highway

speeding as this causes acci-

dents which claims the lives of

Speaking to journalists after laying a foundation stone for the construction of district police offices in Bariadi town, he said that the police are at the forefront in rescuing those who are abductions identify themselves at times as security officials

Samia urges tax compliance,

NRFA-led grain purchasing

She also inaugurated a stra-

tegic cereal storage facility, a

vocational training centre and

the Sumbawanga airport, telling

the gathered residents that for

the country to implement vari-

ous projects, people need to pay

taxes that will depend on their

business operations or incomes,

There are no governments

in the world which are run by

any other means but by taxes

which are aid by its people, she

remarked, returning to the bad

habits of some drivers, who are

"but tax ought to be paid."

being abducted.

He pointed at recent incidents where certain police commanders expressed the feeling that in recent incidents "some people abducted themselves and then blame the police."

He said police commanders have been tasked with intensifying security for the people and ness," the IGP declared.

their properties, insisting that it is unfair to link the police with the recent incidents.

There are drivers who do not

follow traffic regulations when-

ever they are driving on good

roads, raising the number of ac-

cidents which cost families and

Drivers who park their vehi-

cles on the side of major roads

for any reasons, especially if

there is a breakdown, often lead

to substantial engine oil leakage

which touches off road damage

Building one kilometre of a

major road is the same as build-

ing three health centers and put-

ting medical equipment in such

facilities, she said in illustration,

and even disaster.

public resources, she stated.

"This has been explained by regional police commanders in their respective areas," he reminded the journalists, wondering why it is still being circulated. "We are not into that busi-

She spoke of government plans to build a bypass road to

urging the residents to help take

care of newly improved roads.

Laela area to connect with the road to Kasanga Port, thus promote trade with neighboring countries, pointing out that before the road was built transport to that destination used to take a whole day, but after it was extensively revamped, it only takes two hours to reach the port.

She said the Kalambo District Council building will facilitate

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IGP denies police behind abductions

The police will ensure that the coming local government elections are conducted peacefully and with all the attention that the exercise demands, he said, underlining that the public should expect the exercise to be

during and in its aftermath. The IGP was reacting to reports of people being abducted in unclear circumstances, including opposition activists,

with the blame being directed at

conducted peacefully before,

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FAO delivers 3.9m vaccines for prevention of rinderpest

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

THE United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) has provided the government 3.9m doses of rinderpest vaccines for cattle inocula-

Prof Riziki Shemdoe, the permanent secretary for Livestock and Fisheries, received the vaccines from FAO representative Stela Kiambi here yesterday, at the opening of a workshop on public and private sector animal health cooperation.

The ministerial executive expressed gratitude for the vaccines donation, affirming that the gesture complements

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the coordination and delivery of important services to people in the area, bringing together the district leadership, ward councillors and district administration department heads

She referred to construction of the district hospital that is ongoing, noting that so far 1.64bn/- had been spent on its construction, with services like the ward for maternity and child services having started to

Inaugurating the grain storage sheds and warehouses in Kanondo village, the president said the goal is to improve storage and relieve farmers of the burden of situations where agents pay peanuts or crops rot in homes, thus promoting production.

Farmers need to stop the habit of selling grain to people without permits who also smuggle the crops across the border, asking the sellable

Ediga Mwakalebela, an activist

famously known as Sativa, was

reportedly abducted in Dar es

Salaam and later found in Kat-

avi Region, with families saying

in social media highlights that

their family member was being

moved from one police station

Kidnapping and disappearance

cases have surged recently, with the

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the police.

IGP denies police

behind abductions

officials.

produce be delivered to warehouses of the National Food Reserve Agency

This will enable the crops to be sold at fair prices unlike agents who pay cheaply and sell across the border at higher prices, so the profit obtained will help farmers to purchase subsidised fertiliser as a key agricultural input.

District commissioners need to ensure that they control marketing practices for grain, ensuring that the produce is sold through the agency, with everyone seeking to make purchases having to show permit.

Residents of Kashai area can also make good use of the vocational training college built in the area by conducting business with the facility or its users, while sending their youths to obtain skills. They will be able to use the skills as resources to bring about development for themselves or by being hired by others, she added.

security apparatus widely suspected to be involved, with a notable

case being Kombo Twaha, a Chade-

ma official taken from his home in

Handeni on June 15 by individuals

identifying themselves as security

There is also the case of trader

Lilenga Lilenga who disappeared

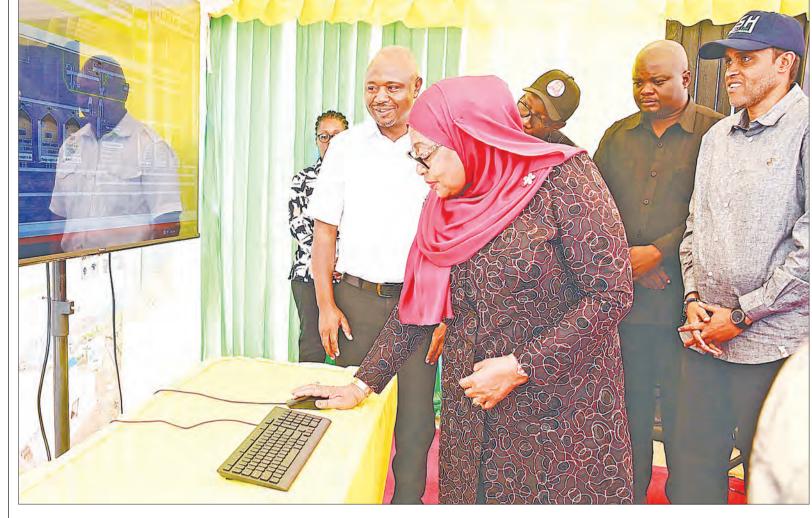
on May 11 under similar circum-

stances, with social media users

stridently exposed to cases of

their loved ones going missing un-

der kindred circumstances.



President Samia Suluhu Hassan graces a 2024-2025 grain purchasing season ceremony shortly after inaugurating National Food Reserve Agency's modern grain storage sheds and warehouses at Kanondo in Sumbawanga District yesterday while on an ongoing official tour of Rukwa Region. Photo:

FAO delivers 3.9m rinderpest vaccines

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government plans to boost the livestock and fisheries sector, with 28bn/- allocated for livestock vaccination throughout the country for the current financial year.

He urged other international organizations and private sector stakeholders to cooperate with the government in improving animal health, asking FAO to increase its donations to meet the number of vaccines for the total livestock

population.

He similarly praised the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) on account of notification that they are ready to provide more than 3m doses while the African Union - Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR) is also ready to help.

The AU agency intends to deliver more than two million doses for cattle and other livestock vaccination, he said, remarking that "you can see that our stakeholders will

have given us approximately 10 million doses."

The FAO representative said that the UN agency recognizes that better animal health contributes to better human health, so it is beefing up cooperation with the government in its efforts to ensure animal vaccinations across the country, being rolled out in the coming weeks.

Dr Samuel Wakhusama, the WOAH representative for Eastern Africa, said that the agency will be es rapidly," he added.

holding a workshop in collaboration with other organizations to find ways of eradicating viral infections affecting goats and sheep as well as rabies, by 2030.

"We want our countries to ensure that the animals that are sold are healthy and that those who buy them are sure of their safety. That is why we have met here to discuss with the government and the private sector on the way to finding a solution to eradicate animal diseas-

REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA NY OF THE BILATERAL AIR SERVICES of. Makame M. M. H.E. Eng Transport minister Prof Makame Mbarawa (R) and Civil Aviation Authority of Oman president Ali Nabri pictured at Dar es Salaam's Julius Nyerere International Airport yesterday signing

an agreement on improvement of air transport services between Tanzania and Oman. Photo: Correspondent Dickson Mulashani

Kagame poised for fourth term with 99.15 pc of the vote

RWANDA's President Paul Kagame has won 99 percent of the vote in provisional results from Monday's presidential election in Rwanda, electoral authorities said, an outcome that was widely expected as the country's long-time ruler aims to extend this threedecade grip on power.

Kagame's opponents – Frank nounced sooner. Habineza of the Democratic Green Party of Rwanda and independent has held power since the end of to vote. I am voting for President many as a violent authoritarian

candidate Philippe Mpayimana – were collectively getting under 1 percent of the vote in provisional results accounting for 79 percent of all ballots cast.

The result mirrored the outcome in 2017, when Kagame took nearly 99 percent of the vote.

Final results are expected by July 27, although they could be an-

The 66-year-old Kagame, who

the country's genocide in 1994, was running virtually unopposed. Two of his stronger critics were blocked from running for high of-

There were long lines at some polling stations in the capital, Kigali. Election authorities said 9.5 million Rwandans were registered to vote in the country's population of 14 million.

"This is going to be my first time

Kagame because I have never seen a leader like him before," said passenger motorcyclist Jean Claude Nkurunziza. Kagame has led the East African country since he seized power as the head of rebels who took control of the government and ended the genocide in 1994. He was vice president and de facto leader from 1994 to 2000, when he became president.

He has been condemned by

but praised by others for presiding over impressive growth in the three decades since the genocide.

Kagame is among African leaders who have prolonged their rule by pursuing changes to term limits. In 2015, Rwandans in a referendum voted to lift a two-term limit.

Now Kagame could stay in power until 2034.

On Saturday he told journalists that his mandate comes from the

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stressing that the public sector cannot employ all those graduating from various training institutions, he urged more efforts to ensure that the private sector grows fast enough to take a large number of such youths.

The minister castigated those he described as selfish leaders in the ministry, appealing to senior officials to consult others and listen to alternative ideas, objecting to impressions that "some leaders have turned themselves into monoliths in some offices. What they want is what is done even if it is not beneficial for the ministry."

Leaders must involve their colleagues in making decisions on various issues and abandon the dictatorship of doing everything as themselves, he emphasised, pointing at anomalies where some ministerial institutions have a bad relationship with the top leadership.

This contributes to weakening planned development, he said, asking leaders of institutions under the ministry to work on issues raised by the Controller and Auditor General (CAG) to avoid such mistakes made in future audits.

Arguments in the CAG report mostly involve the use of money, "so heads of institutions need to properly manage the use of money to get clean certificates in the next audit," he urged, demanding that he sees unqualified documents in the coming CAG audits.

The board chairman must carefully supervise expenditure and the permanent secretary hand over the CAG's opinions concerning each institution "so that the ministry can look at where we have gone wrong," he added.

CCM rebuts claims on 'electoral fraud'

By Henry Mwangonde

CCM has taken exception to allegations made by a member suggesting that the party's electoral success hinges not on the ballot but on alternative means.

Speaking at a rally in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Amos Makalla, the party's Secretary for Ideology, Publicity, and Training, clarified that these assertions were purely personal and did not reflect CCM's official stance.

"I have observed remarks circulating on social media suggesting that our victory in the upcoming elections will not be determined by the ballot box. As the party spokesperson, I categorically state that these are not the views of CCM," Makalla emphasized.He reiterated CCM's commitment to winning elections through merit and rejected any insinuation of electoral malpractice. "Our party has a proven track record of delivering development to our citizens. We are prepared to compete fairly and uphold the integrity of the electoral process," he added.

Makalla affirmed CCM's respect for political competition and emphasized their readiness to accept the outcome of a transparent and equitable electoral

A clip circulated on social media yesterday showing one of the party's senior officials speaking at a rally in Bukoba Kagera region saying the party will win the elections come what may.



A resident of Chang'ombe village in Mjele ward, Mbeya Rural District, pictured at the weekend with her livestock - mainly goats - which she owns courtesy of Tanzania Social Action Fund (Tasaf) support. Photo: Correspondent Nebart Msokwa

Othman touts gas, oil to curb joblessness in Zanzibar

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR First Vice President Othman Masoud Othman has highlighted that the oil and natural gas sector represents a crucial opportunity in isles' economic efforts, which could significantly alleviate youth unemployment in the country.

Othman made these remarks during discussions at his office in Migombani, Zanzibar, with a delegation from the United States Congress, led by Kathren Clark from the Democrat-

He stated that government initiatives in developing this sector could synergize with other service sectors such as tourism, which is expanding and increasing the demand for agricultural products required by over 600 hotels currently operating in Zanzibar.

However, the VP emphasized the need for the government to intensify efforts in providing better and appropriate education to young people that aligns with the

job market demands through these critical sectors.

He highlighted that over 80percent of the products needed in the hospitality sector are sourced from outside Zanzibar, underscoring the necessity to capacitate local farmers to produce and meet these demands, thus reducing employment challenges in the country.

Additionally, he mentioned that such efforts should also complement initiatives aimed at the fishing sector, enabling fishermen to transition from traditional methods using rudimentary tools to modern equipment that allows deep-sea fishing, where most fish are found, thereby increasing their income and reducing poverty.

He also underscored the government's significant efforts in conserving marine resources, including the protection of these natural assets by designating specific areas like Menai Bay to prevent environmental degradation.

Regarding the impact of climate

change, he noted that more than 148 areas in the islands of Unguja and Pemba have been affected by this issue, and the government continues to implement various initiatives to address these challenges.

Efforts such as constructing embankments in certain areas have greatly reduced the intrusion of saltwater into farmers' fields, allowing them to resume agricultural activities.

Kathren Clark, the leader of the delegation, expressed her country's commitment to continue collaborating with Zanzibar and Tanzania as a whole in various areas, including health, education, promotion of democracy, and governance issues.

The delegation sought insights into several issues, including government efforts to address youth unemployment through agricultural development, fisheries, tourism, economic conditions, political stability, democracy, accountability, and the impacts of climate change.

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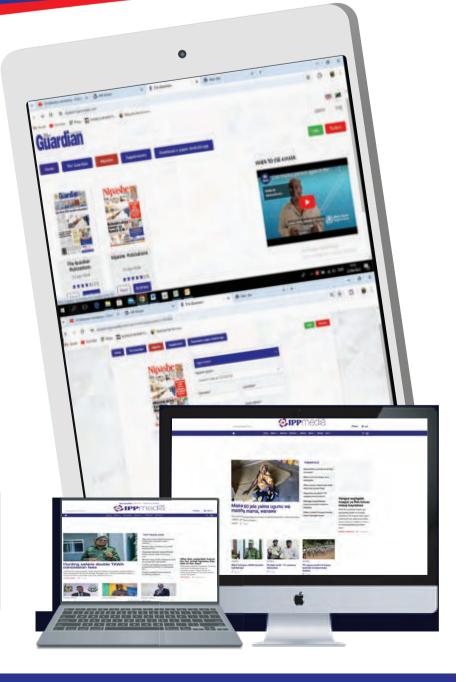
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Govt readies to work with TIC to expedite investment

By Guardian Reporter

THE Deputy Minister of Statein the President's Office (Planning and Investment), Stanislaus Nyongo has expressed the ministry's readiness to work with the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) to facilitate investment and address challenges hindering such activities.

He expressed the sentiments when he officially visited TIC for the first time since his appointment by President Samia Suluhu Hassan in June 2024.

Upon being received by the management of TIC led by Executive Director Gilead Teri, Nyongo pledged to closely collaborate with the institution's leadership to achieve goals of enhancing investment in the country.

He further stated that he would work hand in hand with TIC to facilitate investment smoothly and address challenges hindering investment activities.

Nyongo assured TIC of his sincere cooperation, emphasizing the importance of removing all obstacles that hinder investment in the country.

"We will ensure that we create

a conducive investment environment to attract more investors to the country," he said.

On the other hand, TIC management took the opportunity to brief the Deputy Minister on various activities of the Investment Centre, including promoting investment in strategic sec-

The institution also highlighted several challenges it faces in fulfilling its duties and enabling investment in the country, stressing the importance of government support to enhance its performance.

Earlier, TIC Executive Director Gilead Teri briefed Nyongo on how TIC supports and facilitates investments in the country, along with its overall responsibilities.

He also discussed the one-stop service for investors and various incentives provided to them.

The deputy minister expressed optimism about the future of investment in Tanzania and pledged to work diligently to ensure that Tanzania becomes an attractive destination for both domestic and foreign investors



Kinondoni Regional Police Commander Mtatiro Kitinkwi, Oryx Tanzania managing director Benoit Araman (2nd-L) and G4S managing director Imelda Lutebinga (C) launch a campaign on clean cooking energy in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent







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People want Namtumbo constituency divided up

By Guardian Correspondent, Namtumbo

THE government has been asked to divide Namtumbo Constituency into two to facilitate access to services as the current one is too big to serve the people better.

Juma Pandu, Namtumbo District Council chairman made the appeal here over the weekend when speaking with journalists, saying the constituency has 21 wards, which are geographically far away from the council headquarters. It borders Tunduru District, Morogoro Region and Mozambique.

Pandu, a Mkongo Nakawale ward councillor said the condition of people who need services in the council are experiencing inconveniences to reach the council's

He said that the residents of Magazini and Lusewa wards, which are more than 280 kilometers away from the district headquarters, are unable to travel or implement some development projects in their wards because of the distance, poor infrastructure, and the situation becomes worse during rainy seasons.

He explained that the distance from the district headquarters to Kitanda ward is about 150 kilometers, which causes citizens to lack some basic services.

"Efforts have been made to ask the government to see the importance of dividing the constituency which is very far, I believe the government will be able to listen to the cry of the people of Namtumbo electorate who have been asking for the state to be divided for a long time," said Pandu.

Zuberi Lihui, CCM's Namtumbo District Chairman also admitted that the electorate is big and needs to be divided for people to be served better, unlike the current

Namtumbo executive director, Filimon Magesa described the area as huge and hence needs to be divided, though the move needs legal council meetings and then they should be sent to the Regional Coordination Committee (RCC) and later they will be delivered to the relevant authorities for approval.

Namtumbo Council has one constituency, unlike other local government authorities that have more than one.

OSBP contractor in Kyela tasked to complete project

By Guardian Reporter

WORKS deputy minister, Eng Godfrey Kasekenya has given two-month ultimatum to the Tanzania Buildings Agency (TBA) and Tanzania Roads Agency (TAN-ROADS), as well as the contractor of Kasumulu One Stop Border Post (OSBP) to ensure that the project is completed as scheduled.

The border post between Tanzania and Malawi is being built by M/S China Geo Engineering Corporation.

Eng. Kasekenya made the directives yesterday after inspecting the progress of the construction and being dissatisfied with the speed, thus ordered the contractor, supervisor, TANROADS, and TBA to meet quickly to find a solution so that the post is completed on time and with international status so people and transporters benefit from modern services.

"Know that you are behind schedule, so increase the experts, workers, working time if possible, day and night, and all the appropriate equipment should be available in the project site so that when I come here in September, you hand over the completed facility to me so that transporters can start benefiting from the post," he said.

He said the government continues to pay the contractor who builds the post on time, so it is the responsibility of the contractor and the project manager to ensure that the speed of payment is consistent with the speed of completing the work.

S.African nuclear power plant wins approval for 20-year life extension

CAPE TOWN

SOUTH Africa's Koeberg nuclear power plant will be allowed to run one of its two units for another 20 years, the country's nuclear regulator said on Monday after lengthy deliberations.

The 40-year operating licence of Unit 1 of the plant outside Cape Town was due to expire this month, but in 2021 stateowned power utility Eskom applied for a 20-year extension to operations as part of efforts to end crippling power shortages.

Some environmental activists opposed the application during public consultations, citing safety concerns, which were also raised by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) during an inspection two years

Issues flagged by the IAEA included corrosion and cracks to containment buildings housing the reactors, and dysfunctional monitoring systems. Eskom previously told Reuters it had addressed those issues.

South Africa's National Nuclear Regulator granted the extension of Koeberg Unit 1's licence subject to "safety improvements identified as part of the third periodic safety review," its Chief Executive Ditebogo Kgomo said.

The regulator is still assessing Eskom's application to extend the life of Koeberg Unit 2 by 20 years, but that unit's licence is valid until November 2025.

The regulator found that health, safety and environmental concerns raised during public consultations were adequately addressed by the licence conditions and Eskom's safety case, Kgomo said.

But community activists remain opposed to extending Koeberg's operations.

Peter Becker, a former civil society representative at the nuclear regulator, told Reuters the regulator's decision would probably be challenged in the courts.



This is a scene from the Kasumulu One-Stop Border Post offices still undergoing construction at the Tanzania-Malawi border in Kyela District, Mbeya Region, as captured yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Shukuru Senkondo

hinese ship to offer free medical treatment in Dar

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

THE Chinese Naval hospital ship 'Peace Ark' tomorrow starts providing free humanitarian medical service in Dar es Salaam, authorities have confirmed.

Dar es Salaam Regional Commissioner Albert Chalamila unveiled this yesterday when speaking at the ceremony to welcome the 'Peace Ark' that docked at the Dar es Salaam Port.

RC Chalamila said strategic support is scheduled to start on July 18th and ends on July 23rd,

The free medical services are

part of commemorating 60 years Health consultations to help the of Tanzania-China bilateral cooperation that will also engage the Tanzania People's Defence Force (TPDF) and the Chinese People's Liberation Army (CPLA) to mark their military friendship.

"The medical services will include preliminary diagnosis and medication treatment suggestions for common diseases, such as respiratory infections, gastrointestinal diseases, surgical injuries, skin diseases, health guidance for chronic diseases, such as hypertension, diabetes, heart disease medication adjustment, and lifestyle advice and

local population understand their health status and provide lifestyle recommendations," he

According to him, the Ark Peace medical officials will provide the services in support with TPDF, Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH), Tumbi Regional Referral Hospital (TRRH), Amana Regional Referral Hospital (ARRH), Mwananyamala Regional Referral Hospital (MRRH), Temeke Regional Referral Hospital (TRRH), and Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI).

The RC also said that on July

18th free medical services will for the past decades noting on re and Mao Zedong. be at Lugalo Military Hospital (LMH) and Kunduchi Hospital, on 19th at Amana, and Bunju Hospital, July 20th at MRRH, TRRH, and the treatments will proceed on 21 as informed later.

According to him, the 2022 census Dar es Salaam census is estimated to be 5.3 million people, hence urging citizens to utilise the opportunity effectively

Chen Mingjian, Chinese ambassador to Tanzania said Military exchange and cooperation have always been a very important pillar of the overall relations between China and Tanzania the other hand that the military forces have been brothers and sisters enjoying a stable, close, and jovial relationship.

"Dar es Salaam is notably known as a peaceful land hence it is the visit of the Peace Ark' to a Peaceful land," she underlined.

Mej Gen Amri Mwami, TPDF Chief of Medical Services, who represented Chief of Defence Forces General Jacob Mkunda, said the Peace Ark arrival is the rewarding and enriching significance of the two countries as it portrays the tremendous values initiated by the late Julius Nyere-

He further noted that the army forces will celebrate 60 years of cooperation between the Tanzanian TPDF and the Chinese People's Liberation Army to mark the tremendous achievements.

R.ADM Ying Hongbo, Peace Ark Chief Commander said the two countries have cemented unwavering support of each other on issues of common interests at bilateral and international levels. Diplomatic relations have contributed to major achievements, he said.

"May this friendship between Tanzania and China last forever,"

Police fire tear gas as crowds appeal for Ruto's resignation

NAIROBI

POLICE in Kenya used tear gas yesterday to break up protests aimed at maintaining pressure on President William Ruto to step down. The protests continue despite Ruto making several changes.

The demonstrations, led by activists angry over proposed tax hikes, called for a nationwide "shutdown" yesterday.

These protests have become the biggest challenge in Ruto's two-year presidency. Even after Ruto withdrew \$2.7 billion in tax hikes and replaced most of his cabinet, protests persisted, though with fewer people.

Protesters want Ruto to resign, blaming him for poor governance, corruption, and the deaths of protesters in earlier rallies. On Tuesday, police fired tear gas in Kitengela, near Nairobi, where about 200 protesters burned tires and chanted against Ruto. In Nairobi's city centre and Mombasa, protesters also faced

Ruto had announced talks to address protesters' concerns, but these discussions have not started. Many activists have refused to participate, demanding immediate action on corruption and other issues.

Kenya is struggling with debt, using over 30 percent of its revenue to pay interest. Ruto faces pressure from lenders to cut deficits while dealing with a population suffering from high living costs.

The protests, which began peacefully, have turned violent. More than 40 people have died, according to rights groups.

On Monday, Ruto accused the Ford Foundation for funding the protests but provided no evidence. The Ford Foundation denied these claims, stating it does not fund protests and maintains a non-partisan policy.



Journalists interview Zanzibar Government Assets Registration Institute director Wahid Sanya in Zanzibar on Monday training for executives from government institutions on the deployment of digital systems in the registration of government assets. Photo: Rahma Suleiman

Samia's clean energy agenda gets incentive

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan's clean cooking agenda has been received with a positive response after various institutions engaged in cooking gas supply as part of a national drive to encourage the use of cleaner, safer, and more efficient cooking methods.

In supporting the initiative, local natural gas producer and supplier, Pan African Energy Tanzania (PAET) has announced the donation of 500 cooking gas cylinders and cookers to regions of Mara, Dar

es Salaam, Arusha and Dodoma. The distribution plan includes 200 cylinders for Mara, and 100 each for Dar es Salaam, Arusha, and Dodoma.

With a 20-year history of operations from Songo Songo Island, PAET is dedicated to providing safe, clean, reliable, and cost-efficient fuel for power generation, industrial applications, transportation, and secondary markets.

The company is committed to reducing its environmental footprint, decreasing the emissions intensity of its operations, and playing a pivotal role in Tanzania's transition towards a lower carbon economy.

The donated cylinders were officially handed over to special seats legislator Janeth Masaburi in the presence of Deputy Minister in the Vice Office President's office Union and Environment, Khamis Hamza Chilo, who represented the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for En-

'We are grateful to the President for her commendable efforts to ensure that we use clean cooking fuels. She has become a guiding light in Africa for her activism for clean

cooking solutions," she said. Andrew Kashangaki, Corporate Social Responsibility manager at PAET said in line with the national clean cooking initiative launched by President Samia, the company views this contribution as a testament to its commitment to the Tan-

"By promoting clean cooking solutions, PAET aims to enhance health outcomes and environmental conditions in local communities," he said.

He said beyond supporting the clean cooking campaign, PAET has been actively investing in social initiatives on Songo Songo Island and Kilwa District.

These initiatives, which include significant contributions to education and health sectors, reflect PAET's commitment to improving local communities.

"We are delighted to support the national drive for clean cooking solutions and contribute to the wellbeing of Tanzanian communities. We consider it our duty to support the government and the Ministry of Energy in this endeavour." He said.

The donated cylinders and cookers are being distributed to various groups and individuals across the country who are most vulnerable due to the use of unsafe fuels.

NATIONAL NEWS

Seize emerging opportunities in farming, Tanzanians urged

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIANS have been urged to seize emerging opportunities in agriculture locally, regionally, and internationally.

Rhoda Mwita, Kilimo Roundtable's chief executive officer (CEO) made the call in a statement that was made available to the media yesterday.

Kilimo Roundtable Africa is a platform for collaboration, innovation, and growth in the agriculture sector.

Rhoda emphasised the platform's unwavering commitment to fostering a thriving and sustainable agriculture sector in Tanzania and Africa, instilling confidence in the sector's future.

"Now is the time for Tanzanians to harness the vast potential within our agricultural sector," said Rhoda, reflecting on her 24-year journey serving farmers in addressing soil health.

"We must address the challenges we face head-on, demonstrating that our commitment is long-standing and we are not newcomers to this endeavour. I believe we can find effective solutions and showcase our true capabilities," she said.

ture for young Tanzanians in agriculture, with millions of opportunities for them to seize. With the right support and innovation, our farmers and agribusinesses can lead the way in transforming our economy and ensuring food security and sustainability for the entire region."

Rhoda praised the Ministry of Agriculture for the Agenda 10/30 Investment Roadmap for Accelerating Agricultural Growth in Tanzania. "The Agenda 10/30 Investment Plan and other government initiatives in agriculture have set the stage for Tanzania's agricultural transformation. At the Kilimo Roundtable, we work with diverse stakeholders to bring these plans to life. We aim to boost all our agricultural exports and create new opportunities for high-value crops that can benefit our farmers, traders, and our nation as a whole."

The Agenda 10/30 Investment roadmap was launched last week at the AGRA-supported Tanzania Food Systems Partner Dialogue and Workshop. Announcing the Kilimo Roundtable's inaugural Annual Gala

She added: "There is a bright fu- set to take place in Dodoma during the Nane Nane agricultural celebrations, she said the inaugural Annual Gala to promote "Collaboration, Innovation Growth to push Tanzania to Feed Africa and the World" aims to propel Tanzania's agricultural sector onto the global stage and promote sustainable growth.

> The gala will involve stakeholders across the agricultural value chain, including farmers, agribusinesses, policymakers, investors, and innovators, to come together and collaborate. By showcasing Tanzania's agricultural prowess, fostering investment and partnerships, promoting sustainable practices, and empowering smallholder farmers, the gala aims to unlock the nation's vast agricultural potential.

"Together, we can achieve greatness through collaboration, innovation, and unwavering determination. Kilimo Roundtable is our platformour space to connect, learn, and inspire one another. It's a place where farmers share their wisdom, innovators showcase their ingenuity, and policymakers craft a supportive environment for agricultural growth."



Visiting 27th Chinese Medical Team leader Zhang Jungiao (L) and cardiac surgeon Liu Yimin brief journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the achievements Chinese medical experts have made in Tanzania since the first batch arrived in the country in 1964. Photo: Frank Monyo

ATCL, hospital in campaign to promote holistic health solutions

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

AIR Tanzania Company Limited (ATCL), has introduced a threemonth campaign "Your Health, Your Wealth" in collaboration with Kokilaben Hospital of Mumbai, India.

The campaign was introduced yesterday in Dar es Salaam by the ATCL Commercial and Business Development Director, Patrick Ndekana and David Dickson who is Chief Executive Officer of Mumbai Healthcare Services.

Ndekana said this initiative underscores ATCL's dedication to promoting holistic health solu-

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perience for all customers.

"I am delighted to announce an exciting initiative that exemplifies Air Tanzania's commitment to the well-being and prosperity of our esteemed passengers and stakeholders. Since August 2023, Air Tanzania has established a commercial partnership with Kokilaben Hospital in Mumbai," he said.

He added that this collaboration allows passengers using the ATCL flight five weekly flights to Mumbai, to benefit from discounted medical expenses when receiving treatment at the hospital.

He said for the next three suring accessibility to world-class

Australia, Nepal, Turkey, Russia, Comorros, France, Denmark, Italy,

Cuba, DRC, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Switzerland, Malawi, Zambia

tions and enhancing the travel exmonths, from today, the 16th of July 2024 to the 16th of October, 2024, Kokilaben Hospital will be offering exclusive discounted Healthcare Packages in partnership with Air Tanzania featuring among others advanced medical tests including the PET-CT scan.

He said the PET scan is renowned for its accuracy in early detection of medical conditions, empowering our passengers with crucial insights into their health.

He said the Healthcare Packages will be available for Air Tanzania passengers from Nairobi, Entebbe, and Dar es Salaam to Mumbai, enmedical services at beneficial rates.

He said the package includes Visa Arrangement, return ticket, accommodation for the patient and his/ her attendant, Medical Consultation, and PET CT investigation.

"To access the package, customers should request a letter of admission and receipt from the Kokilaben Hospital relating to medical treatment or services to be offered. The Hospital will also assist in initiating a visa application. Upon verification of the documents, passengers' return tickets will be processed and after

this compliance, customers will be ready to enjoy the package," he

"I sincerely thank Kokilaben Hospital for their readiness to make this campaign possible, together, we are setting a new standard in the aviation industry by integrating health and wealth considerations into the travel experience," he said.

He encourages all customers to take advantage of this competitive pricing and potential discounts on flights and medical services while enjoying the unparalleled services that Air Tanzania and Kokilaben are renowned for.

Chief Executive Officer of Mumbai Healthcare Services, David Dickson said they are delighted with the state of the art diagnostic technology in East Africa.

"With this collaboration, we underscore our commitment to enhancing healthcare services and making advanced medical diagnosis accessible to everyone in the region.

He said Kokilaben Hospital is one of India's premier healthcare institutions known for its advanced medical facilities and experienced healthcare professionals.

TIGO TANZANIA THIRD QUARTER TARIFF REPORT (JULY - SEPTEMBER 2024)

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2500	UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Lebanon, Yemen, Sudan, Egypt - 5 Mins	0	0	24 hrs
2500	Oman - 3 Mins	0	0	24 hrs
2500	Pakistan, Hong Kong, Japan - 10 Mins	0	0	24 hrs
3000	France - 3 Mins	0	0	24 hrs
3000	Germany, Italy, UK (fixed), Turkey - 4 Mins	0	0	24 hrs
3000	Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda - 3 Mins	0	0	24 hrs
5000	Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Mozambique - 4 Mins	0	0	24 hrs
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S.A president pledges to advance decarbonisation

SOUTH African President, Cyril Ramaphosa said Monday that the country will decarbonize at a pace and scale that is affordable to its economy as its carbon-intensity economy is unsustainable

"Just as it is the countries of the Global South that feel the effects of climate change most, despite being least responsible historically for global emissions, it is critical that we strengthen systems for adaptation and mitigation, build resilience in communities and accelerate our decarbonisation efforts and the pace of the just energy transition," Ramaphosa said while addressing the Climate Resilience Symposium in Pretoria, the country's administrative capital.

The symposium was organized by South Africa's National Treasury, the Presidential Climate Commission, and other partners.

"For decades our reliance on coal was a competitive advantage because it allowed us to produce electricity cheaply. However, our emissions-intensive energy system is likely to increasingly undermine our competitiveness in global markets," he said.

South Africa must embrace a managed transition to a low-carbon economy as it is facing a climate emergency, according to the president.

"If we act too fast, we risk damaging huge sections of our economy before we have built alternative energy and industrial capabilities. At the same time, not acting now risks our economic stability," he said.



Industry and Trade minister Selemani Jafo addresses senior executives from 13 institutions falling under the ministry at a meeting held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: **Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole**

Use locally produced fertiliser to reduce importation, farmers told

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

TANZANIAN farmers have been asked to start using the fertiliser produced locally by the Intracom factory to encourage investment in the fertiliser sub-sector and reduce importation.

Industry and Trade Minister, Dr Selemani Jafo made the call here over the weekend on a visit to inspect the production of fertilizers at the factory.

He said that it can produce one million tonnes per year and the demand for fertilizers in the country according to the Ministry of Agricul-

ture is 700,000 tonnes.

"In the information, I saw that there was a production of 76,000 tonnes, and out of that 60,000 tonnes were sold and only 4,000 tonnes were sold in this country, I am not happy with this situation as the President struggled to bring this factory to the country, as the Minister of Industry I will not accept at all that his efforts are wasted.

"I am unhappy with this trend; we are making big investments in the agricultural sector. The President has increased the agricultural budget from 294bn/- to 1.2trn/-. The President has huge ambitions. I should

ask Tanzanians to use the fertilizer from this factory," he said.

He said the factory's investment is already more than 500bn/- and construction is still going on in other areas and it is expected that the investment will be more than 1trn/-.

"The factory currently has 907 employees and more than 600 are Tanzanians, and when it is completed it can employ 3,000 to 4,000 people, it is impossible for fertiliser to be produced here and not bought in Tanzania. This is hindering the President, why should we buy fertiliser from other places outside the country but fail to buy it here in the

country? "

"I, the Minister of Industry, will not agree at all to see factories being built in Tanzania fail to be empowered to do this great work, we as the government will discuss how to make the factories built in the country work well," he said.

In addition, he assured the investors that he would manage to ensure that the industries invested in the country meet the expectations of the President.

"We will protect our industries here in the country so that they work well and our young people get jobs and the mission of President Samia

to struggle to find investors must be fulfilled," he said.

The Technical Director of the Intracom Factory, Eng. Victor Ngendazi, said that the factory started to be built in July 2021 and the goal was to make 600,000 tonnes of fertilizer, but due to the request of the Tanzanian government, they have increased it to one million tonnes.

"Currently, the construction is continuing on the remaining areas. We want this area to have five factories and three are already working and the production will generally start in August this year after completing the tests of the two factories," he said. He said that they have been working with the government to solve the challenges facing them and stressed that the production capacity is sufficient.

"The challenge we have is the time of sales, in Tanzania we have sold 4000 tonnes of the tonnes produced while Kenya has bought 52,000 tonnes and Burundi 10,000 tonnes, you can see that in Tanzania we are very far behind, we ask that in the government's strategies to protect local industries, subsidies should not go too much to foreign fertilizers come to the factories invested in this country," he said.



The UN-FAO Representative in Tanzania, Stella Kiambi (R), pictured in Arusha city yesterday presenting to Livestock and Fisheries ministry permanent secretary Prof Riziki Shemdoe part of a consignment of 3.9 million doses of rinderpest vaccine for goats and sheep. It was on the sidelines of an animal services cooperation meeting involving the government, the private sector and the public. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Ivory Coast ready on malaria vaccine drive to help children

HEALTH workers in Ivory Coast began vaccinations on Monday against malaria, the leading cause of death of children in the country, as the government added the malaria vaccine to the list of routine vaccinations for children.

The West African country became the first to start rolling out the newest shot targeting malaria in an effort that aims to cover about 250.000 children under two.

"This decision shows the engagement of the government, who make it a point of honour to invest in the health of our children, our most precious treasures," said Health Minister, Pierre Demba, at a ceremony to mark the launching of the vaccination campaign.

"We want to assure their protection and their well-being, because they are the future of our country," he added.

The three-dose vaccine known as R21/Matrix-M was developed by Britain's Oxford University and was authorised by the World Health Organisation (WHO) last October.

Alice Kanga was one of many who brought their children to get vaccinated.

"It's really important for the children, for their health," she said.

A different malaria vaccine called Mosquirix was endorsed by the WHO in 2021, but it required four doses and protection waned within months.

India's Serum Institute has already made 25 million doses of the Oxford vaccine and says it plans to make at least 100 million every

Malaria most often attacks children under five and pregnant women, and more than 94 percent of the world's roughly 249 million malaria cases and 608,000 deaths every year are in Africa. Dr Fatim Tall, acting WHO Representative in Ivory Coast, said at

the ceremony that the vaccine would "guarantee without any doubt that our children will survive not just past their first birthday, but will from now on reach adulthood, in good health."

But malaria vaccines don't stop the disease's transmission, and experts have long warned that preventive measures like insecticide spraying and the use of bed nets will remain critical.

WB approves major investment in Botswana's renewable energy sector

By Joyce Onyeagoro

THE World Bank's Board of Directors has approved its first lending operation supporting renewable energy development in Botswana.

The Botswana Renewable Energy Support and Access Accelerator (RESA) Project, approved on July 11 2024, aims to transform the country's energy landscape through enabling renewable solutions and improved electricity access.

Botswana has vast untapped resources

for renewable energy. It has set an admirable target to increase renewable energy to 30 percent of its energy mix by 2030 and 50 percent by 2036. The first wave of 335MW renewable energy projects is already at different stages of development by private sector power producers. This new World Bank project will finance the necessary grid investment and Botswana's first 50MW utility-scale battery energy storage system to enable the first wave of renewable energy generation to be smoothly integrated and managed in the grid. In addition, the World Bank project will support the Government of Botswana's continued effort to enhance energy access by financing the grid expansion to rural villages and improve electricity services in the Southern districts.

With the financing support and technical assistance from the World Bank, this investment will support us to harness our rich renewable energy resources for a reliable, affordable and sustainable energy future. This is not only critical for our own energy security, but also provides an important driver of economic growth. Lefoko Moagi, Honourable Minister of Minerals and Energy, Botswana.

The project is financed through a loan of \$88 million from the World Bank as well as a \$30 million loan and a \$4 million grant from the Green Climate Fund's Sustainable Renewables Risk Mitigation Initiative Facility. The project will also benefit from technical assistance on solar, wind, and storage project development carried out through an additional \$3.5 million grant from the Energy Sector Management Assistance

Program. By combining technical assistance and public investments, the project will help mitigate the risks in renewable energy investments.

The World Bank is pleased to support Botswana's commitment to expand domestic energy generation with renewable solutions. In addition to financing, the World Bank will provide technical assistance to facilitate further renewable energy projects. This is an important part of our commitment to support more sustainable and inclusive growth in Botswana.

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Entrepreneurs might gain from goods verifications, courtesy of competition

efforts to bring more than 200 entrepreneurs to training on how to verify the quality of their products before getting into markets.

It is the work of the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) where an assortment of traders, producers, distributors and trade enthusiasts visiting the TBS pavilion at the just-ended 48th edition of the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF 2024) were detailed on how quality is checked.

The idea has been 'trending' for a while and it may have an impact on how TBS conducts its work, as it has elements of subletting the

screening of goods. Just how far the producers, traders and curious onlookers went with their learning episode at the trade fair is one thing, while the proper administrative objective and the rationality of the methods

used might be a bit different. TBS and other trade administrators appear wishing to solve problems of quality of goods by enabling the producers to make the relevant quality tests as well.

This will in the first place be helpful as the quality of a product is directly linked with its ability to compete, if there is a level playing

With small-scale goods, at times the quality is tailored to the market. The explanation here would relate to the fact of poor quality or sales environment, especially in relation to edibles, other home use items and even office paraphernalia as such buyers are especially sensitive to prices.

At times, the price margin is not convincing and other ways are tried, where the final consumer won't notice the difference or take action about it. That is where bribes mar the procurement pro-

TRADE authorities are making cedure, meaning choosing a bidder whose goods are less optimal in the market.

> TBS officials have reported remarkable success in providing education to stakeholders and satisfactorily addressing previous challenges.

This is surely appropriate but it does not sort out the wider challenge, as to the need to observe what the standards instructors recommended. Trouble is that every step in quality assurance is an additional cost in both equipment and personnel.

To be sure, even monopolies make frantic efforts to cut costs as no producer can be said to face no competition at all in terms of quality and in pricing.

It is one thing to seek comfort in the fact that the citizenry in general and participants in particular were educated about TBS inspections for both local industrial products and imports.

Sand here there lies another trap, namely, that inspections of local goods and those of foreign are not carried out with identical preliminary objectives except on paper

In reality, the inspection of local manufactures is usually meant to clear such produce, while real effort is made to detect or spot errors of quality or inaccurate information as regards foreign goods.

This again shows how pecuniary inducement can affect inspections, where a good producer wants a foreign competitor to be faulted.

When it so happens that such competitor is not in a position to question the decision, it's a sure deal. That is why educational and sensitisation efforts help in uplifting quality and minimising manipulation.

Creating new districts quite expensive, if in big demand PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu gion and create another district

Hassan has had occasion to turn down several requests for the division of districts.

The government is wary of demands to create new districts and even regions in part as, when such demands succeed, they tend to turn serial and test the government's resolve.

The president explained summarily that there are many such requests and implementation of such needs requires a lot of money

It is hard to deny this, the crucial issue being the sort of administrative harmony needed at local

Often there are visible divisions of a spatial sort, including between tribes or clans, or resource contentions diminishing people's ability to speak with one voice. Picking representatives at all levels reflects such dichotomy, complicating cohesion.

The point is that the demand for new districts and even regions is ages old. There is a sense of freedom when a cluster of wards and villages considering themselves 'kindred' in relation to those with whom they form a district via a higher or wider classification.

There is a point at which such sentiments arise, whether in administrative or religious provinces or parts of them but aren't tailored to pre-existing capacity by such administrative overload.

Looking at the way former prime minister Mizengo Pinda is quoted as having recently presented a demand to that effect, it was clearly balanced.

He is said to have pleaded that the government divide Katavi Reas the region is too big for smooth or effective management.

While the formulation isn't quite vivid, it speaks of something like having a new region in addition to Katavi, with one of the two regions being handed an extra district carved out of an existing

An illustration is that the president was visiting Mlele District, itself earlier a part of Mpanda District in the respective region.

Demand for more administrative districts is part of a developing sense of collective individuality, just as it was with national independence.

While the thrust towards independence is recognised as of utmost importance to dignity, for Africa it also arose from lack of tolerance of animosities that are similar to those leading to regions or entire countries being divided.

That is what founding President Nyerere warned in 1995 when a parliamentary resolution was on the table to finish up Tanzania, as it were.

While that is history, there are huge pressures for dividing up administrative entities, which could hurt the delivery of social services in comparison with those closer to the administrative centre.

When a district is created, duplicating the facility becomes a preliminary requirement ending the complaints hitherto existing while specifically demanding a health centre for a village or ward would have been difficult to emphasize.

As the president quipped, the demand is not irrational but considering it definitely needs time.

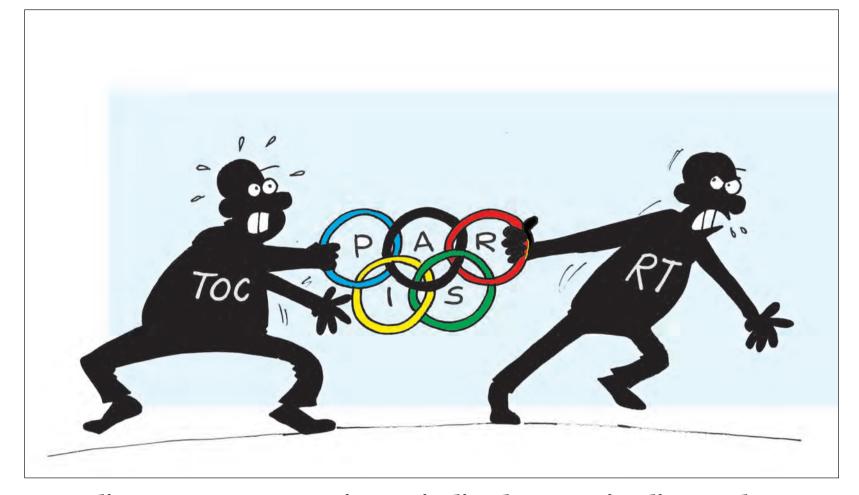
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How climate-smart strategies revitalised Tanzania's livestock sector

By Kizito Makoye

AS the sun sets, its golden hues piece through the dusty haze, creating a dazzling display when a herd of livestock lazily roams on the arid landscape as they return home from grazing.

Dressed in shiny red robes, the youthful Maasai pastoralists routinely whistle as they steer cattle, goats and sheep to maintain a unified path.

The quest for survival has forced these herders in Oldonyo Sambu, Tanzania's northern Maasai Steppe, jostling for dwindling water and pastures as they try to sustain their herds.

IN the heart of Empash village, a fragmented community nestled in Suswa, Narok County, some 62 miles northwest of Nairobi, Naomy Kolian's story unfolds like a gripping saga of pain, resilience, and unyielding determination.

Surprisingly, 670 kilometres (416 miles) away in Ikolongo village, south of Tanzania, the plight of water consumers has improved, thanks to a community-led initiative that brought farmers and pastoralists together to resolve their water woes.

Sitting under a baobab tree, 47-yearold Leinot Leboo watches his cattle drink from a pond. This tranquil moment contrasts sharply with the situation in Oldonyo Sambu, where farmers often clash with herders as they jostle for water.

"I don't recall any fight between pastoralists and farmers here. We get enough pastures and water for our livestock," says

Unlike in Oldonyo Sambu, local villagers here have created specific grazing lands and water points for livestock to prevent clashes with farmers. "We often bring our cattle here and let them graze and drink without causing any disturbances," says

According to Ignas Mashaka, Ikolongo village chairman, the residents have created a system where pastoralists pay a small fee to feed their herds on rice husks produced by farmers, especially in the dry

"This arrangement provides a steady source of feed, but it also give farmers extra income," says Mashaka

Strict Rules

After months of negotiation between local residents and local district authorities, the villagers enacted strict by-laws, which have now been adopted and ratified by 12 surrounding villages.

"These rules have helped to ease tensions over water use," says Mashaka.

Under the initiative, local residents joined forces to construct dams and reservoirs which have reduced water scarcity, providing a reliable supply for farmers and pastoralists.

"We used to fight over every drop of water," says Musa Chacha, a farmer at Ikolongo village. "But now, there's enough for everyone and there's no reason to fight,"

By working together and managing resources sustainably, Ikolongo villagers have built a strong and resilient commu-

The Bigger Picture

Despite having vast grazing lands, the east African country faces frequent



Leinot Leboo grazes his cattle in a bushy enclave in Ikolongo village. Credit: Kizito Makove/IPS

conflicts over water and other resources due to climate change and weak land governance. Prolonged droughts often lead to clashes between farmers and pastoralists as they jostle for water and grazing space.

Tanzania's livestock sector, a vital source of livelihood for millions, holds potential for growth in production and trade. With a cattle population of 36.6 million, the country ranks second in Africa, after Ethiopia. This accounts for 1.4% of the global cattle population and 11% of Africa's. Beyond cattle, Tanzania also boasts large numbers of sheep, goats, chickens, and pigs, placing it among the continent's top ten in overall livestock numbers.

However, the sector is plagued by many challenges due to climate risks and low investment, World Bank analysts

Transformative Initiative

As part of its broader efforts to improve the livestock sector, Tanzania has launched a new USD 546 million initiative to bolster productivity, increase resilience to climate change and improve the livestock industry. The initiative entails innovative strategies to curb extreme weather by constructing water reservoirs, introducing drought-resistant forage crops, and improving livestock breeds.

Challenges and Solutions

According to a recent World Bank report, "Harnessing the Opportunity for a Climate-Smart and Competitive Livestock Sector in Tanzania," the pasture-based livestock sector in Tanzania faces serious challenges due to climate change and endemic livestock diseases, impacting animal health, productivity, and market access.

Pastoralist's Perspective

Saidi Juma, a 55-year-old pastoralist from Kilolo village, has witnessed changes in weather patterns over the years. "When I was young, the rains were predictable, and the grass was plenty," he says. "But in recent years, we have struggled to find pasture for our animals, and the rivers dry up too soon."

One aspect of the scheme is adopting climate-smart innovations, such as better animal husbandry practices, drought-resistant fodder, and efficient water management systems.

The introduction of drought-resilient Brachiaria grass at Ikolongo village has maintained better livestock health during dry spells. "We planted these grass because they are resilient to drought and provide enough food for our livestock," says Mashaka.

According to him, drought-resistant forage crops has ensured a steady supply of nutritious feed for livestock in dry seasons.

Expert Insights

In an interview with IPS, Malongo Mlozi, Professor of Agricultural studies and extension at Sokoine University of Agriculture, hailed the government initiative to revamp the ailing livestock sector by improving water management techniques.

"Water is life; by ensuring a reliable water supply, we

can significantly improve the resilience of our livestock farmers against climate change," he says According to Mlozi, pastoralists must be trained to ac-

quire the necessary skills and knowledge to cope with the vagaries of the weather. "When pastoralists understand the benefits of climate-

smart practices, they are more likely to adopt them and see positive results," Mlozi says the government scheme is likely to improve

food security. "By increasing the productivity of our livestock sector,

we can ensure a stable supply of meat, milk, and other livestock products," says Mlozi

"This will help in addressing the nutritional needs of our population and reduce dependency on imports."

Under the initiative, the government will construct water harvesting structures and introduce solar-powered boreholes to provide an eco-friendly solution.

"Access to water has always been a problem for farmers and pastoralists. The solar-powered boreholes will provide

The scheme is also aiming to improve market access for livestock products by improving value chains so pastoralists can fetch better prices in livestock markets closer to

their communities. Tanzania's livestock sector is changing with climatesmart practices and community-led efforts, setting an example for other regions. By focusing on sustainability and innovation, Tanzania is improving the lives of pastoralists and promoting peace and cooperation.

"We have come a long way from those tough times. Now, we look forward to a future where our children can grow up without the fear of conflict and scarcity."

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By Adonis Byemelwa

S students, parents and teachers gear up for looming November Form Four National Examinations, pressure mounts significantly. Known academically as summative assessments, these exams place a heavy financial burden on parents, particularly those with children enrolled in private schools, as they grapple with various demands from school owners.

During this critical period, while official fees remain unchanged, an array of additional contributions emerges, aimed solely at ensuring students are adequately prepared and perform well. The recent government decision to abolish the nationwide announcement of top-performing students has provided a slight relief from the competitive tension, yet schools often resort to both ethical and questionable methods to secure high rankings.

The challenges of having a Form Four student are exacerbated by extended school holidays, particularly in June and December. School owners in major cities commonly demand that examination classes remain at school over the holidays for payments ranging from 150,000/- to 300,000/-.

In these discussions, financially challenged parents often find themselves overshadowed by wealthier counterparts who dictate terms, leaving many to suffer in silence or feel embarrassed. The situation has led to an escalation of contributions within private schools, prompting some parents to consider transferring their children to avoid excessive

Historically, Tanzania withdrew from the East African Examination Council in 1971, placing the responsibility of examination management under the Directorate of Curriculum Development and Examinations within the Ministry of Education.

The first national Form Four examination took place in November and December of the same year, leading to the establishment of the National Examination Council of Tanzania through the enactment of Law No. 21 of

1973. Despite the historical significance of these exams, many parents lament the ever-increasing costs associated with their exceptional candidates. Reports reveal that parents are burdened with contributions for special meals, supplementary examination costs, and even additional items such as coffee to keep students alert during study sessions.

The National Form Four exams hold great importance for many students across Tanzania, serving as a pivotal moment that assesses their academic performance and shapes their future educational paths. Success in these exams can lead to opportunities for university, vocational training, and various educational and employment avenues, marking a significant transition in students' lives.

Preparation for these national exams demands

The burden of national exams preparation: A strain on students, parents and teachers

immense discipline and effort from students. The preparation process includes in-depth and regular studying, self-assessment tests, and participation in additional tuition. Students must develop effective study plans and manage their time wisely to cover the entire syllabus and grasp the necessary subjects.

Additionally, maintaining good health through proper nutrition, exercise, and adequate sleep is essential for optimal performance during exams. Strong collaboration with teachers and parents also plays a crucial role in this journey, providing guidance, motivation, and support necessary for student success. Nevertheless,

many

parents of students attending private schools in Dar es Salaam have voiced their frustrations regarding these additional contributions, often feeling trapped as the window for transferring their child has closed. "We've already committed, so we have no choice but to comply. I have a daughter who has been asked to contribute to a special diet for Form Four, on top of the fees I've already paid, which exceed three million shillings annually," lamented a parent who requested anonymity.

Under the procedures established by the National Examination Council of Tanzania, transferring a student already registered and nearing examination time is challenging, although exceptions may allow for a schoolchild to sit exams at a different center under certain conditions, particularly health or disciplinary issues.

While the government has established a framework for free education. many parents remain skeptical about the quality of instruction provided at certain institutions, resulting in persistent contributions to private



institutions. In recent years, some lawmakers have advocated for reducing contributions and high costs in private schools, urging the government to consider implementing regulated fees.

This discussion has faced significant opposition, as many politicians have vested interests in the education business, with private school owners lamenting the high taxes estimated to be over 15%. In this context, parents refusing to pay for their children's education under the free education policy often find themselves pressured to contribute more for necessary extras.

"It makes no sense that I must pay for additional tuition and special meals for a Form Four student when I have already covered tuition fees. Schools should budget for all these expenses according to the law," asserted another parent whose child attends a boarding school in Dar es Salaam. Some contributions are unavoidable, such as labora-

tory supplies and extra classes or competitive exams to prepare students before the expected assessments. However, these costs must be capped by the government through educational quality regulators to prevent parents from feeling trapped by excessive demands.

Despite the recognized importance and quality present in private schools, some procedures starkly contrast with the realities faced by struggling parents. Consequently, many parents, once committed to private schooling for Form Four, find themselves unwilling to continue with subsequent levels, believing their children have a solid foundation to compete in public institutions for advanced education.

As a result, many private schools offering Form Five and Six are struggling to attract students, while those remaining face rising operational costs, similar to those preparing for Form Four examinations.

Our nation should not experience disparities in ed-

ucation. Many African countries have public schools that have made significant strides in quality, leading parents to question the need to enroll their children in private institutions.

In Rwanda, numerous private schools have partnered with public institutions to attract students and reduce operational costs, a strategy initiated following economic downturns affecting private educational entities.

In 2008, President Kagame began providing modern equipment to public schools, constructing contemporary classrooms, and reducing fees, ultimately leading to free education in public schools, mirroring Tanzania's situation. Some private institutions, such as Aspek and Kihengere, where the author previously worked, found themselves lacking students to meet operational costs.

Tanzania is gradually moving toward a model similar to neighboring countries like Rwanda, and signs of this transition are slowly emerging. Some public schools are now even outperforming private ones. This presents a critical moment for high-cost institutions to reassess their operations.

These institutions resemble oppressive governments imposing higher taxes on every product, ultimately leading to consumers tighten their spending due to fear of exorbitant costs.

Educational facilities that intimidate parents with excessive contributions risk developing a poor reputation, leading clients to share negative experiences on social media. Many private institutions in regions like the Lake Zone and southern Tanzania charge lower fees compared to major cities like Dar es Salaam, often due to differing operational costs. However, the justification for imposing additional fees for special meals and coffee for Form Four students remains questionable, especially when standard fees hover around four million shillings annually.

To address this growing concern, educational authorities must enforce strict regulations on additional contributions to ensure transparency and fairness.

Schools should prioritize quality education over profit, fostering an environment where parents feel valued rather than exploited. By encouraging collaboration between public and private institutions, we can create a more equitable education system that benefits all students, regardless of their financial background. It's time for a concerted effort to prioritize education over profit and alleviate the burden on families.

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FEATURE

Iringa's one-stop tourism centre to boost revenue, tourist traffic in southern circuit

By Felister Peter

HE government has been taking a number of initiatives to improve the country's tourism sector whereas with a 150 million US dollars (about 350bn/-) soft loan credit from the World Bank (WB), it is implementing the Resilient Natural Resources for Growth Project (RE-GROW) to further enhance the tourism sector in the southern circuit.

Among the many initiatives under this project is construction of the Southern Circuit Tourism Marketing Destination at the Kihesa-Kilolo area Iringa Region.

Construction of the building, which the Tanzania Tourist Board (TTB) considers to be of great importance in boosting the sector, is expected to be completed by February next year. According to the contractor, its implementation has now reached 22 percent.

Senior Tourism Officer at TTB Northern Zone, Sane Tobico, said the board has been making various efforts to promote the country's tourist attractions, including those in the southern regions. He said the government's decision to build a one stop tourism center will help attract more visitors.

"We have been participating in various exhibitions both locally and internationally; we also use famous people to visit our National Parks as well as other attractions so that they help us in promoting





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them globally.'

The center will provide all up-to-date information relating to Tanzanian tourism potentials and advice on what to see and do on their trips, said Tobico, adding the main goal is to make sure tourists have access to information they need and enjoy while in Tanzania.

"Tourism potentials available in southern circuit are not well-known; we want to help tourists obtain information about what Tanzania has to offer in tourism sector," he added.

He said: "We are thankful to the government as Iringa Region is now positioned to be a model of sustainable development and environmental stewardship. The one stop tourism center valued at 1.5bn/- will accommodate large gatherings of up to 300 visitors at once."

Tully Kulanga, is the Principal Tourism Officer, TTB Southern Zone, said they have been coming up with new tourism products such as Rovos train that make trips from South Africa to Tanzania, cruise ships and sports tourism.

Kulanga linked the surge in number of tourists visiting the southern circuit with the Royal Tour film, private sector engagement as well as the ongoing execution of the REGROW project.

Head of Government Communications in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, John Mapepele, said the government will continue to implement projects that are geared to increasing the number of tourists, increasing income from tourism activities and improving the preservation and management of wildlife resources.

vield notable results, with the number of international tourists increasing by 96 percent from 922,692 in 2021 to 1,808,205 in 2023.

The number of domestic tourists has also increased by 152 percent during the same period, reaching 1,985,707 tourists last year from 788,933 tourists in 2021, said Mapepele, adding, the record has never been reached in the country before.

He detailed that income generated from international visitors has escalated from \$1.3 billion in 2021 to \$3.4 billion last year, equivalent to 161 percent. Income from domestic tourism has increased from 46.3bn/- in 2021 to 175.3bn/- last year, equivalent to 279 percent.

Mapepele mentioned the enhancement of wildlife resource protection and management as among the factors that enabled Tanzania to maintain its leading position in Africa, with approximately 17,000 lions, 225,000 buffalo, and 24,000 leopards.

Statistics indicate that the rhino population has surged from 163 in 2021 to 252 as of April this year, he remarked.

He called on media engagement in promoting Tanzania tourism destinations and highlighting government initiatives like the REGROW projects, emphasizing the importance of showcasing the sector's achievements and fostering positive outcomes.

The REGROW project that aims to improve tourism in the southern circuit covers Nyerere, Uduzungwa, Ruaha and Mikumi National Parks. It works with 61 villages whereas in the first phase it covered 15 villages. So far a total 761 groups have benefited with the empowerment plan.

The project is expected to address key southern circuit challenges like limited infrastructure inside the protected areas, environmental degradation, in-The government is committed to advancing the sufficient linkages between tourism and rural develtourism sector as the various interventions have opment, and water resources trade-offs upstream of the Ruaha National Park, leading to water scarcity inside the park.



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TCRA in drive to scale up STEM in education

By Guardian Reporter

HE Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) interprets national priorities in the information and communications technologies (ICTs) sector through targeted national programmes.

Two initiatives - promoting Digital clubs and facilitating innovations in the communications sector demonstrate how the Authority contributes towards realizing objectives in the Tanzania Digital Economy Strategic Framework (2024-2034), Development Vision 2025 (TDV) and the Third Five Year Development Plan (FYDPIII).

TCRA promotes the establishment of digital clubs from nursery school to university, as part of a strategy of addressing gaps in delivering education that would transform Tanzania into a digital nation. The Authority allocates free communications resources of Frequency Spectrum Resources, Numbering, and Dot TZ Domain Name to innovators for three months to test projects seeking to introduce new services and products. TCRA collaborates with the Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH) in this endeavour.

The Digital Economy Strategic Framework (2024-2034) urges stakeholders to promote digital literacy and skills as key enablers of a digital economy. Efforts should aim to promote and facilitate the acquisition of digital knowledge and skills at all levels.

The framework reiterates the need to raise awareness of Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) from lower education levels.

"It is essential to integrate digital literacy and critical thinking skills into the standard educational curriculum from lower educational

levels, covering digital content like coding, data analysis, digital citizenship, and Media literacy," the framework proposes.

FYDPIII and TDV 2025 underline the potential of ICTs and the need to harness them at all levels to build a competitive digital economy in Tanzania.

FYDP III drives Tanzania towards a competitive economy that mainstreams ICTs at all levels of manufacturing, service provision, and governance.

The vision focuses on building digital citizens from the formative stages. Tanzania's education system must instill a science and technology culture from a shallow level. Importance should be given to basic science and mathematics to cope with the demands of modern technology, it states.

Subjects that promote Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), are crucial building blocks of a digital econo-

STEM benefits nations and individual students. Besides facilitating a digital economy, these subjects equip students with knowledge and skills to build careers in the ever-changing ICT environment where technological advances will eliminate 50 percent of existing jobs within a few years.

Education experts estimate that only 25 percent of students in most African countries pursue STEMrelated career fields in higher edu-

Barriers include inadequate facilities, fewer teachers, and misconceptions about the subjects, particularly mathematics, being difficult. Most schools lack facilities for practical use, including equipped laboratories.

In an article on the challenges of Science education in Tanzania, Ladislaus Semali and Khaujan Me-



hta observe that teachers displayed shallow knowledge of science and were incompetent to teach practical.

Girls were discouraged from studying science, which was deemed a 'hard' subject. They argue that although Tanzania implemented several science education projects between 1965 and 2007, the country has not fully improved the delivery of STEM subjects.

This is partly due to classroom overcrowding, lack of textbooks, and irrelevant curricula, they add.

Education experts recommend strengthening STEM trainers and motivating institutions to promote programmes based on these sub-

The TCRA-coordinated digital clubs and innovation programmes

are part of the solutions. These Digital clubs will alleviate problems in delivering STEM from lower education levels.

Dr Jabiri Bakari, TCRA director general explains that a robust STEM foundation is essential for a prosperous, inclusive digital economy in Tanzania. It enables Tanzania to have a Tanzania driven by a digital economy where everyone participates.

He said that TCRA implements a programme to cultivate digital skills, including the establishment and coordination of digital clubs in schools and universities.

According to him, the clubs promote digital skills and encourage the adoption of digital technology across various sectors. They empower students to grasp digital technologies and their practical applications and the clubs build confidence in adopting a digital culture.

The digital clubs will enable youths to engage in ICT and communications issues, activities may include debates and competitions on various

TCRA has published a guidebook on digital clubs. It is also developing a dedicated window in the Authority's website for the clubs.

The handbook seeks to harmonize the approach of establishing and handling these digital clubs. TCRA will use the portal to register the clubs and keep records of all their activities.

The main objective is to reach out to cover more stakeholders and en-

sure the continuity of the awareness programmes.

The portal will have sections for the different club levels. The Kindergarten window will have a high visual appeal and be easy to navigate. The content for primary schools will balance fun and educational content. There will be educational games, Interactive quizzes with prizes, inspiring stories, and basic math, and science.

In-depth knowledge and motivation, educational articles, tutorials, inspirational videos, and career guidance will dominate the secondary schools section. It will also have more structured content, access to learning resources, and interactive forums. University and College students will be offered advanced knowledge and career development, academic resources including detailed STEM instructions, research materials, and career guidance.

The portal has a special offer for other stakeholders in the digital club chain. These include Teachers, other staff, and club mentors. There will be Professional development courses, school funding opportunities, and teaching resources. They will also get access to the respective educators' databases, newsletter updates, and networking tools.

Parents and guardians are always encouraged to be online and to monitor issues accessed by their children. Their section will learn about their children's education, articles on child development, educational trends as well as tips for supporting learning at home.

TCRA carries out country-wide education and awareness campaigns on digital clubs, innovations, and digital solutions. This contributes to the success of one of TDV 2025 strategies for public education.

The vision states: "Science and technology education and awareness of its applications for promoting and enhancing productivity should permeate the whole society through continuous learning and publicity campaigns."

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CONSULTANT FOR CONDUCTING ASSESSMENT OF BEHAVIORAL ADAPTATION FOR WATER SECURITY IN MEDIUM SCALE WATER SUPPLY AND TREATMENT - LAKE BASSOTU AND BASSOTU **VILLAGE IN HANANG DISTRICT, MANYARA REGION.**

Background

WaterAid is an International Non-Governmental Organization (INGO) with a vision of ensuring Safe Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) for Everyone, everywhere by 2030. WaterAid's mission is to transform the lives of the poorest and most marginalized people by expanding and improving access to WASH, working with partners and decision-makers to maximize its impact. WaterAid has had its operations in Tanzania since 1983 under the name "WaterAid Tanzania," which is registered as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) in the United Republic of Tanzania and operates as a Country Programme and a functional office of WaterAid U.K. within the East African Region.

Currently, WaterAid Tanzania is implementing the "Behavioral Adaptation for Water Security and Inclusion" (BASIN) project, funded by IDRC and FCDO under the CLARE program under the academic oversight from London School of Economics (LSE). The BASIN project aims to address water security as a central challenge in climate change adaptation. In Africa, water insecurity is a significant issue, with one in three Africans experiencing water scarcity. This scarcity disproportionately affects women, children, and other marginalized groups. The BASIN project examines adaptation behaviors and practices to identify insights and practical actions that address intersectional concerns that can be implemented at scale.

The project will test the potential of behavioral and psychological sciences (B&PS) in promoting inclusive water security for the most vulnerable in Burkina Faso, Malawi, and Tanzania. Adaptation to water scarcity is fundamentally about behavior change. The B&PS offer insights into how individual perceptions, motivations, and agency affect actions on weather and climate information and responses to changing hazard profiles. However, there is a gap in applying these sciences to adaptation strategies that promote water security for vulnerable communities in Africa as they primarily draw from Western societies. The BASIN project seeks to bridge this gap by examining adaptation behaviors at individual, organizational, and political levels, fostering inclusive, climate-adaptive behaviors for water security in Bassotu village.

WaterAid is looking for the Interested individual consultant, consulting, or research firm to conduct the Assessment of Behavioral Adaptation for Water Security in Medium Scale Water Supply and Treatment - Lake Bassotu and Bassotu Village in Hanang District, Manyara Region.; All the Terms of reference documents can be found on the WaterAid Tanzania website: https://www.wateraid.org/tz/work-with-us

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Financial proposal

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Invitation for Quotations/Bids



CONSULTANT FOR CONDUCTING ASSESSMENT ON BEHAVIORAL ADAPTATION FOR WATER SECURITY IN SCALING UP CLIMATE RESILIENT WASH SERVICES FOR VULNERABLE ENTITIES- SANGARA VILLAGE IN BABATI DISTRICT, MANYARA REGION.

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FEATURE

Guardian

By Osman Benk Sankoh

N September 2021, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution proclaiming the Second Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021-2030, with the ambitious target of preventing at least 50 percent of road traffic deaths and injuries by 2030. Jean Todt, a former director of Ferrari Formula One, is the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Road Safety. Before launching the UN worldwide campaign #MakeASafetyStatement in New York on 1 July, in partnership with JCDecaux, a global leader in outdoor advertising, Mr. Todt visited Sierra Leone. There, he spoke with the UN's Osman Benk Sankoh, about how Africa can achieve the 2030 road safety targets. These are excerpts from the interview.

How would you describe the current state of road safety in Africa?

Africa is the most affected by road crashes, with a traffic fatality rate of 19.5 deaths per 100,000 people compared to 16 deaths per 100,000 in Southeast Asia, and 6.5 deaths per 100,000 in Europe, according to the WHO Global Status Report on Road Safety 2023.

Road crashes are also the world's leading cause of death for children and young adults aged 5-29 years. We know that Africa has the youngest population in the world, with 70 percent of sub-Saharan Africa under the age of 30. This demonstrates the magnitude of the challenge.

Beyond the human tragedy, road crashes also slow down the development of a country, costing on average 4-5 percent of GDP. In Africa, the percentage could be

In which areas do you think African countries have made progress and where do they need to improve?

We see progress with the African Integrated High-Speed Railway Network, which is part of the AU Agenda 2063 and designed to connect African capitals, economic and other industrial hubs, as well as major tourism locations with high-speed rail, electricity, and ICT broadband infrastructure and services.

Senegal's Bus Rapid Transit, supported by the UN Environment Programme, will connect communes in Dakar. The 150-seater buses are set to carry some 300,000 passengers a day and will decongest the city for safer and

Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Uganda are beneficiaries of the United Nations Road Safety Fund project on safer and cleaner used cars in Africa, promoting regulations on the export and import of used vehicles in Africa, leading to safety, health, climate, and economic benefits.

Not wearing a helmet is one of the main causes of fatalities and serious injuries on the road in Africa. The project "Helmet for Hope" that I support can be a game changer in Africa. Motorbikes are rising in popularity. Wearing a helmet reduces the risk of road fatalities by 42 percent and injuries by 69 percent. Countries like Rwanda are promoting the initiative for every rider and passenger.

How does road safety tie into the broader SDGs?

Road safety targets are integral to the SDG agenda. SDG 3.6 aims to halve road traffic deaths and injuries by 2030, while SDG 11.2 focuses on providing access to safe, affordable, accessible, and sustainable transport systems and improving road safety for all.

Furthermore, road safety is essential to achieving the goals related to health, climate change, infrastructure and cities, education, gender equality, decent work, and economic growth. For example, with SDG 4, safer roads mean more children and young people will have safe access to quality education.

The goal to halve road crashes by 2030 is ambitious. What are the most effective policies and infrastructure requirements to achieve this target

Indeed, the goal is ambitious. The last WHO Global Status Report on Road Safety states that only 10 countries have so far successfully reduced road traffic deaths by over 50 percent. So, we need to increase our efforts. With that in mind, the UN General Assembly on 24 June 2024 adopted a resolution on improving road safety, ahead of the Fourth Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety to be held in Marrakesh from 18 to 20 February 2025.

There are 58 United Nations transport conventions, of which six are considered priorities for accession for improving road safety.

For example, focusing on making walking and cycling safer is a game changer. Fewer than 50 countries have policies that promote walking, cycling, and public transport. Vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, cyclists,

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

African countries can halve road crashes by 2030



African countries are committing to strengthening reporting on road crash fatalities.



Jean Todt, the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Road Safety (right) with Mrs Fatima Maada Bio, the First Lady of Sierra Leone.

and motorcyclists remain dangerously exposed.

You have mentioned the need for collaboration between Presidents Bio of Sierra Leone and Paul Kagame of Rwanda on road safety. Can you elaborate on this initiative?

I encouraged President Bio to collaborate with his Rwandan counterpart. President Kagame, and other African leaders to prioritize road safety at the AU in their pursuit of 'The Africa We Want.' Agenda 2063's second 10-year plan, spanning 2024 to 2033, will help achieve the goal of halving the number of road traffic deaths by 2030.

I would also encourage coordination among African countries on enforcing the use of helmets. Additionally, I urge development partners and the private sector to support efforts to ensure everyone has access to helmets.

tanbul in October 2023, and who is very concerned about protecting Sierra Leone citizens on the road. My mission is to advocate for road safety to be high on the political agenda, to encourage partnerships and financing for road safety, to increase the visibility of the topic in the media, and to promote the accession and effective implementation of the UN road safety legal instruments and the Global Plan of Action for Road Safety.

What challenges did you identify in Sierra Leone's road safety measures, and what solutions did you propose?

I would like Sierra Leone to promote the UN-JCDecaux campaign #MakeASafetyStatement and identify a national celebrity who could support the campaign from a longterm perspective.

I also recommend stronger enforcement of national motorcycle helmet laws and the use of highquality helmets approved by a UN regulation.

Lastly, Sierra Leone should submit proposals for road safety projects during the next call for proposals of the UN Road Safety Fund, from 1 September 2024 to 31 October 2024. What are the features of a good

helmet?

A good helet has a basic structure with durable material and a ventilation requirement. It must pass a series of safety tests - shear and peripheral vision testing, impact absorption, surface friction, retention systems test, variable loads and abrasion test, impact resistance,

How can private sector involvement be increased in road safety

light transmission, light diffusion,

The private sector is key in investing in road safety to protect employees, clients, drivers, and partners. The private sector can help raise awareness about road safety.

My secretariat has a partnership with the billboard announcer JCDecaux, which provides billboards in streets, train stations, and airports to display the campaign in 80 countries and more than 1,000 cities between 2023 and 2025.

Are there any successful campaigns or measures that African countries can adopt to boost road safety?

The newly adopted UN resolution on road safety recommends that Member States adopt legislation on key risk factors such as the non-use of seat belts, child restraints, and helmets, non-respect of speed limits, distracted driving, and driving under the influence.

The #MakeASafetyStatement campaign addresses these key issues and is available in 30 languages. It can be displayed everywhere and promoted by many global and national celebrities. #MakeASafetyStatement is more than just a call to action; it is a global movement aimed at individuals, communities, and governments to create safer and more inclusive roads. Our message is clear: road crashes are not inevitable.

If you could achieve one major milestone in road safety during your tenure, what would it be?

Road safety education is essential. The entire system must be addressed, including post-crash services. Responding to UN safety regulations by wearing a helmet is a game changer for protecting people on the road.

We also need to control access to driving licenses, ensure medical insurance coverage for all, and ensure governments ratify and implement UN conventions for road safety.



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BUSINESS



Uganda plans to revert to the gold standard

KAMPALA

Uganda is aiming to return to the gold standard at some extent with a purchase proposal that seeks to amass more gold to back its fiat currency, the Ugandan shilling.

The Central Bank of Uganda says will purchase gold from artisanal miners to support their activities and reduce raw gold imports.

Uganda is moving to back up its currency with gold. Last week, the government announced a plan to amass gold to rebuild its precious metal reserves and lower its reserve investment risk.

The Ugandan shilling was unchanged against the dollar on Monday on the back of a slump in demand as most firms reserved their local currency holdings for mid-month taxes, traders

At 0854 GMT, on Monday, the commercial banks quoted the shilling at 3,695/3,705, the same level as Friday's

The Central Bank of Uganda, which currently holds no gold in its reserves, will purchase this gold from artisanal miners, seeking to achieve two objectives: to support the Ugandans that carry this activity in the country and reduce the raw imports of bullion.

In a recent report titled "State of the Economy," the Ugandan Central Bank declares it expects this program to have "positive spill-over effects on other sectors of the economy in line with the Bank's mission to support socio-economic transformation.'

The country has been hit by a capital flight prompted by the enactment of specific regulations targeting LGBTQ rights that caused the World Bank to stop aiding the country last August.

Uganda has refineries but doesn't have a relevant mining industry, even when it claimed to have found 31 million metric tons of gold in 2022.

Uganda is the last of a series of African countries that want to turn to gold to back the value of their fiat currencies, or to create new backed currencies. This is the case of Zimbabwe, which launched a gold-backed "structured currency" called Zimbabwe' Gold (ZIG) in April.

"The gold purchase program aims at mitigating the declining foreign currency reserves and address the associated risks in the international financial markets," the Bank of Uganda said in a report posted on its website.

"By purchasing gold directly from the artisanal miners, the BOU will also be supporting the livelihoods of artisanal and small-scale miners, and this has positive spill-over effects on other sectors of the economy."

Continued capital outflows saw Uganda's reserves in the year through April decline by \$149 million to \$3.47 billion, or 3.2 months of future import cover, which the bank said was a level that provides inadequate cover for the country's currency account deficit. The central bank said it doesn't currently hold any gold in its reserves.

Ghana has also acted in this regard, asking big gold miners to sell 20 percent of their production directly to the central bank.

Gold has been in high demand from central banks and retail investors lately, and several predictions vaticinate that its price might reach record levels in the future, going from \$27,000 to even 40,000 per ounce.

Tourism's total contribution to economy to hit 20trn/- in 2024

By Guardian Reporter

he World Travel Tourism Council (WTTC) forecasts that the spillover contribution of tourism sector to the Tanzanian economy is expected to hit 20trn/- this

Spending by international visitors is projected to increase by 8.5 percent to 8.7trn/-, with domestic spending expected to exceed 3.9trn/-.

The number of jobs in travel and tourism is predicted to surpass 1.5 million this year, further cementing the sector's role as a key employment driver in Tanzania.

By 2034, the WTTC says the industry is anticipated to expand significantly to 30.9trn/- and is expected to support approximately 2.25 million jobs, or nearly one in every 15 workers in

Julia Simpson, WTTC President & CEO, said: "Tanzania's Travel & Tourism sector is growing from strength to strength, contributing record numbers to the national economy".

"This underscores the sector's crucial role in driving economic development and job creation,



with projections indicating continued growth and increased employment over the coming years," he further comments.

Tanzania has almost 38 percent of its land reserved as protected areas, one of the world's highest percent.

Tanzania boasts 16 national parks and is home to a large variety of animal life. Among the large mammals include the Big five, cheetahs, wildebeest, giraffes, hippopotamuses and various antelopes.

Tanzania's most wellknown wildlife attractions are located in the northern part of the country and include the Serengeti

National Park, Tarangire National Park and Lake Manyara National Park.

The 2024 Economic Impact Research (EIR) conducted by the World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC) highlights a remarkable surge in Tanzania's travel and tourism industry.

Last year, the sector contributed a record 18.6trn/to the national GDP, marking a 4 percent increase from the 2019 peak and accounting for 9.5 percent of the total economic output.

In terms of spending, 2023 saw unprecedented levels of both international and domestic visitor expenditures, reaching zania and UNWTO have

8trn/- and 3.7trn/- respectively, surpassing 2019 figures by 11.1 percent and 12.8 percent.

Employment figures in 2023 also saw a significant rise with the sector employing over 1.4 million people, although this is still 7.4 percent lower than the peak in 2019.

This development is also contributed to ongoing efforts by President Samia Suluhu Hassan to improve business environment and promote tourism sector through The Royal Tour film, which have both spurred investments in the sector.

Since 2022, UNDP Tan-

been collaborating on a joint project, titled "Tanzania Tourism Recovery through Digital Transformation and Local Economy Development".

The main purpose of the project is to support the tourism sector to recover from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and become more resilient by focusing on building a green, innovative, safe and more inclusive tourism sector in the country.

The Tourism and Local Economic Development Strategy provides both recommendations at a national level and proposed actions to be taken at destination level, including proposals for possible demonstration projects in each of the four main Tourism Circuits in Tanzania Mainland, including the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Lake Zone/ Western Circuit.

The recommendations and proposals presented in the Strategy may serve as a good basis to identify funding opportunities for follow-up projects in Tanzania on which UN-WTO can collaborate with UNDP, MNRT and TATO to help enhance the local economic impact from tourism in the country.

New project to boost quality of veterinary products

By Guardian Reporter

An ambitious new 3-year project, supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, has been launched to improve regulation to enhance access to quality veterinary products among 800 million livestock farmers in sub-Saharan Africa.

Availability and accessibility of high-quality veterinary medicines are considered key to combating animal diseases and helping to curb economic

Registering veterinary medicines in Africa through the currently established processes is cumbersome and time consuming.

Improving the registration system for veterinary medicines across nations and harmonising the requirements will simplify the process, save time, and resources and help to ensure the quality, safety, and efficacy of veterinary products.

Currently, there is no overarching framework or governance structure for cooperation between agencies responsible for veterinary medicines in

The project seeks to support the development of a long-term governance



Agrovet shop selling various veterinary products

structure to improve access to high quality veterinary medicines through better regulation in a coordinated manner.

The project will also build on the success of the East African Community (EAC) Mutual Recognition Procedure (MRP), a novel approach to veterinary product registration that allows for simultaneous application of marketing authorisations in multiple countries in EAC.

The project seeks to improve MRP efficiency and sustainability leading to reduced timelines for registration and more veterinary products being submitted and approved through the EAC MRP.

Fahari Marwa, Principal Agricultural Economist at the EAC said: "This project is going to strengthen the capacity of national regulatory agencies and make it easier to work on the to support registration of veterinary products at regional level, thereby improving quality, increasing availability and lowering the cost of these products."

The livestock sector contributes between 30 to 50 percent of agricultural GDP and supports the food security and livelihoods of about one-third of Africa's population, or about 350 million people.

The high prevalence of livestock diseases is a major constraint to increasing farmers' incomes and enhancing agricultural development, food security and resilience.

'Better Regulation' is a multi-partner project implemented by Global Alliance for Livestock Veterinary Medicines (GAL-Vmed), the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), the UK Veteri-

harmonised mechanisms nary Medicines Directorate (UK-VMD) and the East African Community (EAC), with the support of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The project aims to significantly improve the predictability, efficiency and transparency of regulatory processes required to bring new veterinary products to market thereby increasing product availability and contributing to improved animal health and livestock pro-

duction. "Effective regulation of veterinary medicines provides assurance to farmers and service providers on the quality of products available on the national market and encourages them to invest in these essential products. It allows manufacturers to bring their products to market in a predictable and timely manner. GALVmed

is committed to supporting greater convergence in veterinary regulation in Africa to improve availability and access to quality veterinary products," said Dr Lois Muraguri, GAL-Vmed's Senior Director for Enabling Environment & Partner Engagement.

The project will further develop a Self-Assessment Tool that will support regulatory agencies to assess and strengthen their regulatory capacity.

The tool will enable agencies prioritise their capacity building efforts and enable measurement of progress over time thereby improving their ability to regulate veterinary products.

"We are really excited to be working alongside our partners and with regulatory networks throughout sub-Saharan Africa to put in place our common goal of increasing availability of veterinary medicines for farmers. Good quality medicines and vaccines underpin healthy, happy livestock which means more income for farmers, better protection of public health and safer food on the table," said Suzanne Eckford, Head of International Office at the UK-Veterinary Medicines Directorate.

Oil prices tick down on worries about Chinese demand

Oil prices slipped on Tuesday on worries about a slowing Chinese economy crimping demand, though a growing consensus that the US Federal Reserve will begin cutting its key interest rate as soon as September limited declines.

Brent futures fell 57 cents, or 0.67 percent, to \$84.28 a barrel by 0630 GMT, while US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude dropped 59 cents, or 0.72 percent, to \$81.32.

IG market strategist Yeap Jun Rong, in an email, said the weaker run in Chinese economic data "cast some doubts on whether market participants are being overly optimistic around Chinese oil demand outlook".

The world's second-largest economy grew 4.7 percent in April-June, official data showed, its slowest since the first quarter of 2023 and missing a 5.1 percent forecast in a Reuters poll. It also slowed from the previous quarter's 5.3 percent expansion, hamstrung by a protracted property downturn and job insecurity.

"Its 2Q GDP and retail sales figures had surprised on the downside by a

for stronger stimulus measures at the Third Plenum may face the risks of disappointment," Yeap added, referring to a key economic leadership meeting in Beijing this week.

In the US, Fed Chair Jerome Powell said on Monday the three US inflation readings over the second quarter of this year "add somewhat to confidence" that the pace of price increases is returning to the central bank's target in a sustainable fashion, remarks market participants interpreted as indicating that a turn to interest rate cuts may not

significant margin, while anticipation be far off. Lower interest rates decrease the cost of borrowing, which can boost economic activity and oil demand.

> Some analysts cautioned about being overly bullish as expected weakness in some macroeconomic data from the US could still indirectly hurt oil demand in the near-term.

> "Macro factors are not in favour of higher oil prices in the near term (capped below \$85/barrel for WTI crude) due to the prospect of weaker U.S. retail sales for June that are due later today," said OANDA senior market analyst Kelvin Wong in an email.

THE POWER OF EDUCATION:

How INACHO Community has helped to change lives in Tanzania

By Correspondent Beatrice Philemon

educated young girl can knowledge effectively to contribute to the economy, transforming people's lives, her family, and community as

Dorcas Eliuta, a 25-vearold, is one of nine young girls who have benefited from the Small Industries Development Organization (SIDO)'s training programs offered in 2022 in the Dar es Salaam region.

Speaking on behalf of the other girls, Eliuta shared that their journey began in 2022 when she and her peers joined SI-DO's food processing training in Dar es Salaam.

Through the training, they acquired numerous skills including food hygiene, sanitation, plant layout, food quality control, and packaging.

Additionally, they were trained in customer care, marketing skills, the use of social media for marketing products, financial recordkeeping, business registration, and more.

Through the knowledge and skills gained from SIDO, Eliuta and her peers have been able to produce a wide range of nutritional products that are very healthy for children, pregnant women, breastfeeding women, patients with non-communicable diseases (NCDs), and those suffering from malnutri-

The products are distributed to both government and private hospitals, helping them become entrepreneurs.

Their products include sardines powder, michelle juice, almond powder, soya milk, seaweed powder, and black pumpkin seeds.

They have also established their own organization called Imalilo Nutrition and Community Health Organization (INA-CHO), located in Kigamboni Mnadani.

INACHO was officially established in 2023 with the mission to raise public awareness about nutrition education, how to prepare nutritious meals for children, produce nutritional products that can improve health for various diseases, educate people about healthy eating habits, and encourage healthful dietrelated behavior changes.

So far, INACHO has embarked on a special program to educate students and the public about nutrition and related issues in both government and private hospitals.

Currently, the organization, which has 15 regis-



INACHO chairperson Clara Sanga, (in red T-shirt) explains how Clara Lishe nutritional products work for the elderly, children and people with NCDs.

tered nutrition educators. has educated students in eight primary and secondary schools in the Temeke district council about nutrition, food groups, and the importance of a balanced diet in early child-

"We have decided to

produce these products to solve the greatest problems and challenges faced in hospitals. Nowadays, most women don't understand how to prepare children's nutrition, and many patients become dependent on medicines rather than food," Eliuta explained.

We need to educate the public about nutrition because it is crucial for children to have a balanced diet to ensure they get all the nutrients and energy their bodies need to grow, work properly, maintain a healthy weight, and feel

She emphasized that if children don't get the necessary nutrients from their diet, it can affect their development, and children with unhealthy diets can also have an increased risk of some diseases later in

INACHO has participated in the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) in 2023 and 2024 through a sustainable program called 'Women in Poverty Eradication (WIPE)' implemented by

the Equal Opportunities

for All Trust Fund (EOTF). Clara Sanga, INACHO's chairperson, said, "Under EOTF, we have managed to showcase our nutritional products to the public, which has helped the government select us to distribute these products in 10 hospitals initially and create awareness about

nutrition education."

She expressed gratitude to EOTF for supporting their participation in DITF, which allowed them to meet various businesspeople, learn from their experiences, and understand the challenges they encounter in business and how they solve them. She also thanked President Samia Suluhu Hassan for providing them with a three-wheeled vehicle (Bajaj) for transport to different areas to promote nutrition education.

"President Samia donated the Bajaj to us after being impressed by our nutritional products that improve people's health, create employment for youth, and raise income for people involved in the food processing value chain," she said.

She also thanked Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa, who visited their pavilion at the 47th DITF in 2023, encouraged them to register their organization, and facilitated their selection by the government to distribute their nutritional products in 10 hospitals nationwide.

"Right now, we are looking for donors to support us with transport facilities to reach different areas across the country," she added.

SIDO's Meanwhile, Director of Marketing and Investment, Shoma Kibende, highlighted that from 2016 to 2021, 89,000 Small and Medium Entrepreneurs (SMEs) received training on various issues, with 53,484 of them being young girls and women entrepreneurs.

SMEs received business advisory services, including 73,405 women entrepreneurs.

Under the program, participants were trained in food processing, business management, record keeping, leather products, soap and detergent manufacturing, plant layout, machine maintenance, branding, and supply management to become competitive in the market.

"As SIDO, we are very proud of what has been achieved because the majority of young girls and women entrepreneurs in Tanzania have managed to transform their lives, create job opportunities for youth, raise income, and move from microenterprises to medium enterprises, something that was not the case before," she said.

She added that they have improved the quality of their products, used high-quality packaging materials, formalized their businesses, and more women are now involved in the food processing subsector.

Additionally, they have received advisory services on project management, financial record keeping, plant layout, machine maintenance and repair, productivity issues, and how to use social media for marketing their prod-

They have also enhanced their ability to participate in various trade fairs such as DITF, zonal, and regional trade fairs including Jua Kali and Sabasaba trade fairs.

Cocoa traders suffer \$1 billion blow

ACCRA

\$1bn in losses on cocoa de- to 350,000 metric tonnes on to chocolate makers. rivatives as Ghana, a major this season - nearly half of the producer, failed to deliver beans, forcing traders to liquidate short positions amid a market rally, according to industry sources.

Global cocoa prices soared this year after bad weather, bean disease, smuggling and illegal gold mining reduced production and the volume of beans available in Ghana, the world's number two pro-

Chocolate prices also rose globally and chocolate makers have reduced the size of products such as bars as a result of the huge cocoa price

cocoa beans they sold - due to Ghana's devastated crop, five sources told Reuters last month. Ghana's cocoa regulator said the country was looking to roll over "some volumes, but not in those quantities".

A delay of 350,000 tonnes means cocoa traders and processors could face losses of about \$4,000 per tonne on cocoa futures they had bought to hedge their physical bean purchases, or around \$1.4bn combined, the sources said.

Trade houses like Cargill, Olam and Barry Callebaut

Ghanaian authorities, who use the futures market to sell all of the country's beans, hedge or lock in a price for Trading houses face over want to delay delivery of up cocoa they have not yet sold "We're sitting staring at

our screens, barely trading," said the head cocoa trader at a global trading house specialising in agricultural commodities, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorised to talk to the media.

He said trading in the global cocoa physical and futures market has just about ground to a halt as a result of the deep losses and uncertainty.

Much of Ghana's cocoa is bought by large, diversified trade houses with deep pockets, including Sucden, Olam, Barry Callebaut, Cargill, Touton and Ecom.

Traders typically sign deals to buy beans - like any other commodity - months in advance in the hope of reselling later at a profit. By doing so they take a so-called long position in the physical market.

As they wait for the physical commodity to be delivered for weeks or months they need to protect themselves against possible price falls. They typically do this by taking short positions in the futures market to protect against losses on a long posi-

Short trading bets on price falls so when the physical commodity arrives, long and short positions cancel each other out, guaranteeing a fixed price.

The strategy unravels, however, if physical delivery - in this case, cocoa beans - is delayed in a rallying market.

If this happens, traders are forced to liquidate short positions for the month they had expected the commodity to arrive and take a new short position for the month of a new expected delivery.

Doing so in April 2024 after the market realised Ghana would delay bean delivery to 2025 - would have been costly, according to the traders.

The six sources said last year traders who bought physical beans for May 2024 delivery would have taken equivalent short positions in May 2024 futures at around \$3,000 a ton.

Global sports tourism to hit \$771bln by 2028, says report

By Guardian Reporter

The global sports tourism market is poised for significant growth, with an estimated increase of \$771.4 billion during the 2024 to 2028 period, expanding at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 15.2 percent over the next four years, according to Technavio. The driving force behind this im-

pressive growth is the increasing number of sporting events worldwide. However, the market faces challenges such as the cancellation of events due to financial constraints, it stated.

A significant trend contributing to the market's growth is the development of virtual reality (VR) technology. This innovation offers sports fans immersive experiences, enhancing the appeal of sports tour-

Key players in the market include ATPI Ltd., BAC Sports Ltd., DTB Sports Management Ltd., Fanatic Sports Pvt. Ltd., and several others. These companies are leveraging the latest technologies and strategic partnerships to attract sports tour-

The report by Technavio covers various segments of the sports tourism market, including domestic and international sports tourism, as well as different sports like soccer, cricket, and tennis.

The market is also segmented by region, with Europe, APAC, North America, South America, and the Middle East and Africa all covered. Each region presents unique opportunities and challenges for market

Despite the promising outlook, the sports tourism market faces several challenges. Seasonal fluctuations, infrastructure limitations, and financial hurdles can impact the profitability and sustainability of sporting events.

Event organizers must address these issues to ensure the long-term success of sports tourism. Moreover, sustainable practices and environmental awareness are becoming increasingly important for reducing the negative impact of tourism on the environment, stated the expert. Strategic partnerships between

the sports and tourism industries have been crucial for the market's Collaborations with tourism

boards and event hosting in premier travel destinations have enhanced the appeal of sports tourism. Events like Formula 1 races, the FIFA World Cup, and the Olympics attract millions of fans and significantly boost local economies. These partnerships create unique visitor experiences, driving sustained growth in the market, it added.

According to Technavio, the infrastructure development is another critical factor for the success of sports tourism.

Adequate arenas, training centers, and recreational facilities are essential to meet the demands of top-tier athletes and tourists. Investments in these areas not only improve the overall experience for visitors but also contribute to the economic growth of host cities.

Ensuring that these infrastructures are eco-friendly and sustainable is also vital for the industry's future, it stated.

The economic impact of sports tourism cannot be overstated. Successful sports events generate significant revenue for host regions, promoting local businesses and creating job opportunities.

The influx of tourists during major sporting events boosts the hospitality industry and stimulates economic growth. However, to maintain this momentum, it is crucial to address the financial challenges and ensure a stable environment for the organization of these events.

In conclusion, the sports tourism market is set for substantial growth over the next few years, driven by an increasing number of sporting events and advancements in technology, said the expert.

While challenges exist, strategic partnerships, infrastructure development, and sustainable practices can help overcome these obsta-



South Africa's diamond firms losing their sparkle

JOHANNESBURG

iamond mining in South Africa, historically pivotal to the economy and livelihoods of many across the country, faces challenges as production recently hit a decade

Despite this downturn, reinvestments by the one of the biggest diamond companies in South Africa, and some developments in the electricity and logistics sector, offers hope for a resurgence.

South Africa, renowned for its significant role in diamond production, has a rich history with the trade dating back to 1867 when diamonds were first discovered near the Orange River, leading to a widespread rush and solidifying its prominence in the global diamond industry.

However, a recent analysis by The Outlier shows that the country's diamond production has taken a dip.

Before 2023, the country produced an average of 8.5-million carats a year, hitting a peak of 10.2-million carats in 2022 where sales amounted to R27.7

However, by 2023, production had dropped to 6.1-million carats.

There are numerous reasons given for the drop; however the key contributor for this is the fact that the De Beers' Venetia diamond mine in Limpopo reached the end of its open-pit operations in December 2022.

According to the Mining Review Africa, until it ceased open-pit operations at the end of 2022, it contributed 40 percent of the country's annual diamond production.

Additionally, the Minerals Council has said that there are various factors that continue to greatly hinder diamond mining in South Africa, which includes rising costs, particularly in salaries, wages, and electricity; the scarcity of water necessitates the continual development and implementation of water efficiency measures to reduce consumption in the industry and lack of investment in diamond mining and emerging markets.

Looking at the synthetic boom, while synthetic diamond production techniques continue to advance, the Minerals Council believes that natural diamonds are expected to remain the premium product.

This does not mean that the demand is not there. According to Statista, the market value of lab-grown diamonds amounted to more than \$20 billion (R362.25 billion) in 2021 and is expected to grow to nearly \$52 billion (R941.86 billion) by 2030.

Peter Major, director of mining at Modern Corporate Solutions, told Kaya Biz that the demand for natural diamonds and their supply are declining. "This is probably the scariest threat diamond mining has faced in the past 100 years," he said.

Crucially, South Africa's mining industry relies on the country's infrastructure (roads and railway lines) in order to operate a streamlined busi-

However, there have been numerous woes in this regard which have greatly inhibited this, particularly in rail volume. Transnet went from moving around 226.6 million tonnes along

its rail in 2015, to just under 150 million tonnes.

However, recent developments in Transnet, such as selling rail slots to third parties or private sector players, among numerous others as part of a Recovery Plan, has meant that there has been an uptick in the volume handled by its railways and ports and its revenue - albeit below targets.

South Africa's mining industry as a whole has been up against the ropes, with widespread job cuts becoming seemingly endemic in some mining companies attempting to stay afloat.

Recently, the Reserve Bank echoed much of what the Minerals Council said about the diamond sector, saying that the mining sector as a whole is continuing to be hampered by:

Retrenchments and lay-offs have been prevalent in the South African mining industry of late, largely as a result of world prices for commodities such as platinum and diamonds remaining suppressed.

Earlier this year, PETRA Diamonds issued retrenchment notices to employees at its South African operations as it intensifies cost-cutting measures while forging ahead with the disposal of its stake in the Koffiefontein diamond mine.

Regardless, South Africa remains among the top 10 diamond-producing countries, contributing 5% of the world's diamonds.

The largest producers are Russia with 37.3-million carats and Botswana, with an output of 25-million carats, according to 2023 Kimberley Process data.



Adani gets go-ahead to develop port in Vietnam

DA NANG

India's port operator Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd. has secured preliminary approval to build a new port in Da Nang, Vietnam. The greenfield project will include container terminals and multipurpose berths, though the total investment required is still to be finalised.

In an interview with Bloomberg, Karan Adani, managing director of the company, said that Adani has won an "in-principle approval from the Vietnamese government", adding that the project is in the early planning stages. This new port will expand Adani's international footprint, adding to its existing assets in Haifa, Colombo, and Dar es Salaam.

The Lien Chieu Port project in Da Nang, expected to become a major international transhipment hub, was initially set for completion by November 2025.

The project includes two main elements: shared infrastructure for breakwaters and access roads estimated to cost US\$ 136.8 million, and a wharf area with eight container berths and six general cargo berths, estimated at US\$ 1.9 billion.

However, the project has faced delays amid a lack of an investor for the wharf segment.

Construction of the first two container berths, each designed for 100,000-tonne vessels, is projected to take an additional two to three

Da Nang has three main ports: Tiên Sa Port for deep-water cargo and passenger traffic, Da Nang International Port for containers and bulk cargo, and Han River Port for smaller vessels and general cargo.

The Vietnamese government has identified Lien Chieu Port as a priority project, aligning with broader national plans to upgrade port infrastructure and boost the country's maritime industry.

This move is part of Adani Ports' strategy to enhance India's maritime capabilities and increase its global market share.

Kuwait announces massive offshore oil, gas discovery

By Tsvetana Paraskova

Kuwait has discovered a significant amount of oil and gas in the Al-Noukhitha offshore field, estimated at around 3.2 billion in the OPEC+ deal-OPEC barrels of oil equivalent.

The discovery includes 2.1 billion barrels of light oil and 5.1 trillion standard cubic feet of natural gas.

Kuwait plans to develop plans for extracting resources from the field as soon as possible, aiming to increase its oil production capacity to 4 million barrels per day by 2035.

One of the Middle East's largest oil producers, Kuwait, announced on Sunday a "huge" discovery of oil and associated gas in an offshore field east of Failaka Island.

Preliminary estimates have shown that reserves at the Al-Noukhitha offshore field could be about 3.2 billion barrels of oil equivalent of light oil and gas, Kuwait Petroleum Corporation said during a meeting with the Emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

Reserves could be 2.1 billion barrels of light oil and 5.1 trillion standard cubic feet of gas, all of which amount to a total of 3.2 billion barrels of oil equivalent, Kuwait Oil Company (KOC), the government entity responsible for exploration and production, said in a statement to Kuwaiti news agency KUNA.

Early estimates suggest that the field has "huge potential" to reveal additional quantities in various layers and reservoirs at the field, according to KOC.

Kuwait plans to draw up plans to begin extracting resources from the field as soon as possible, the com-

pany said. Kuwait, which began

exporting crude oil in 1946, currently produces around 2.4 million barrels per day (bpd) of crude, as it is capping output together with its partners and a dozen non-OPEC producers led by Russia.

Kuwait, a founding member of OPEC, is the cartel's fifth-largest producer, behind Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Iran, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Kuwait aims to boost its oil production capacity to 4 million bpd by 2035, up from just above 3 million bpd now, Kuwait Petroleum Corporation's chief executive Sheikh Nawaf Al Sabah said earlier this Kuwait also looks to

boost its capacity to process heavier grades domestically, leaving more volumes of the more expensive lighter crudes for exports.

Last year, Kuwait began curbing its sour crude exports as its new 615,000-barrels-per-day refinery Al-Zour started ramping up operations.

A small emirate nestled between Iraq and Saudi Arabia, Kuwait is situated in a section of one of the driest, least-hospitable deserts on Earth.



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WORLD

UN deputy chief urges arms spending cuts to save SDGs

UNITED NATIONS

UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed on Monday urged global leaders to redirect resources from warfare to peace and sustainable development initiatives.

Speaking on behalf of Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, Mohammed called for immediate and decisive action to salvage the faltering Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

"Conflicts in Gaza, Sudan, Ukraine, and beyond are causing a devastating loss of life and diverting political attention and scarce resources from the urgent work of ending poverty and averting climate catastrophe," she said at the ministerial meeting of the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development.

She emphasized the need to slash mil-

itary budgets and instead channel funds towards peace and development.

Highlighting the critical state of the SDGs, Mohammed noted that only 17 percent of the targets are on track as the 2030 deadline approaches. "Future generations deserve more than 17 percent of a sustainable future," she emphasized, outlining a four-pronged strategy for urgent acceleration in a bid to meet the 2030 deadline for the goals.

The first step, she stressed, is to establish peace, underscoring that political and financial resources should be redirected from conflicts to development

She also emphasized the importance of advancing green and digital transition, urging nations to enhance their climate action plans by 2025, aligning them with the 1.5-degree Celsius limit in line with the Paris Agreement and in-



Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, arrives at United Nations headquarters, on Sept 20. 2021, during the 76th Session of the UN General Assembly in New York. (PHOTO / AP)

vest in expanding digital connectivity.

Addressing the financial challenges impeding SDG progress, Mohammed pointed out the growing financing gap and destabilizing financial conditions in many developing countries.

She acknowledged ongoing reform of multilateral development banks and the recycling of special drawing rights but called for more robust measures. "We must go further and faster to deliver an SDG Stimulus," she urged, calling for increased lending capacity, expanded access to contingency financing, and comprehensive debt solutions.

Mohammed reiterated the SDGs' promise to "leave no one behind." She emphasized the need to prioritize vulnerable populations, uphold the rights of persons with disabilities and combat gender inequality.

"Achieving this agenda means placing vulnerable people and groups at the forefront of national development plans, policies and budgets," she said.

During its threeday ministerial segment, the HLPF will hold a general debate on the theme From the SDG Summit to the Summit of the Future.

Ministers high-level representatives of participating states, as well as intergovernmental organizations, and major groups and other stakeholders will take action to realize the Political Declaration of the 2023 SDG Summit and accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs. They will also contribute to the preparations of the Summit of the Future, to be held this September.

Held under the auspices of the UN Economic and Social Council, the forum will conclude on July 18 with the adoption of a ministerial declaration.

Look forward to productive engagements - Jaishankar

PORT LOUIS

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister S Jaishankar yesterday arrived in Mauritius for a two-day official visit. He thanked Mauritius Foreign Minister Maneesh Gobin for his warm welcome and stated that he looked forward to productive engagements to take forward the special relationship between the two nations.

In a post on X, Jaishankar stated, "Namaste Mauritius! Thank Foreign Minister @ManeeshGobin for the warm welcome. Look forward to productive engagements to take forward this special relationship."

In his welcome message, the Mauritius Foreign Minister Maneesh Gobin said the two countries would continue to strengthen ties between the two countries.

"Delighted to welcome @DrSJaishankar to Mauritius. His visit highlights the strong and enduring partnership between our nations. Together, we continue to strengthen our ties and explore new avenues of cooperation. #India-Mauritius #GlobalSouth@MEABharat @MEAIndia @HCI PortLouis," the minister posted on X.

During his visit, Jaishankar will hold meetings with Mauritius Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth and several other senior ministers, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said in a press release on Monday.

This comes around a month after PM Jugnauth visited India for the swearing-in ceremony of Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with his new cabinet and Council of

The visit marks one of Jaishankar's first bilateral engagements following his re-appointment in the PM Modi-led government. Previously, Jaishankar visited Mauritius in February 2021.

In a press release, MEA stated, "During the visit, EAM will call on the Prime Minister of Mauritius, H.E. Mr. Pravind Jugnauth and will hold bilateral meetings with other senior ministers of the Government of Mauritius. In addition, he will engage with other prominent Mauritian lead-

"The visit will provide an opportunity for both sides to comprehensively take stock of various facets of the bilateral relationship," it added.

India and Mauritius enjoy close and longstanding relations, owing to historical, demographic and cultural reasons, according to MEA. A key reason for the special ties is the fact that Indian-origin people comprise nearly 70 per cent of Mauritius' population of 1.2 million people. ANI



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar received by Mauritius Foreign Minister Maneesh Gobin on his arrival yesterday. ANI

Trump picks Ohio senator J.D. Vance as running mate

DONALD Trump made a triumphant entrance during the first night of the Republican National Convention on Monday, receiving a raucous ovation from the party faithful two days after a would-be assassin's bullet grazed his right ear.

Trump walked into the Fiserv Forum in downtown Milwaukee with a thick bandage over the ear as the crowd chanted "Fight! Fight! Fight" and pumped their fists, a reference to his reaction in the moments after he was The former president appeared moved by the response

as he stood in a box alongside members of his family and Senator J.D. Vance, Trump's choice for running mate announced earlier in the day. The four-day convention opened hours after Trump

secured a major legal victory when a federal judge dismissed one of his criminal prosecutions.

Trump is due to formally accept the party's nomination in a prime-time speech on Thursday and will face Democratic President Joe Biden in the Nov 5 election.

During the evening session, one speaker after another blamed Biden's economic policies for inflation that has kept prices higher, even as it has eased sharply since peaking in June 2022 in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

Senator Tim Scott, who briefly ran against Trump for the nomination, said divine intervention spared Trump's

"Our God still saves," Scott said. "He still delivers and he still sets free. Because on Saturday the devil came to Pennsylvania holding a rifle, but an American lion got back up on his feet and he roared!"

Vance, 39, was a fierce Trump critic in 2016 but has since become one of the former president's staunchest defenders, embracing his false claims that the 2020 election was marred by widespread fraud.

Vance is deeply popular with Trump's core supporters, but it remains to be seen whether he can broaden the ticket's appeal. He shares Trump's aggressive approach to politics, and his conservative statements on issues such as abortion could turn off moderate voters.

Soon after Trump's afternoon announcement, Vance emerged on the convention floor with his wife Usha, shaking hands with and hugging delegates who swarmed the couple. He is scheduled to address the convention on Wednesday.

Biden told reporters at Joint Base Andrews in Maryland that Vance is "a clone of Trump on the issues," while Democrats assailed Vance's record on reproductive rights.

Opinion polls show a close race between Trump, 78, and Biden, 81, though Trump leads in several swing states that are likely to decide the election. Trump has not committed to accepting the results of the election if he loses. The head of the main fundraising super PAC support- trying to cover up a hush money pay-



Republican presidential candidate former US president Donald Trump talks cists.' to Republican vice-presidential candidate Sen. JD Vance, R-Ohio, during the Republican National Convention, on Monday in Milwaukee. AP

dowich, said on X that MAGA Inc had raised more than \$50 million on

Billionaire Elon Musk is planning to donate around \$45 million a month to a new pro-Trump super PAC, the Wall Street Journal reported, citing people familiar with his intentions. Musk endorsed Trump after the assassination attempt on Saturday.

After the assassination attempt, Trump said he was revising his acceptance speech to emphasize national unity, rather than highlight his differences with Biden.

"The speech will be a lot different, a lot different than it would've been two days ago," Trump told the Washington Examiner.

US District Judge Aileen Cannon's decision on Monday to throw out federal charges against Trump for retaining classified documents after leaving the White House was the latest in a string of legal wins for the former president, who is due to be sentenced in New York in September for

ing Trump's campaign, Taylor Bument to porn star Stormy Daniels in the weeks before his 2016 election victory.

His other two indictments on federal charges in Washington and state charges in Georgia - both related to his efforts to overturn his 2020 election defeat - are mired in delays and could be significantly limited after the US Supreme Court ruled in July that he had immunity for many of his official acts as president.

"This dismissal of the Lawless Indictment in Florida should be just the first step, followed quickly by the dismissal of ALL the Witch Hunts," Trump said on Truth Social on Monday, also referencing the prosecutions of hundreds of his supporters who stormed the US Capitol on Jan

No place for violence

The shooting attempt on Trump's life immediately altered the dynamics of the presidential campaign, which had been focused on whether Biden should drop out due to mer president. concerns about his age and acuity

Rwandans vote 'smoothly' in election, Kagame in early lead

other standard bearer. The focus this week will be

following a halting June 27 debate

Nearly two dozen of Biden's fel-

low Democrats in Congress have

called on him to end his reelection

bid and allow the party to pick an-

performance.

squarely on Trump. Having consolidated party control, Trump could seize on the opportunity to deliver a unifying message or paint a dark portrait of a nation under siege by a corrupt leftist elite, as he has done at times on the campaign trail.

Trump has frequently turned to violent rhetoric in campaign speeches, labeling his perceived enemies as "vermin" and "fas-

Biden has cast Trump as a threat to US democracy, comments that some Republicans say helped foster an atmosphere that prompted the shooting even though authorities have yet to determine the motive for the assassination attempt. The gunman himself was shot dead.

Following Saturday's shooting, Biden sought to lower the temperature after months of heated political rhetoric.

"There is no place in America for this kind of violence," Biden said in an address from the White House on Sunday.

In an interview with NBC News on Monday, Biden said it was a "mistake" to tell donors last week it was "time to put Trump in the bullseye" but noted that Trump has often used incendiary words.

Biden ordered an independent review of how the gunman, who killed a spectator, could have come so close to killing Trump. Congressional investigators also sought to question the head of the US Secret Service, which is responsible for protecting the for-

Lavrov to hold UN Security Council meeting on world order issues

UNITED NATIONS

RUSSIAN Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov will hold a number of UN Security Council meetings as the chairman of the Council. Russia's presidency in the Security Council started on



July 1. Lavrov will open the ministerial level debate on the topic of "Multilateral cooperation in the interest of establishment of more just, democratic and sustainable world order." On July 17, a ministerial meeting on the situation in the Middle East will take place, which will include the discussion of the Palestinian issue.

Current issues

Previously, Lavrov said in an interview that he will review the issues of multilateral cooperation and ensuring an equal and indivisible security.

"We will talk about how the West tries to manipulate everyone and everything," the minister pointed out.

According to Lavrov, it is necessary to hear what Western representative will say to "the question, asked for the tenth time already: can we see the list of people, whose bodies were shown by BBC reporters in Bucha?'

A number of bilateral meeting have also been planned, dedicated to discussion of current issues of international and regional agenda, including the Middle East and the Gaza Strip, the Ukrainian crisis and the efforts on protection of the UN Charter.

According to Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov, the US has not requested a meeting between US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Sergey Lavrov on the sidelines of the UN Security Council meetings.

KIGALI

RWANDANS lined up on Monday to elect their next president, with early results putting incumbent Paul Kagame in the lead in a vote widely expected to give him a fourth term and extend his near quarter century in charge of the East African country.

The two men standing against him - Frank Habineza from the Democratic Green Party and independent Philippe Mpayimana - said they were hoping to make some progress, but analysts and rights groups said Kagame's overwhelming victory was all but certain.

Kagame, who got more than 93 percent of the vote at the last three elections, won praise from Western and regional leaders at the time for helping end the 1994 genocide in Rwanda. The US State Department and others have also lauded the development of the economy.

Rwandans were also voted on Monday for members of the lower house of parliament and provisional results are expected by July 20. Polling stations were open until 3 pm (1300 GMT).

The overall voter turnout was 98 percent of the 9 million registered voters, Oda Gasinzigwa, chair of the National Electoral Commission, said in a statement on the national broadcaster later on Monday evening.

Of 78.94 percent of the votes counted at about 2017 GMT, Kagame was ahead with 99.15 percent of the votes, data

from the commission showed. Campaign groups, including Human Rights Watch, have accused authorities of cracking down journalists, the oppo-

on sition and

civil society groups before the vote. Kagame has dismissed such accusations and described himself as the stability candidate.

His reelection could signal a measure of political stability for his corner of a fractured region, but also continued global scrutiny, given the accusations of abuses and of supporting rebels in neighbouring Democratic Republic of Congo - a charge he has also denied.

Earlier on Monday, at the Rwandexco polling centre in the capital Kigali, Barimukije Pheneas said he would vote for the 66-year-old incumbent.

"We voted smoothly without any crowding, and we are happy," Pheneas said. "I voted for Paul Kagame because he has achieved a lot for us; he united us."

Motorcycle taxi driver Karangwa Vedaste said the voting process was calm and peaceful, but declined to say who he had chosen.

"I voted for a leader I trust. The one I voted for is a secret in my heart. We will share it when he wins," Vedaste said.

The electoral commission barred eight other candidates, including Kagame's most vocal critics, from running, citing a range of reasons including missing and incomplete registration documents.

Democratic Green Party

candidate Habineza, whose deputy was found dead and almost beheaded in the runup to the 2010 vote, said there had been signs of progress. "We toured the entire coun-

try, and wherever we went, people welcomed us warmly. They gave us gifts and assured us they would vote for us," Habineza said after voting.

"We have to maintain this momentum and not regress," he added.

"We are confident, each of us is confident, it's half and half," independent presidential candidate Mpayimana told journalists after casting his vote. Agencies

China's new development means opportunities for world

By He Yin

NTERNATIONAL institutions have been optimistic about China's economy and raised their forecasts for China's growth, saying China has witnessed impressive trade expansion, out-of-expectation growth in manufacturing, and stable macroeconomic data. This fully demonstrates the international community's confidence in the Chinese economy.

China has been consolidating and building momentum for economic recovery and growth, boosting confidence worldwide and creating new opportunities for multiple parties to benefit from its development.

The international community holds a positive outlook on the Chinese economy. Recently, the World Bank raised its forecast for China's 2024 economic growth to 4.8 percent, 0.3 percentage points higher from the previous forecast. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) also revised up China's economic outlook to 5 percent, 0.4 percentage points higher than the previous forecast.

According to a mid-year update of the January 2024 World Economic Situation



Visitors ride digital bikes at the booth of Sinopec during the 2024 China Brand Day events in Shanghai, east China, May 12, 2024. (Photo by Wang Chu/People's Daily Online)

and Prospects report released by the United Nations on May 16, the outlook for China registers a small uptick with growth expected to be 4.8 percent in 2024, compared with 4.7 percent in the January 2024 forecast.

International financial institutions such as the Asian Development Bank, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, and UBS have recently revised upward China's growth forecast in 2024.

All these indicators demonstrate that China remains an important stabilizer and driving force of global economic growth.

The foundation for China's stable economic growth is

continuously consolidated.

Since the beginning of this vear, the Chinese economy has been steadily recovering and turning for the better. In the first quarter of 2024, China's gross domestic product (GDP) grew 5.3 percent year on year, with three drivers of economic growth - consumption, investment, and exports performing well, and the four major macroeconomic indicators of growth, employment, inflation, and international balance of payments generally remaining stable.

According to the General Administration of Customs of China, in the first quarter of 2024, China's total import and export of goods expanded 5 percent year on year in yuan terms, and the foreign trade in goods stood at 10.17 trillion yuan (\$1.4 trillion). Historically, for the first time, the country's foreign trade scale has exceeded 10 trillion yuan during the same period, while the growth rate has hit a six-quarter high. Besides, China's trade with countries participating in the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and other BRICS nations has shown a growth rate that surpasses the overall growth rate.

China has played a positive and significant role in providing cost-effective products to global markets as a world manufacturing powerhouse and creating demand for products from other countries as a major consumer market of the world.

The momentum of China's economic growth is becoming increasingly evident.

Pursuing high-quality development, China's manufacturing has stood out with new technologies and products. According to the data from the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers, China's new energy vehicle (NEV) output surged 30.7 percent in the first five months of 2024 compared with the same period a year



A vessel carrying Chinese-manufactured vehicles departs from Yantai Port, east China's Shandong province, June 2, 2024. (Photo by Tang Ke/People's Daily Online)

earlier to 3.93 million units, while NEV sales hit 3.9 million units, marking a rapid increase of 32.5 percent. Such robust expansion has driven up the market share of China's NEVs to 39.5 percent in May this year, up from 36 percent a month earlier.

New forms and models of foreign trade in China have also gained momentum. In the first quarter of 2024, China's imports and exports of intermediate goods increased by 4.4%. Meanwhile, the country's crossborder e-commerce trade rose by 9.6% year on year to 577.6 billion yuan. The num-

ber of overseas warehouses established by Chinese enterprises for cross-border e-commerce purposes rose by 11.8%. These developments reflect the improvement of China's economic structure and efficiency, the rapid growth of new quality productive forces, and the steady enhancement of new development momentum.

China has been opening its door wider and wider to the outside world.

China continues expanding high-level opening up and sharing its development opportunities and dividends with all parties in the world, marked by increased market

access, accelerated opening up of the modern service industry, enhanced services for foreign investors on an equal footing, and stronger protection of intellectual property rights and legitimate rights and interests of foreign investors.

Walter Doring, chairman of the Academy of German Hidden Champion, said that over 90 percent of some 500 leading German enterprises have engaged in partnerships with China, adding that collaboration with China is indispensable for any enterprise aiming to lead the global market.

China's sustained and stable economic growth is instrumental for global economic recovery.

With the robust domestic market, China contributes over 30 percent of the global economic growth. China is not only the world's most promising and vast market but also a major trading partner of over 140 countries and regions. With the expansion and upgrading of the consumer market and technological innovation, China's economy will continue to grow steadily, generating even greater positive spillover effects on the world

Beijing makes big strides in integrated vehicle-road-cloud solution

By Wang Zhou

N recent years, autonomous driving scenarios have become increasingly common in Beijing, the capital of China, especially in the Beijing High-Level Autonomous Driving Demonstration Zone located in the city's Economic-Technological Development Area, or Beijing E-town.

If you go to E-town from the Beijing Daxing International Airport, autonomous cabs are at your service. If you are on a visit to the Beijing Municipal Administrative Center, you can take self-driving buses for a tour. The streets of the city, which are spick-and-span every morning, are also cleaned by autopilot sanitation vehicles at midnight.

In the Beijing High-Level Autonomous Driving Demonstration Zone, more than 800 autonomous driving vehicles manufactured by 29 automakers have obtained the approval for road testing. The testing mileage of these vehicles has totaled nearly 30 million kilometers.

Such achievements are inseparable from the National Innovation Center of Intelligent and Connected Vehicles (CICV) located in E-town.

At the Taiheqiao base of the CICV, People's Daily journalists boarded a test vehicle. A safety supervisor in the driver's seat took his hands off the steering wheel, and then the vehicle performed a series of tasks including accelerating, decelerating, turning, overtaking and lane changing.

The ride was impressively smooth and the vehicle surprisingly intelligent. Even when some of the traffic markings on parts of the road were blurred, the vehicle could still operate "by the book"; when a pedestrian suddenly appeared on the zebra crossing in front of the vehicle, the vehicle didn't "panic," but decelerated smoothly after its laser

radar detected the pedestrian.

"To develop intelligent and connected vehicles, we need to integrate vehicles, roads, big data and cloud computing technologies into one system, so that we can better achieve intelligent mobility. This is the integrated vehicle-road-cloud solution we have been exploring," said Zheng Jihu, executive vice director of the CICV.

On the test roads for autonomous driving in E-town, when traffic congestion happens at an intersection 500 meters ahead, intelligent traffic light poles will quickly upload relevant information to the cloud. The cloud then transmits this to intelligent connected vehicles, telling them to promptly find a smoother route.

The demonstration zone is equipped with roadside sensors, intelligent traffic signal control systems, and vehicle-to-infrastructure communication systems. It enables comprehensive connectivity between vehicles and road infrastructure, as well as vehicle-to-vehicle connectivity, facilitated by laser radars, millimeterwave radars, and AI cameras.

"Through the deep integration of vehicles, road infrastructure, and cloud computing platforms, we effectively solve the problems of information asymmetry and lack of coordination in traditional traffic systems, significantly improving the safety, efficiency, and comfort of the transportation system," said Zheng.

At the end of February this year, under the guidance of the CICV, a demonstration route for the application of intelligent and connected vehicles was opened, connecting the Baodi Station of the Beijing-Tangshan Intercity Railway and the Beijing-Tianjin Zhongguancun Tech



A vehicle is tested in an in-the-loop laboratory of the National Innovation Center of Intelligent and Connected Vehicles in Beijing. (Photo from the official website of Beijing Economic-Technological Development Area Online)

Town. The 11.3 km road has a designed maximum speed of 70 km/h, with a one-way trip taking only 18 minutes at the fastest.

The demonstration route adopts a vehicle-road-cloud integrated solution, which enables intelligent and connected buses running on it to respond promptly to emergencies, detect pedestrians and vehicles, automatically decelerate to avoid collisions, and automatically stop at stations, said Tang Fengmin, an executive of the

According to Tang, one-way travel time has of kilometers during several months of testing.

been reduced by 47 percent. This provides support for subsequent expansion and connection to more application scenarios.

Currently, the CICV is equipped with 22 professional laboratories and a trial production center. These laboratories are able to test whether an autonomous driving vehicle is able to "see" and "hear."

In an in-the-loop laboratory of the CICV, a newly launched self-driving car appears stationary but has already "driven" tens of thousands of kilometers during several months of testing.

A test vehicle on a vehicle test bed is similar to a person running on a treadmill wearing a virtual reality headset, as simulated road environments are shown on a large screen.

Tests that would take two to three

economy.

Tests that would take two to three weeks on real roads can be compressed into just one to two days on the test bed. The CICV has collected over 1 million real-world scenarios nationwide, allowing test vehicles to adapt to all situations.

Unlike traditional vehicles, which primarily focus on real-world road testing for their dynamic performance, testing for intelligent and connected vehicles is mainly done through digital modeling. This requires a rich scenario library to enable the testing and verification of algorithms for driving perception, decision planning, and intelligent control.

The CICV has established a leading domestic scenario database for intelligent and connected vehicles, a virtual vehicle and human-machine interaction testing environment, and a wireless communication testing environment for complete vehicles. This can support full-scenario testing and application services from virtual simulation to real vehicle verification during the entire vehicle development process, potentially saving 70 percent of research and development costs for enterprises.

Utilizing the platforms it has built, the CICV is actively promoting and formulating relevant standard systems.

Commodities from Yiwu reach big markets as Paris Olympics nears

By Ji Fang, Wang Liang, Tao Xiang'an

S the Paris Olympics approaches, Yiwu city, known as the "world's supermarket" in east China's Zhejiang province, has received a large number of orders related to the Games.

The Yiwu International Trade Market in Yiwu city is surrounded by a strong Olympic vibe, with a wide range of sporting goods and Olympic merchandise available for purchase.

Yiwu Customs records show that the export value of sporting equipment and goods in Yiwu reached 4.1 billion yuan (\$563.7 million) in the first five months of this year, a year-on-year increase of 44.4 percent. The export value of sporting goods to France grew significantly.

The city has seized on business opportunities brought by major international sports events, from the FIFA World Cup to the UEFA European Championship, and the Olympics. It has earned a solid reputation, opened up a vast market, and showcased the vitality of China's development.

Stepping into the Yiwu International Trade Market, silicone wristbands with the Paris Olympics logo were displayed in front of a shop.

"This wristband is produced by the factory with official authorization," said

a merchant named Lin Daolai.

Last October, his company won the bid and received an order to produce 1 million Olympic wristbands. After several months of production, the first batch of wristbands has arrived in Paris, and the second batch has already been shipped. "These 1 million Olympic wristbands have increased our annual sales by 30 percent," said Lin.

Since last year, major merchants in the Yiwu International Trade Market have received a large number of Olympics-related orders.

Wang Qiang, president of the Yiwu Sports and Fitness Supplies Industry Association, said that the association quickly prepared for the Paris Olympics by gathering companies and merchants to discuss marketing strategies and improve the supply chain system.

"In the first quarter, the overall sales of the industry increased by 30 to 35 percent compared to the same period last year. Yiwu is capable of providing abundant supplies for the Paris Olympics, as orders continue to pour in," said Wang.

The booming sports economy has injected new impetus into Yiwu's development. In addition to the Paris Olympics, merchants also see opportunities in the UEFA European Championship and the Copa America this summer.

Wen Congjian, a local jersey supplier, began preparations early for the two events. "This year, our turnover has increased by around 30 percent thanks to these sports events," Wen said.

After supplying multiple major international sports events, Yiwu has gained the favor of international buyers. The Yiwu International Trade Market, with its



Uruguayan merchants buy Paris Olympics licensed wristbands in a shop of the Yiwu International Trade Market, east China's Zhejiang province, April 16, 2024. (Photo by Shi Bufa/People's Daily Online)

75,000 business booths and over 2.1 million types of products in 26 categories, is now exporting to more than 230 countries and regions worldwide.

The Qatar 2022 FIFA World Cup sparked a sales frenzy among merchants in Yiwu. "We sold nearly 2 million jerseys in 2022, doubling our revenue from

the previous year," said Wen.
The production and sales of

merchandise like vuvuzela horns and keychains also saw significant growth. To ensure smooth delivery, Yiwu opened a dedicated shipping route for FIFA, allowing products to reach Qatar's Hamad Port in just over 20 days. Products made in Yiwu were estimated to account for about 70 percent of merchandise sales during the 2022 FIFA World Cup.

Through the experience gained

from multiple sports events, many merchants in Yiwu are now adept at keeping up with the trends and responding to market demands.

Merchant Hui Ping's shop specializes in sports event merchandise. Recently, there have been many customers coming to her shop to buy products, and a glow stick used for cheering has been particularly popular.

The glow stick is designed to provide continuous illumination for up to 10 hours, ensuring that it fully meets the spectators' needs for watching the game.

To stay ahead in the market, merchants in Yiwu are placing greater emphasis on product innovation, offering novel designs and exceptional quality. The booming development of manufacturing in China has provided strong support for Yiwu and consolidated the city's position in the global supply

Nowadays, Yiwu is undergoing a rapid market transformation, aiming to enhance the technological content and added value of its products through innovation.

With the rise of cross-border e-commerce, local businesses are shifting their focus from a production-centric approach to actively seeking market opportunities, leading to a gradual transition to ondemand production and improved efficiency.



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Aurobindo AKSC's Raunak Sharma (L) receives the Ras Logistics Man of the Match award from Ras Logistics Managing Director, Vijay Nair, when the squad faced Balakrishna Foundation Aces in the 2024 Petrofuel TCA Caravans T20 Cup's Super 4 stage clash in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

Aurobindo AKSC frustrates Balakrishna **Foundation Aces' title** pursuit in Petrofuel TCA Caravans T20 Cup

By Correspondent Japheth Kazenga

EFFORTS by Balakrishna Foundation Aces to embark on a successful quest for the trophy in the 2024 Petrofuel TCA Caravans T20 Cup have suffered a blow as the outfit succumbed to a nine-wicket defeat to Aurobindo AKSC in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

Having suffered a defeat in their previous Super 4 stage match of the showdown, Balakrishna Foundation Aces knew that nothing short of a victory against Aurobindo AKSC would

Opting to bat first after winning the toss, Balakrishna Foundation Aces faced early setbacks as Asif Butt departed for just one run and Arun Yaday was dismissed for 14 runs, failing to replicate their usual opening batting prowess.

Alishihab Bukhari's 27 runs off 39 balls and Aisah Chibanda's 27 runs off 30 deliveries stabilized their innings with a 41-run partnership, but a slow run rate added pressure.

Salum Jumbe's late surge contributed 19 runs off 18 deliveries, yet Balakrishna Foundation Aces could, in the end, muster 111/6 in their allotted

The 112-run target appeared eminently achievable for the Harsheed Chohan-led Aurobindo AKSC which boasts depth in batting.

Raunak Sharma and Laksh Snehal claimed two wickets apiece for Aurobindo AKSC, with Sharma dismissing the prolific Yadav.

In reply, Aurobindo AKSC comfortably chased down the 112-run target in 12.5 overs while losing one wicket to emerge victorious.

An opening partnership of 108 runs set the stage, with Sharma leading the charge with an unbeaten 52 runs off 34 balls, featuring four sixes and three boundaries.

Abhik Patwa's entertaining 46 runs off 40 deliveries, embellished with

four boundaries and three sixes, delighted Aurobindo AKSC supporters before he was dismissed by Jatin Pra-

Ajith Augastin, who notched unbeaten eight runs, gallantly sealed the victory for the star-studded Aurobindo AKSC with a sixer.

Following the outcome, Balakrishna Foundation Aces' hopes of reaching the final of the 2024 Petrofuel TCA Caravans T20 Cup now seem dim, barring favourable results elsewhere-a sentiment evident in the outfit's visibly disheartened players who had fought hard to reach the Super 4 stage.

Aurobindo AKSC's Sharma earned the Ras Logistics Man of the Match accolade for his outstanding all-round performance.

Patwa's assault on Balakrishna Foundation Aces' experienced pace bowler Ally Mpeka was hailed as the Medinova Moment of the Match.

The tournament is an annual T20 cricket showdown organized by Caravans Cricket Club.

Alliance Caravans, Aurobindo AKSC, Delaware Upanga SC, Balakrishna Foundation Aces, Flashnet Strikers, Park Mobile Lions, Harab Motors Pak Stars, Econo Lodge Lions, Azania Bank Pak Stars, and Generics Gymkhana are taking part in the showdown.

Petrofuel is the title sponsor of this tournament. Other sponsors of this tournament include Alliance Insurance, Ras Logsitics, Medinova Healthcare, Automark, Pepsi, Ashton Media, MFI-Vertiv, Jiuzhou, SmarDTV, Intek-Korea, ASAS, Colourflex, and Dela-

Aurobindo, Balakrishna Foundation, Park Mobile, Harab Motors, Flashnet, Generics, Econo Lodge, Azania Bank, Horizon Teleports, TATA, The Works, MO Bajaj and Seacliff Hotel are also the showpiece's

Fadlu Davids needs time to turn things around at Simba

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

IMBA head into the 2024/25 season with renewed optimism after finally resolving the uncertainty over their technical bench, internal wrangles and the return of Mohamed 'Mo' Dewji to the forefront of the club's activities.

Simba have been in a tough spot over the last three years, failing to find a truly winning formula under different coach-

That list of coaches includes the likes of Abdelhak Benchikha and Robert Oliveira, who have proven to be adept at picking up silverware in their illustrious careers.

The next man in the Simba hot seat is highly-rated South African coach Fadlu Davids, who has built a stellar reputation at Orlando Pirates, Maritzburg United and Raja Casablan-

Davids has signed a two-year contract with Simba and is now ready to start a new era at the club, looking to take them back to the top of Tanzanian football once again.

Naturally, this Davids's appointment won't be to everyone's taste. But most commentators agree that change is necessary and that a fresh pair of hands at the wheel can only mean a better direction for Simba, hopefully forward and upward, back to the top of the league where the club belongs.

Davids has a big task on his hands, with Simba needing to improve their league position after finishing 11 points adrift of champions Young Africans last

One of the biggest coaching jobs in Tanzania football is at Simba. The Msimbazi Reds are one of the most successful clubs in East Africa when it comes to



trophies, history and prestige.

At Simba, expectations are high on Davids to help them go above fierce rivals Young Africans. However, that is easier said than done.

In the dugout at the Msimbazi Street-based side, he'll need to focus on a number of factors before even closing the current gap with Young Africans.

His work is clearly cut out for him as he has to tackle many problems, which may include finding new key players and inspiring some of the current players to get back to their best form.

Simba have made a major overhaul of their squad by signing ten new players so far with more expected before the transfer window closes on Au-

Last season's key members, Clatous Chama and Henock Inonga, have left the team leaving holes in the first eleven that will need to be filled by the arrivals.

It is not vet clear if Davids had an input in the acquisitions as he arrived when more than half of the signings had already been made.

What is clear is the work of integrating the new members into the team, identifying his first lineup and a steady crop of backup players.

Additionally, Davids will have to deal with other major issues off the pitch too, as he'll need a steady head to cope with the heavy expectations placed on him as coach from both the fans and owner.

This will be Davids's first job as a head coach of a club outside South Africa. It is a new personal challenge.

Simba have taken a gamble on him on the basis of his working in a foreign land after being Josef Zinnbauer's assistant

coach in Russia and Morocco, and he also played in Bulgaria.

For a club that considers victory to be part of their DNA, securing silverware right out of the gate would go a long way to proving he's the right man for the job, even if a little patience is needed.

Those expecting Davids to come in and wave a magic wand and transform Simba are in for a rude awakening.

The South African's arrival will not solve all Simba's problems in one season, although he will likely improve things on the pitch.

The group of players that the new Simba boss has inherited will take time to adjust to his style and the club.

It will take time and patience from the club's hierarchy and fans to get Simba back to the pinnacle of the Tanzanian



By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC's recent acquisition, winger Joshua Mutale, is eager to make a significant

riod of many new signings, all aimed at retaining dominance in the Tanzania Mainland Premier League.

Mutale (pictured), who impact at the club amidst a pe- joined from Zambian league

Mutale: Simba's new winger ready to make his mark

outfit Power Dynamos, has signed a three-year deal that will keep him with the 'Wekundu wa Msimbazi' until Iune

Last season was disappointing for Simba as they finished third in the league behind Young Africans and Azam. Their ambitions in the Federation Cup, CAF Champions League, and African Football League were also thwarted.

To make a strong comeback, Simba aim to secure glory in the CAF Confederations Cup and

win domestic tournaments. Currently, Simba are undergoing a rigorous three-week preseason camp in Ismailia, Egypt. The team will face five Egyptian teams in friendly matches to fine-tune their skills ahead of a demanding schedule involving five competitions next season.

Mutale brings a hunger to succeed, following the legacy of Zambian greats who have worn the red and white jersey.

"In recent years, Zambia has had outstanding players at Simba who have contributed to the club's success. Players like Moses Phiri and Clatous Chama, one of the greatest in the club's history, have all done their part. Now it's my turn to contribute to this legacy," Mutale said.

Mutale's belief in his talent and hard work fuels his ambi-

"I believe in my talent and

hard work," he declared. "That's what has always driven me to bring success to the club. Simba is known for winning titles and competing in the CAF interclub competitions every season. This is why I'm excited to bring my A-game to the team."

The passionate Simba fanbase has already won Mutale's heart. "Even before I arrived here, Simba fans have been great to me," he revealed. "When we played against Simba while I was at Power Dynamos, after my performance, they sent many supportive messages on social media. Their love and support make me feel like I owe them. The pre-season training camp is going well, and we can't wait to produce good results on the field and meet their expectations."

Simba's busy season begins with the Community Shield tournament on August 8th-11th, followed by the Premier League title pursuit a week later.

In September, Simba will enter the CAF Confederation Cup, facing the winners between Zanzibar's Uhamiaji and Libya's Federation Cup champions in the group stage playoffs, having received a bye in the early rounds.

As Simba prepare for the new season, Mutale's arrival brings renewed hope and determination to a team eager to reclaim its place at the top.

Colombia's soccer federation president and son among 27 arrested in chaos at **Copa America final**

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla.

COLOMBIA's soccer federation president and his son were among 27 people arrested during the crowd control issues that broke out Sunday at the Copa America final between Argentina and Colombia, police said Monday.

Ramón Jesurún and his son Ramon Jamil Jesurun were detained after the event at Hard Rock Stadium and charged, Miami-Dade police detective Andre Martin told The Associated Press.

Both men are facing three counts of felony battery on an official after being accused of fighting multiple stadium security guards. Arrest records said both men tried to go onto the field through a tunnel where media was gathering after the match. They were stopped by security, and the police report said they "became irate" at the delay. A verbal altercation eventually turned physical with a guard placing an "open palm" on Ramon Jamil Jesurun's chest to "guide him back" and the vounger Jesurun grabbing the guard "around his neck" and pulling him to the ground before throwing "two punches that impacted" the guard, the report said. The two men were placed into custody after midnight.

Colombia's soccer federation didn't immediately respond Monday to a request for comment from the AP.

Ramón Jesurún, 71, has been president of the Colombian soccer federation since 2015 and is a vice president of CONMEBOL, South American soccer's governing body that organizes the Copa America tournament.

In a statement released Monday, the organization said it regrets the scene in which countless fans entered the stadium without tickets and "tarnished" the event. The game was delayed for more than an hour as authorities worked to control the situation, eventually deciding to let some fans in without going through security checkpoints.

"In this situation, CONMEBOL was subject to the decisions made by the Hard Rock Stadium authorities, according to the contractual responsibilities established for security operations," the organization said. "In addition to the preparations determined in this contract, CONMEBOL recommended to these authorities the procedures proven in events of this magnitude, which were NOT taken into account.'

Hard Rock Stadium – the site of 2026 World Cup matches - said security was a shared responsibility among its stadium officials, the organization, CONCACAF (the governing body that oversees soccer in North and Central America and the Caribbean) and local police.

"More than double the personnel" used for a typical event were onsite Sunday, a stadium spokesperson said in a news release.

Miami-Dade police said more than 800 law enforcement officers were at the match. In addition to the arrests, 55 people were ejected, they said.

It was a chaotic scene just hours before the scheduled 8 p.m. start of the championship match between the two South American countries: Fans forced their way in and jumped over security railings and ran past police officers and stadium attendants, some appearing hysterical as they searched for the people they arrived with.

There appeared to be significant damage to the venue as a result. Video and images posted to social media showed the shattered side railings of an escalator inside the stadium, with shoes, soda cans, reading glasses and articles of clothing left behind. Security railings at a checkpoint in the southwest entrance to the stadium were bent over as thousands of people, including crying children, pushed against them.

The Hard Rock Stadium release said stadium officials communicated with tournament organizers around 8 p.m. and decided to open the gates to both ticketed and unticketed fans who were thrust against the entrance in fear of stampedes and serious injuries. The gates were then closed with many ticketed fans left outside.

The stadium in Miami Gardens, Florida, which is home to the NFL's Dolphins, will be the site of seven World Cup matches in 2026, including a quarterfinal and third-place match.

FIFA organizes the World Cup and is a different organization from CONMEBOL. FIFA is an international federation that oversees more than 200 affiliated associations under regional bodies like CONMEBOL.

Ramón Jesurún is also a member of the FIFA

FIFA did not immediately respond Monday to the AP's request for comment on the crowd control issues and how it would prevent similar prob-

Attorney Steve Adelman, a crowd control expert and vice president of the Event Safety Alliance, said Hard Rock organizers failed to understand that Sunday's game would bring out passionate fans desperate to see their teams, some willing to force their way inside.

"A match between fans of two rival South American nations is about as passionate as you're going to get," he said.

Spain's new golden generation can dominate football again - Euro 2024 is only the beginning

By Karl Matchett

unprecedented era of dominance, the greatest men's international side of the modern age. Backto-back-to-back winners of major tournaments.

The Spain side of 2008-2012 gave football a new way of looking at the uppermost elite reaches of the game, and gave all sides to come after them a lot to live up

The fall that followed, though, was swift, dramatic and prolonged: Spain won just one match at each of their next three World Cups following victory in 2010 and haven't been past the round of 16 since then.

After retaining the European Championship in 2012, they won only two games in 2016 and the same number in 2021. A long time in the relative wilderness, even if the latter tournament saw them sneak through to the last four.

And yet at Euro 2024, they didn't just find the right balance of mentality and technique, they found their ideal style. They didn't just win the competition, they won all seven matches - only the second nation to achieve such a feat en route to major tournament glory, after Brazil at the 2002 World Cup.

Spain have found a new version of themproven better than all their rivals in every way that matters - and the



Spain's young talent will be the envy of the rest of the world. (Getty)

best part of it is that they are only just beginning. The players, as well as the platform, are there for much longer, much more sustained success.

In some respects, it's difficult not to feel some sort of sympathy for Gareth Southgate and perhaps England as a whole - players and fans alike.

After all, they've painstakingly built a culture, fostered an approach, enabled player growth and had a detailed methodology to try to bend everything within their control to their will, crept closer and closer to the biggest prizes... and lost two finals. A brand new Spain side comes along, meanwhile, and wipes the floor clean at their first attempt.

But that's part of the selves, one which has reason to believe La Roja are here to stay: they've done it walking a path they would have con-

tinued down regardless, even if they'd been beaten in Berlin beforehand.

"We did it in a way which is difficult to better. It's a group of footballers that never tire of improving, competing, wanting to win. I've been so proud of them since the first day," head coach Luis de la Fuente said, immediately following his team's triumph.

"We've been true to an idea and we have a lot of different ways we can play depending on the stage of the game. We have a generation of footballers who are magnificent and they are going to continue to grow. [But] it's not comparable with the generations of the past because they were the best and they were the best at things in their era."

De la Fuente is right in that regard - this certainly wasn't death by possession, passing

teams into submission. Spain dominated the final by pressing and creating overloads to keep territorial advantage but had several counterattacking chances to kill the game, too.

It's a new way for a new team - although, that's new to the senior international stage, not new to him. Like his Euro 2024 final opposite number Southgate, De la Fuente took the role from within. The former U19 and U21 coach knows this group better than anyone, a surefire part of the reason the Royal Spanish Football Federation hired him in the first place.

"We've won everything together, Mikel [Ovarzabal] never misses," he explained. "He can play everywhere, he creates and scores but he always does something. It's what these players can do. Martin Zubimendi

had a sensational second half replacing Rodri who is the best in the world give him the Ballon d'Or right now, please.

"The advantage is that I know the footballers. I know what they can do, what they can give and that they'll never let me down."

There are others he knows and has counted on too, who didn't even feature in Berlin: Pedri, the starting No 10 who was injured against Germany; Gavi, his ludicrously talented clubmate who wasn't even in the squad as he recovers from a long-term absence of his own.

At the same Catalan club, 17-year-old Pau Cubarsi and 20-year-old Alejandro Balde present new defensive options, as does Pedro Porro - a potential immediate switch to replace and rejuvenate the right-back options if 38-year-old Jesus Navas has played his final part. There aren't too many other squad members who are due an end: Nacho and Joselu perhaps, both 34 and both off to Asia, but in Yeremy Pino, Oihan Sancet and more there are options aplenty for future squads who have already been partly or fully integrated.

And yet it's not remotely all about the players who haven't been in Germany. For starters, it doesn't take an enormous leap to suggest that Lamine Yamal, who was still 16 until the day before the final, might improve over the com-

Not every Barcelona voungster breakout does, but winning young player of the tournament is a good sign of the trajectory he's on.

Fellow winger Nico Williams scored the first and was man of the match in the final; asked if Spain can go and win the World Cup in 2026, he understandably wanted more than three minutes to enjoy this success first.

"First we're going to enjoy the one we've just won!" he said. "It's two vears away vet but step by step we want to keep getting better."

Football development isn't linear, but it wouldn't be a surprise to see Spain improve further because of the clarity they have over style, over team-building, over how to attack and beat teams.

Therein lies a key difference with La Roja, not just over England but other nations too like France, who have been criticised for not making anywhere near the most of the talents they've got: Spain came to win, not to avoid defeat. There's a big difference, and their valour won out in the

They might not go on to win three in a row but for the next few tournaments at least they will be challengers and, after this month in Germany, already possess the knowhow to get the job done. Spain's newest generation already looks like another golden one.

THE INDEPENDENT

FIFA asks for Club World Cup broadcast bids just 11 months before 32-team event launches in US

JUST 11 months before the inaugural 32-team Club World Cup in men's soccer, FIFA invited bids on Monday for rights to broadcast the 63-game tournament to be staged in the United States.

FIFA published an "invitation to tender in the Americas, Asia, and Middle East & North Africa" weeks after talks with tech giant Apple over an exclusive global rights deal reportedly hit trouble.

FIFA said a second phase of rights sales for the 2025 and 2029 Club World Cups will follow in Europe. Soccer's wealthiest and strongest continent will send 12 teams including key attractions Real Madrid, Manchester City and Bayern Munich to the revamped tournament scheduled next June 15 to July 13.

A relaunched and lucrative Club World Cup has been coveted by FIFA President Gianni Infantino since he was elected in 2016, with aims to pay participating teams tens of millions of dollars in prize money.

However, the value of a potential Apple deal was seen as an issue for the influential European sistently good results Club Association (ECA)

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the president of Paris and just three are left to Saint-Germain which is also in the Club World Club lineup.

FIFA said on Monday it would involve the ECA in "an innovative, progressive style of consultation decision-making" about the tournament. The ECA already has

a big say in commercial decisions for the Champions League through a joint venture with competition organizer UEFA. It is unclear what kind of broadcast model FIFA now favors, or if it will rely on its in-house streaming service FIFA+

in some markets. Entries to the Club World Cup are earned by title wins and conin continental champiled by Nasser al-Khelaïfi, onships from 2020-24, be decided: Two from South America and one from the host league, Major League Soccer. The Club World Cup

will become a month-

every four years in June-July. For nearly two de- 17 titles. The FIFA club

long tournament played ons. Europe's champion has won 16 of the past cades it has been played tournament also will be each December as a a rehearsal for the 2026 small-scale annual event World Cup in men's socfor continental champi- cer in some of the same

stadiums in the U.S., which is co-hosting with Canada and Mexico.

FIFA has yet to announce which cities will host games in the revamped Club World Cup nor any separate sponsor deals, though funding is expected from Saudi Arabia. The annual version was previously packaged up with World Cup deals.

Amid concerns at overloaded schedules for top-tier players, the first 32-team Club World Cup will see the finalists play seven games at the end of a season in which the Champions League in Europe also is expanding with more teams and more games in a new format.

by David Chikoko



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Simba face transfer hurdles: Elie Mpanzu deal stalls, Willy Onana recalled

Spain's new golden generation can dominate football again – Euro 2024 is only the beginning



By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

IMBA are currently navigating a complex transfer situation involving Congolese winger Elie Mpanzu. Despite initial agreements, the deal has hit a snag due to intervention from influential figures at AS Vita Club, leading to uncertainty about Mpanzu's future at Simba.

Mpanzu had initially agreed to a two-year contract with Simba. However, complications arose when key stakeholders at AS Vita, including a new wealthy investor, demanded a hefty transfer fee exceeding \$250,000 to release Mpanzu, stalling the

The Msimbazi Street-based side has made several attempts to finalize the transfer, sending representatives to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) on two occasions to negotiate terms. Despite these efforts, the situation remains unresolved.

In light of the complications with Mpanzu, Simba has decided to recall winger Willy Onana. Initially, the club had planned to release Onana, who had been staying in Cameroon.

However, the Mpanzu deal prompted a reconsideration, leading to Onana's return to Tanzania for further discussions. Onana, who was signed last season after being named the MVP of the Rwanda Premier League, is expected to join the team's camp in Ismailia, Egypt, after receiving new instructions from Simba's leadership.

While Onana's future at

Simba is being reconsidered, the club has decided to part ways with Aubin Kramo. The midfielder, who was injured shortly after joining Simba last season, has not played a single match due to

his injuries.

According to Simba's Board of Directors member Cresentius Magoli, the club is cautious about retaining Kramo due to concerns over his fitness and long-term viability. "Kramo was injured during the pre-season period and has not played all year. We are afraid that he may not meet expectations if he returns, which could lead to a long-term loss,"

said Magoli. The club is currently negotiating whether to send Kramo out on loan or terminate his contract.

Kramo himself confirmed his departure, expressing his gratitude to Simba fans and hinting at a potential return in the future. "I will not play for Simba next season. I love the fans of Simba, and God willing, we will meet again," said Kramo.

Amidst these changes, Simba are bolstering their squad with the signing of Nigerian winger Jonathan Alukwu from Sporting La-

The 21-year-old, capable of playing on both the left and right wings, has signed a two-year contract with

Alukwu is expected to arrive in Tanzania soon to complete his visa arrangements and other formalities before joining his new teammates in Egypt.

An inside source at Simba confirmed that Alukwu's arrival is part of the club's strategy to build a long-term team. "He left his village for the city to come to Tanzania and should be arriving soon," said the source.

Newly appointed head coach Fadlu Davids is overseeing the club's pre-season preparations in Egypt. The gaffer, who has been involved in the registration process, is keen on integrating new players and building a cohesive team.

In a recent interview on the club's social media platforms, Davids discussed his approach to training, emphasizing the importance of mental and physical readi-

"I started by building them up mentally. The goal is for each player to focus on the tasks ahead. Physical training will follow, and I will provide them with other training programs," said Davids.

As Simba navigate these transfer challenges and adjustments, the club remains focused on assembling a competitive squad for the upcoming season.

The ongoing negotiations and new signings highlight Simba's determination to strengthen their team and achieve their ambitions.

Tanzania's Olympic athletes ready for France departure

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA's athletes heading to France for this vear's Olympics will be officially flagged off on Friday at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, as announced by the Tanzania Olympics Committee (TOC) yesterday.

TOC vice president Henry Tandau confirmed that all preparations for the team's trip to France are complete.

Tandau, who will also serve as Chief de Mission (CDM), mentioned that they expect the responsible minister to hand over the flag to the

"All preparations for the team's trip to France are over, and the team will be handed the national flag on Friday. We expect the minister to hand over the flag," he said.

Tandau stated that Tanzania will be represented by athletes in athletics, swimming, and judo.

"The initial plan was to send athletes in athletics, boxing, swimming, judo, breakdance, and women's football, but only athletics, judo, and swimming will represent the country. I am confident they will do well, as our athletes are wellprepared for the games," he said.

He expressed gratitude to the National Sports Council (NSC), Tanzania Tourist Board, and Asecs for their support.

Tandau disclosed that Tanzania's athletes will be outfitted by Asecs, swimmers by Pentaland, and judokas by Adidas. Casual wear for all athletes will be provided by Asecs.

At the games, Elisa Mkongo will serve as the team doctor, Muhidin Michuzi will head the press, Anthony Mwingereza will be the athletics coach, and Alexander Mwaipasi and Innocent Mallya will be the athletics and judo coaches, respectively.

The athletes representing Tanzania include Alphonce Simbu, Gabriel Geay, Jackline Sakilu, and Magdalena Shauri for athletics; Collins Saliboko and Sophia Latiff for swimming; and Andrew Mlungu for judo.

Due to flight challenges, the country's representatives will depart in three groups.

The first group, consisting of the leader of the delegation (CDM), will depart on Sunday.

The following day, the judo coach and TOC leaders, including Filbert Bayi and TOC President Rashid Gulam, will depart.

The final group, made up of athletes and their coaches, will depart on August 7.

This staggered departure aims to ensure a smooth and well-coordinated arrival of the Tanzanian team in France, ready to represent their country on the international stage.

Azam FC's coach sets sights on CAF Champions League success By Correspondent Nassir Nchimb ensuring everyone had play-With a focus on fitness, team FRESH off their arrival in ing time. Looking ahead, Dabo outlined the team's next steps:

Morocco for a pre-season training camp, Azam FC head coach Youssouph Dabo has asserted his desire to form a competitive team by utilizing five friendlies expected to be played during their stay.

Azam, who finished as runners-up in the Tanzania Mainland Premier League last season, trailing champions Young Africans, will represent the country in the upcoming CAF Champions League.

Dabo (pictured) has emphasized the importance of preparing strongly to achieve success against Rwandan club APR in their CAF Champions League preliminary fixtures. The players and technical staff will spend two weeks in Morocco, participating in intensive training sessions and several friendly matches to prepare for the upcoming sea-

Azam kicked off their preseason campaign with a convincing 4-0 victory against Zimamoto of Zanzibar. The match provided fans with a glimpse of the revamped squad, featuring both new signings and departures from the previous season. Newly acquired striker Jhonier Blanco impressed with a brace in the



friendly encounter. However, Dabo remains focused on further development, expressing concerns about the team's overall pace and tactical awareness, and highlighting areas requiring improvement.

"We played a friendly match in Zanzibar against Zimamoto to boost our fitness level and give every player minutes to play," Dabo explained, noting that this initial phase focused on building player fitness and "Now we are going into the next step which is creating a formidable team that can compete at the top level in the CAF Champions League."

set on making a strong show- liminary stage, emphasizing in the prestigious conti- ing the significant challenge nental competition.

The coach also addressed the upcoming friendly matches in Morocco, saying, "Friendly games that we will play here will give us the picture that we want for next season to the level of competition we expect to get in these matches."

The matches will provide valuable insights into the team's readiness for the upcoming season and the level of competition they can expect to face.

Dabo acknowledged the importance of competitive fixtures beyond friendlies, stating: "But also once we are done, we have the opportunity to play domestic fixtures before continental tiers, which means we still have competitive games to play."

He highlighted the significance of both domestic and continental competitions in the team's development.

building, and testing their mettle in friendlies, Azam appear well on their way to achieving their goals for the upcoming season, particularly in the CAF Champions League.

Dabo has downplayed talk of progressing beyond the Dabo clearly has his sights CAF Champions League preposed by their upcoming opponents, Rwandan club APR.

> "I cannot speculate on the last round of the CAF Champions League group qualifications because we have APR," Dabo cautioned. "They are among the teams to beat in the region, and their hunger to get into the group stages adds caution to us."

Dabo also acknowledged the importance of taking each match at a time, stating: "We need to be prepared and compete in every game and get results if we want to play in the league among the best teams."

He stressed the need for focus and determination to achieve their goals.

Azam will face APR in a twolegged tie to determine who progresses to the next round. Should they prevail, they would face either JKU of Zanzibar or Egyptian giants Pyramids FC.

