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By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

NATIONAL Assembly Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson yesterday applauded President Samia Suluhu Hassan for the US visit and local launch of 'The Royal Tour' travel documentary. Speaking shortly after the question and answer session, the Speaker said President Samia is doing a great job that plays a crucial role in attracting more tourists from different parts of the world, urging MPs to support the president's efforts. She said they were aimed at enhancing national development through tourism, the sector hit hardest by the Covid-19 pandemic, with Tanzania like other countries experienced a sharp drop in the number of tourists. MPs need to make a follow-up on the proceedings of the launching of the film, first in the United States and in Arusha, before proceeding to Zanzibar and Dar es Salaam, to explain to constituencies the benefits it has to the country, he stated. Lawmakers must also work to promote local tourism, she stated, asking them to use similar approach and conduct local tour visits among their respective electorates. 'The Royal Tour' showcases various tourist scenes, investments, arts and cultural attractions, with the Head of State in safari attire taking the audience on an adventurous tour in some iconic landscapes in northern circuit national parks. She also toured Zanzibar attraction sites, landed at

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Vice President Dr Philip Mpango pays his last respects to Kenyan immediate past President Emilio Stanley Mwai Kibaki, who died last week aged 90, during national funeral at Nairobi's Nyayo Stadium yesterday. Photo: VPO

By Songa wa Songa, Dodoma

THE government is to introduce a number of measures including tax incentives to attract more investors in the mining sector, to take advantage of soaring prices of metals and other minerals, the National Assembly was told yesterday. Tabling budget estimates for 2022/23, Minerals minister Dr Doto Biteko said Tanzania was in a position to take advantage of skyrocketing prices of industrial metals, gemstones and technology-driven demand for rare metals linked with renewable energies, with more investments in the sector. Higher prices relate to the ongoing war in Ukraine, demand for rare minerals in the technology industry such as chips and mass production of electric vehicles starting in various countries. Easing of restrictions occasioned by the Covid-19 pandemic was pushing up demand, he said. The price of gold which accounts for 80 per cent of minerals sector revenues has shot up from \$1,412.98 per ounce in July 2019 to \$1,947.83 last month, the minister stated. The price of diamonds in European markets rose from \$150 per carat on average in 2020 to \$241 last year, topping \$369 per carat two months ago, he said, saying that easing of Covid-19 restric-

Mercury, explosives lead in mining sector risks - report

By Songa wa Songa, Dodoma

INSPECTIONS in a range of mining sites has laid bare the dark side of mining activities where owners mint money while miners live and work in hazardous conditions next to mining pits and dangerous explosives.

Dr Doto Biteko, the minister, says in remarks embedded in the budget estimates for 2022/23 he tabled in the National Assembly yesterday, that an inspection report showed that mining operations risk the miners' health and the environment.

The remarks referred to inspec-

tions conducted from July 2021 to March 2022 and spotted numerous violations of mine management rules, including availability of shelters close to the mining sites.

There was disregard for environmental protection, lack of personnel safety gear for miners and absence

of storage facilities for explosives, he declared.

The inspection was conducted in big mines like Geita Gold Mine (GGM), Williamson Diamond Limited (WDL) and North Mara (NMG), as well as six

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Bagamoyo port project: Govt scans for bidders

By Getrude Mbago

MORE potential investors interested in the implementation of the Bagamoyo port project in Coast Region are welcome to come up for discussions, the government has stated. Atupele Mwakibete, the deputy minister for Works and Transport, said in an interview with this paper yesterday that that the government recognizes the significance of



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the project, so it was looking for well-placed competitive investors to initiate discussions, before selecting

the most eligible to take it up. The project was proposed in 2013, billed to cost \$10bn (22.3trn/-) but it has been

hit by contractual and policy bottlenecks until the sixth phase government, which has renewed commitment to implement it. The government was keen to get enough competent investors that's why it has opened doors "for anyone who thinks is eligible and will be able to achieve the intended goals." No fixed timeframe the commencement of the project has been set out yet,

however the minister said the project could commence once the discussions are completed. Investors have to show what they have and will do in the construction of the port, he stated, insisting that the number of those showing was not enough as the government wants more investors so as to stimulate competition and thus get the best companies.

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'Set up gold reserve at BoT to target strategic minerals'

By Songwa wa Songwa

TANZANIA can leapfrog in economic growth by holding a gold reserve at the Bank of Tanzania (BoT), it has been advised.

Prof Sospeter Muhongo (Musoma Rural-CCM) told the National Assembly yesterday that gold is the most stable foreign exchange reserve whose value stands economic turbulences occasioned by crises such as pandemics and wars.

A renowned geologist said that with Tanzania's vast gold reserves, it has all it takes to change its economy for the better if it maintains reserves at the central bank which can be turned into overnight fortunes during times of high demands.

"Rich countries such as USA, Germany, Italy, France, Russia and China lead the pack in holding gold reserves. Even our neighbours Mozambique, Burundi and Kenya have gold reserves," he said.

"Because we have a refinery in Geita and Mwanza regions capable of achieving up to 999.99 per cent purity, we have no reason not to have a reserve."

Muhongo further asserted that Tanzania should focus on carefully tapping into its helium resources whose global demand he said stands at 6 billion cubic feet per annum.

When its discovery in Rukwa Region was announced in 2016, independent resource assessors estimated that the underground gas deposits there contained around 54 billion cubic feet (1.5 billion cubic meters) of helium, mixed with mainly nitrogen gas. But, a reanalysis of the helium concentrations in the gas deposits indicate they may hold more than 98.6 billion cubic feet (2.8 billion cubic meters) of helium gas.

"In the next 20 years, cobalt, lithium, nickel, manganese and platinum group of minerals will be the biggest money minters," Muhongo said.

The geologist was debating the 2022/23 budget estimates for the Ministry of Minerals tabled here by Minister Dr Doto Biteko.

He asked the government to empower the Geological Survey of Tanzania to enable it carry out its activities unhindered so that it can help the country benefit from the discovered and yet-to-be-discovered mineral resources.

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Resident French ambassador Nabil Hajlaoui recently said that French companies will initiate discussions with the government on the possibility of participating in building and operating the port.

When President Samia Suluhu Hassan visited France, discussions were held on how French investors could take part in shaping the Tanzanian port system, to make Tanzania a transport and logistics hub in Eastern Africa, the envoy noted.

Even then, no agreements appear to have been reached as the envoy said the embassy was going to renew discussions to who was going to take up the project, the modality to be used and the financing. "French investors are ready to be part of the project. They want to put money on the table and discuss what they can do together," he stated, elaborating that they have people in the private sector who are willing to invest within a public-private partnership (PPP) arrangement.

The Chinese resident diplomatic mission has also expressed its readiness to participate in the project, as back in 2013 the government signed a framework agreement with a port construction group, the China Merchant Holdings International (CMHI) and the State General Reserve Fund of Oman for loan funds to build the port. It would be a component of a special economic zone designed to transform Tanzania into a trade and logistics hub in the region.

But the fifth phase government, reviewing "unconscionable" terms in foreign investment contracts dismissed the port project pointing at "exploitative" conditions agreed upon.

This remained the position until President Samia Suluhu Hassan revived discussions on the project when chairing the Tanzania National Business Council (TNBC) in Dar es Salaam soon after taking office, directing that the Bagamoyo Port project should be reworked and implemented.



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi serves himself iftar at a function organised by the Omani Consulate in Zanzibar on Thursday evening. Photo: Zanzibar State House

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medium-scale mines listed as Singida Gold Project, PUBO Mining Ltd, Sunshine (Singida), ZEM (T) Co. Ltd, Cata Mining Co. Ltd (Mara) and Busolwa Mining Ltd (Geita), while it doesn't point out where specific shortcomings were found, identifying the findings as touching

some of them.

Health and environmental risks are worse in artisanal and small-scale mining especially gold extraction, with artisanal and small-scale gold mining using 18.5 tonnes of mercury annually, causing pollution that affects human health, while poisoning soils and water systems.

Edward Nyamanga, deputy permanent secretary in the Vice President's Office (Environment) said last month that massive use of mercury by miners impairs prosperity and sustainable development of the country.

In this practice, elemental mercury is used to extract gold from ore where mercury is mixed

with the ore to form a mercury-gold amalgam which is then heated, vaporizing the mercury to obtain the gold.

And with no way of recapturing and controlling the vaporized chemical, mercury exposure in such operations puts the health of humans and the environment at risk, he stated.

The World Health Organization (WHO) lists mercury as one of the 10 most dangerous routinely used chemicals, still posing a threat despite the international community adopting the Minamata Convention in 2013. It was geared to protect human health from environmental pollution derived from mercury specifically, he added.



Iringa regional commissioner Queen Sendiga (2nd-R) accompanied by members of the regional defence and security committee when following up the charging of fares at Igumbilo upcountry bus stand in Iringa municipality yesterday. This came in the wake of reports that some transporters had gone for arbitrary hikes. Photo: Correspondent Francis Godwin

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tions had led to a spike in global demand for jewelry.

The price of diamonds is projected to rise sharply or weaken depending on whether Russia recaptures its place in the world market, which depends on ending the conflict with Ukraine, he said.

The war in Ukraine may also lead to greater demand for gold as many countries opt for gold as reserves to be used in an unpredict-

able global environment, he affirmed, pointing at advancements in technology as signaling higher demand for palladium, nickel, aluminum, cobalt and graphite whose prices are projected to rise and offer investment opportunities.

Creating a conducive environment for investors by reducing taxes and levies on mining firms was vital for Tanzania to attract investors and benefit from rising global market prices for miner-

als, he stated.

Extraction of minerals had in the past half-decade replaced tourism as the leading sector foreign exchange earner, as last year the sector contributed 45.9 per cent of total export value, bringing in \$3,103.20 in total, he said.

The minerals sector enabled the government to collect 1.58trn/- in revenues last year, from 1.34trn/- in 2020, a 17.9 per cent increase, he added.

NGOs call for digital transformation

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE government has called upon non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to transform from paper to digital technology to improve record management systems and increase transparency.

Vickness Mayao, the Registrar of NGOs at the Ministry for Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups made the call in Dar es Salaam yesterday when launching the digital NGOs programme which is implemented by the government in collaboration with Media Con-

vergence and meta.

The registrar said that digital systems will stimulate and contribute more to digital systems in most NGOs that are still working on paper systems of keeping records.

She said it was the government's target to see NGOs transforming its record system from paper to digital which makes it possible to match with other systems.

"Once NGOs have embarked on digital transformation, it can enable the government to get accurate information easily," she said.

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Bagamoyo historical site in Coast Region, after Ngorongoro, Serengeti and Kilimanjaro wildlife parks, accompanied by an international film crew.

The documentary offers a taste of Tanzania's safari landscapes and rich history archived in various places including Zanzibar, Bagamoyo, Kaole, Dar es Salaam and Kilimanjaro, where Africa's highest peak, Mount Kilimanjaro can be scaled.

The documentary filmed last August and early September was launched for the US market and showcased worldwide on April 18th, premiered in Arusha ten days later and is now billed for Zanzibar on May 7th and the following day be viewed in Dar es Salaam.

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Division at the Ministry of Information, Communication and Information Technology highlighted the need for NGOs to use the digital technology, adding, the government's role is to ensure a digital Tanzania. Media Convergence Tanzania CEO, Asha Abinallah said the programme will closely work with 35 NGOs across the country.

She said the programme also targets to reach more than 1000 people to increase awareness of the need for NGOs to embark on a digital system.



There was commotion all over after these hippos elected to emerge from their Lake Babati 'residence' in Manyara Region, only soon later to appear at this Arusha-Babati-Singida-Dodoma highway roundabout on Thursday. However, there were no immediate reports of casualties or damage to property. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

Stakeholders want healthcare policy review

By Henry Mwangonde

HEALTHCARE stakeholders yesterday tasked the government to review the systems for healthcare provision to address gaps and facilitate quality, standard and people centered services to attain Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

They were speaking in Dar es Salaam at the 13th International Society for Priorities in Health Conference which was organized by the Tanzania Health Summit (THS) to critically examine principles, processes and concrete methods for priority setting that are used in high-middle and low income countries.

They outlined several gaps in the country's healthcare system including limited human resources, dilapidated infrastructure which does not offer on job training and low productivity.

Head of Healthcare Sector Resource, Directorate of Policy and Planning in the Ministry of Health Dr Catherine Joachim said the government has been working on attainment of UHC since independence.

"The government has been working on increasing focus to having high quality services and improving the health care systems at all levels of healthcare provision," she said, noting that the main challenge was human resources

which according to her, it has been forcing government to allocate staff depending on needs.

Another challenge according to Dr Joachim was that curricula in Higher learning institutions are not competent based hence the need to review to match with changing technologies.

She said the government was also working on improving all aspects including on diagnosis the focus being on accrediting laboratories to ensure quality but also improve the level of compliance.

Dr Harold Adamson Chief Executive Officer of Jubilee Insurance said the government should not be a stumbling block towards achieving UHC, but rather should facilitate coverage. Dr Marwa said if well utilized digital health can help in data management and analysis and also facilitate tracking of patients but also follow-up.

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THS president Dr Omary Chillo said relooking at the systems will facilitate provision of services which will be available to all including the marginalized.

Msimbazi Basin project expected to start in July

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

MSIMBAZI river basin project in Dar es Salaam is scheduled to start in July, 2022, the deputy minister of State in the Vice President Office (Union and Environment), Hamza Hamis Hamza told the House yesterday.

He said the project is currently at the preview stage on information about area residents' assets who are supposed to be compensated and the pave way for the project after signing of agreement between the government and World Bank.

The deputy minister was responding to a question asked by the Special Seats MP, Agnes Kaizer (CCM), who had wanted to know how far the government had reached with implementation of the projects aimed at addressing challenges of the overflowing of Msimbazi River.

"When shall this project that has taken too long the implemented, as the overflowing challenge remain in the city?" she asked.

The lawmaker, later in a supplementary question wanted assurance that the project will start in July and not delayed again as it has always been the case.

The deputy minister assured the parliament that there will be no more delay, adding the past delay were due to several factors like property and environmental assessments.

The government last year said,

total of USD 120m (equivalent to 277.23bn/-) had been set aside to address the challenges of the overflowing Msimbazi River Basin in Dar es Salaam.

Then deputy minister of State in the Vice President Office (Union and Environment), Hamad Chande told the lawmakers in Dodoma the United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID) has already released USD 20m for the project.

Chande gave the explanation when he was responding to Kinondoni MP Abbas Tarimba (CCM) who sought to know when the government would start the construction of the Msimbazi River as stipulated in the ruling CCM's election manifesto (2020-2025).

Chande also said that the World Bank (WB), through Dar es Salaam Metropolitan Development Project (DMDP), has agreed to boost the project with a loan amounting to USD 100m.

He added that the Government has planned to transform the Msimbazi river basin into an investment area with various opportunities.

In 2019 the World Bank published a report that proposed a plan for the transformation of the Msimbazi river basin.

The plan highlighted solutions for managing floods, people, assets, and surrounding settlements to control

the quality of water that enters the basin.

The Msimbazi Project proposes to transform the Msimbazi Basin into a lasting solution to the humanitarian crisis caused by climate change, especially in urban areas.

A 30-plus year project, its strategies include protecting the ecology of the area to prevent floods, relocating people located in flood-prone areas, and building a vibrant business hub in a new city park to conserve the environment while providing economic opportunities to residents.



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Temeke district commissioner Jokate Mwegelo speaks at a working session with various district officials, police officers and local government chairpersons held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. She gave the chairpersons seven days to ensure that all streets in the district have community policing units. Right is Dar es Salaam Special Zone Police Commander Jumanne Muliro. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



JOB OPPORTUNITIES!!

Canara Bank (Tanzania) Limited [CBTL] was registered under Tanzania Company Act, 2002 on 2nd November 2015. The bank started Banking Operations on 9th May 2016 with opening of Dar es Salaam branch at Plot No 16/1, Elia Complex (GF), Bibi Titi Road, Zanaki, Dar es Salaam.

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- Applications not following the above specifications will not be considered.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be called for interview

Tanzanian students previously in Ukraine to pursue studies in American universities

By Guardian Reporter

SEVENTY Tanzanian undergraduate students who recently returned from Ukraine after their studies were interrupted by the Russian invasion have been assisted to seek opportunities to pursue their education in American colleges and universities.

The Education USA team at the US Embassy in Dar es Salaam hosted a group of 70 undergraduate students on April 25 where they learned about possibilities for support through Education USA.

The session was officially opened by U S Embassy Public Affairs Officer James Rodriguez who shared his own US university undergraduate experiences and personal story as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ukraine some years back.

Consular officer Christa Divis joined the session and shared information about student visa applications.

Also, Bilis Kalolela, a Tanzanian student studying at Connecticut College, joined the session through zoom and explained how he went through the application for US universities.

Also, Florida, a prospective student at Michigan state university, had an opportunity to engage with the group and shared the story of how she managed to secure both admission and a scholarship from MSU.

In addition, foreign commercial service (FCS) officer Lupatu Athanaus joined the session to engage with the educational agency that helped students to attend universities in Ukraine.

The session left a profound impact on the students who are looking forward to applying to US schools.



Currently, the project has been completed for 80 percent as required by the pre-set objectives and in accordance with the standards and specifications



India's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Binaya Srikanta Pradhan (C), with Open University of Tanzania vice chancellor Prof Elifas Bisanda (L) and EdCIL India chairman and managing director Manoj Kumar at an India alumni dinner hosted by the high commission in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday. EdCIL is a public sector undertaking under the administrative control of India's Education ministry. It offers management and consultancy services in education and human resource development within India and overseas. Photo courtesy of Indian High Commission

Tanzanian students encouraged to study in India

By Beatrice Philemon

TANZANIAN students have been encouraged to study in India as its education system offers different courses that are competitive in the world market.

Open University of Tanzania (OUT) Vice Chancellor, Prof Elifas Bisanda made the statement recently at the welcome to study in India's Alumni dinner that was held in Dar es Salaam.

"India is the best place to go for studies, India has produced a number of CEOs who hold positions of

power across the world as well as run the most powerful companies in the world," he said.

Prof Bisanda called on Tanzanian parents and guardians to send their children to India because they will get high quality education that in turn will help Tanzania to solve various challenges and have highly qualified experts in different careers.

"You can send your children to India for secondary education and higher education because education fee is affordable and in the IT sector, India has the best education system"

he said.

Elaborating on Study in India Programme, the EdCIL (India) Limited Chief Executive Officer, Sandeep Goel said the 'Study in India' (SII) programme which was launched by the Ministry of Education in India in 2018 seeks to endorse India as a prime education hub for international students by inviting them to pursue their higher education in the country.

He said while in India, students will get a chance to know India and what it has to offer in the education sector because presently India has a tremen-

dous education system. He said India is a national of expertise, the land of monuments, culture and diversity.

India is the world's 3rd largest higher education system and most of the higher education courses are delivered in English which can offer an ease of communication which would be enjoyed by an overseas student, he said.

He added: "We have a special programme to teach English for those who don't speak the language; we invite international students to study in India and will be taken care of by our

government."

Goel said that 17 higher learning institutions from India were in the country for two days conducting study in India education fair to promote Indian higher education from April 27th to 28th 2022.

High Commissioner of India to Tanzania, Binaya Pradhan said the study in India programme aims to make India the preferred destination for education leveraging value for money and globally competitive standard of education in Tanzania.

The programme involves partner-

ship with more than 150 premier education institutes in India as per the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) to ensure the high quality standards for education.

India offers more than 2600 courses ranging from the field of AI, engineering, pharmacy to political sciences across top 150 institutions of India.

He said India has been a top preferred choice of education for Tanzanian students for many years.

Govt to revamp all irrigation schemes in 2022/2023 FY

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government plans to revamp all the irrigation schemes across the country in the 2022/2023 financial year with the aim of boosting agricultural production.

In so doing the ministry of agriculture has prioritized budget for that purpose in the new financial year to boost irrigation farming, the parliament heard yesterday.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Anthony Mavunde made the statement in response to a question asked by Special Seats MP, Riitha Kabati (CCM) who had sought to know when the government would look for solutions on challenges facing irrigation farming projects of Mkoga and Kitwiro in Iringa region which she said had stalled.

The deputy minister said the 750 hectares Cherehani Mkoga project and that of Kitwiro with 100 hectares both in Iringa municipality were facing different challenges, among them dilapidated irrigation infrastructures which were constructed long time ago as well as infrastructures that were affected by floods.

Mavunde told the parliament that through the Irrigation Development Fund the government was continuing with its efforts to look for sources of funding from development partners so as to accomplish different ongoing projects countrywide including the Mkoga and Kitwiro projects

in Iringa region.

Agriculture in Tanzania consumes over 90 percent of water with most of it using inefficient gravity open canal and flooding or basin technologies. These methods lead to up to 45 percent water losses, thus a need for irrigation farming.

According to Mavunde the government was highly prioritizing irrigation farming in the country which he said was better placed to revolutionising the country in terms of food security.

The deputy minister said the government was equally reviewing all irrigation projects countrywide to identify those which had stalled so as to put up measures that would see them operating to expectations.

In the next fiscal year, Mavunde said that the government plans to increase the budget for the National Irrigation Commission so that it can discharge its duties efficiently.



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Piili Maximilian (L), Muheza District education officer (primary schools), pictured yesterday presenting to Majengo ward education coordinator Peris Kilima one of 37 computers provided by the Prime Minister's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments) through the Ministry of Education, science and Technology. Others include Muheza District Council chairman Erasto Mhina (2nd-L), district commissioner Halima Bulemba (3rd-L) and council director Nassibu Mmbaga (3rd-R). Photo: Correspondent Steven William

PSSSF emerges compassionate services award winner

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE Public Service Social Security Fund (PSSSF) has scooped an award for providing friendly services to the elderly and sick people during the exhibitions of the World Day for Safety and Health at Work held in Dodoma.

The day is commemorated annually on April 28. This year's theme was, "Act together to build a positive safety and health culture."

Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office,

responsible for labour, Youth and Employment Prof Joyce Ndalichako was the one who handed over the award and was received by the PSSSF director of administration and human resources Paul Kijazi.

Prof Ndalichako said the government values employers in the public and private sector for working and supporting staff who work hard to improve the environment for themselves without being pushed. PSSSF principal public relations officer, Abdul Njaidi said the fund's participation in

the exhibition was a great opportunity to meet members and the general public who came and received education on the various activities and services provided by the fund.

"PSSSF has invested much in good customer care, we provide high quality social security services to our members and citizens, but let us all together not forget the Tanzanian culture of giving priority to the elderly and the sick while providing services and that is what we have always done and even here at exhibitions," Njaidi said.

He said all guests who visited the PSSSF pavilion were received by staff who explained to them what the fund was doing which included education on benefits and pension, how members can get contributions statements online and other efforts taken to improve services.

"Our major responsibilities include registering members, collection of contributions, payment of benefits and pensions as well as investing in various areas including banks through shares and other investments as per laws," he said.

Njaidi said: "This time on this special day, we have collaborated with our other company-Kilimanjaro International Leather Industries Co. Limited (KILICL) which engages in production of leather products such as shoes and bags."

The World Day for Safety and Health at Work is meant to promote the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases globally. This year, the major focus was on enhancing social dialogue towards a culture of safety and health.

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TEA to allocate more money for renovation of universities'

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Tanzania Education Authority (TEA) is to set aside enough budgets every year for the renovation of infrastructure in various public higher learning institutions in both mainland and Zanzibar.

TEA director general Bahati Geuzye made the pledge during the official launching of the building which will be used by the Karume Institute of Science and Technology (KIST) for practical training to aircraft engineering students.

She said to start with, TEA for the 2021/2022 financial year, has set aside 200m/- to the development of the Institute of Public Administration-IPA.

Geuzye said the provision of grants to KIST is part of education fund responsibilities which is coordinated by TEA to support the government initiative in improving the education environment in the country as a move to uplift the quality of our education and equality in educa-

tion provision.

She said TEA through its education fund has supported KIST with 300 million to construct a building (Hanga) that will be used by aircraft engineering students for practical training.

Minister for Education and Vocational Training in Zanzibar, Leila Mohammed Mussa said the construction of the building is part of the fruits of the Union of Tanganyika and Zanzibar.

She said the building will help KIST to qualify to the criteria needed by the Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority (TCAA) which is the overseer of all colleges that provide civil aviation training.

Earlier, KIST director Dr Mahmoud Abdoulwahab Alawi said the construction of the building (Hanga) started in September 2021 and completed in March 2022 adding that it will help practical training for aircraft engineers in the country.

He said now KIST provides aircraft engineering training to 50 students who come from Zanzibar and Mainland.



Prof Joyce Ndalichako (2nd-L), Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and People with Disabilities), presents to Public Service Social Security Fund (PSSSF) human resources and administration director Paul Kijazi an award conferred to the Fund for extending outstanding services to the elderly and the sick. This was at Thursday's climax of an exhibition held in Dodoma city as part of the commemoration of World Day for Safety and Health at Work. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

4000 youth to benefit from E4D programme

OVER 4,000 Tanzanian youth are expected to benefit from the Employment and Skills for Development (E4D) programme, which is implemented by the Vocational Education Authority (VETA) for free.

The E4D programme is jointly financed by the Germany International Development Agency (GIZ) and Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and it provides teaching facilities in the training of plumbing, welding and mechatronics.

Speaking during the opening of the kick off meeting of the programme, KOICA Deputy Country Director in Tan-

zania, Jieun Seong said her organisation is present in more than 47 countries across all the continents.

He said Tanzania is one of the priority countries in Africa and this year marks the 20th anniversary of KOICA's operation in the country.

"Currently our priority area of programmes are education, health and rural economic development and we try to mainstream the cross cutting themes such as gender and ICT across all our interventions," she said.

Seong said they support basic education, technical and vocational edu-

cation and training (TVET), science, technology and innovations especially TVET in relation to their task for skills development, youth empowerment and job creation which is well highlighted to KOICA's regional development strategy. She added that KOICA has committed 5.3 million USD in 2020 to the E4D programme to join the efforts for resolving the issue by providing industry driven solutions and partnered with GIZ in July 2021.

"There is famous saying about education and it goes like 'the foundation of every state is the education of its youth

and I would dare to say that Korea is good example of this proverb. Our economic development is built on the educated and skilled human resources and it was skills and technology which fed the industry and led the industry transformation," she added.

GIZ team leader, Kabongo Mbuyi said the programme of this nature is implemented by GIZ in Ghana, Uganda, Kenya, South Africa, Mozambique and Nigeria. "This programme intend to equip youth with enough skills so that they can be able to employ themselves and easily acquire job and GIZ is expected

to offer 4.8 USD and the programme is expected to end June 2023," she said.

Speaking during the training, VETA acting Director General, Antony Kasore said they will provide training in various areas based on market and employer's current demand.

He said the programme will be conducted in the regions of Dar es Salaam, Manyara, Dodoma and Lindi adding that 30 per cent of the training will be conducted online but at the end of the training the trainees will join the nearby VETA College for practical training.

"The remaining 70 percent will be

trained in classrooms and we believe this special training would be of great importance for our Tanzanian youth who eventually will be able to secure employment easily and even employ themselves," he said.

Speaking about the enrolment model of the programme, Kasore said they put advertisements in various media channels and identify criteria for the qualifying youth to apply and compete with others.

"We look at many criteria for someone to be enrolled, example we must consider market demand and there would be some of them who will come from their workplace to come and increase their skills," he said.



Hassan Ali Mzee (R), Zanzibar Association of Tour Operators' chairman, briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam on Thursday on Africa's biggest arts, culture, tourism, travel, literature, music, food and fashion festival scheduled to take place in Zanzibar beginning this May 23. He is with FESTAC Africa chairman Yinka Abioye. FESTAC Africa, also known as the World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture, is an Arts and cultural festival designed to highlight and elevate thrilling and thriving talent from and within Africa. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

Universal Health Insurance Coverage Bill is ready for tabling, govt declares

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE Universal Health Insurance Coverage Bill is now ready to be tabled in the parliament, the Deputy Minister for Health, Dr Edwin Mollel said yesterday.

He was responding to a supplementary question raised by the Special Seats MP, Taska Mbongo (CCM) who had wanted to know when the universal health insurance would start in the country.

Mollel explained that the bill had gone through all the requisite stages but returned to the ministry for it to be taken back to the parliament for further deliberations. "Very soon the document will be here and we expect you to help fine-tune it," said the deputy minister.

Earlier in the main question, the lawmaker had wanted to know what the government was doing in effort to help the elderly to access health services outside their regions of residence using Health Insurance Cards for the elderly provided by the government.

But Dr Mollel explained as the process for bill continues all the health facilities to provide services to the elderly even when they are outside their regions.

The government had set aside 149bn/- for implementation of the universal health coverage whose implementation is scheduled to start later last year if the parliament endorsed the bill.

Later it said that the much-awaited Universal Health Insurance Coverage Bill was in the final preparation stages after going through all requisite processes.

Then Minister of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Dr Dorothy Gwajima, gave the assurance in Dodoma - and stressed that the bill would be tabled in Parliament "in the near future."

Dr Gwajima was speaking on the bill after the government failed to table it in parliament during the September 2021 session as earlier promised.

This prompted then National Assembly Speaker, Job Ndugai, challenged the government for failing to table the document - and directed the Social Services and Community Development Committee chairman, Stanslaus Nyongo, to remind the ministry in this.

"Universal health insurance (UHI) coverage has now become a priority for citizens - thus making it significant for enactment

Hai District dishes out 95m/- in interest-free loans to women, youth and PwDs

By Correspondent James Lanka, Hai

HAI District Council in Kilimanjaro region has dished out 95m/- which makes 10 per cent of their budget revenues to women, youth and people with disabilities (PwDs) as interest-free loans.

Hai District Executive Director (DED) Dionis Maternus Myinga explained that the amount of money and equipment worth 95m/- were granted to women, youth and disabled groups

in different wards of his district between January and March this year.

Myinga made the statement when speaking during the handover of 21 motorcycles to youth groups as well as capital loans to women and PwDs from different wards in the district. The event was graced by Hai legislator Saashisha Mafuwe.

He further explained that, although private financial institutions administer the loans, the government's involvement sends a message

that it is government of all people, for the people and by the people.

"In the financial year of 2021/22 we have granted a total of 313.4m/- to the women, disabled and youth groups from various wards in Hai district all from revolving and 10 per cent of total revenues," the Hai DED explained.

He added that, the money were disbursed to women, youth and people with special needs group for sustainable improvement of their livelihood through various development pro-

jects.

He further explained that they are facing some challenges in supporting disabled groups as many of them are scattered, not well organized, adding that, most of them want to be supported individually which is contrary with the criteria of getting loans from them.

"Regulations requires them to form and register their group, must be Tanzanians, must have bank account, and chose one project for the all group members and not individuals,"

he explained.

Hai DC Chairman, Edmund Rutaraka said the government through the CCM Manifesto requires all district councils countrywide to allocate 10 per cent of their internal revenues to empower youth, women and PwDs in their development projects.

Hai MP, Saashisha Mafuwe advised the beneficiaries of the loans to re-disburse their loans on time to facilitate issuance of loans to other groups.



Mbeya regional commissioner Juma Homera (L) pictured on Thursday holding one of the weighing scales Mbeya District Council has bought for health centres and clinics in the region for use in the war on stunting among children. He is with Mbeya district commissioner Dr Rashid Chuachua (C) and council chairman Mwalingo Kisemba. Photo: Correspondent Nebart Msokwa

Telco, NGO inaugurate 3rd phase girls, young women empowerment project

By Guardian Reporter

TIGO Tanzania has joined Apps and Girls to launch the Phase III of the girls and young women project during the commemoration of the International Girls in ICT Day 2022.

Apps and Girls is a nonprofit organisation dedicated towards bridging the technology gender gap in Tanzania and across Sub-Saharan Africa.

Tigo-sponsored Girls and Young Women Empowerment project was launched in 2020 with the goal of empowering 120,000 girls and young women aged 12 to 24 with technology through school-based Apps and Girls Coding Clubs, onsite girls' hubs in Dar es Salaam and Morogoro, and our female digital incubator for tech startup mentorship, where they can access advanced IT (coding, robotics), entrepreneurship trainings, including online and offline mentorship and incubation.

Tigo acting managing director and chief finance officer, Innocent Rwetabura said: "Our continued support of the girls and young women empowerment project further cements our key aim to reduce the barriers that girls and young women face in accessing, using and seizing opportunities in the ICT industry."

The Apps & Girls CEO, Carolyne Ekyariisima said: "As we commemorate

the international girls in ICT Day 2022, we should look at how far we have come, with the technical and financial help from Tigo and other stakeholders since, over a period of 8 years the project has expanded its programmes to 13 regions in Tanzania leading to model replication in Uganda, Kenya and DRC impacting more than 125,800 girls and women and enabling over 22,331 girls and young women to create tech driven project ideas and establish their own tech-ventures and 150+ young women obtained formal employment in ICT."

Students who participated in their programmes not only started tech-driven businesses, but also majored in STEM at university.

They have received high prestigious scholarships and awards such as the Anzisha Prize Award, the MasterCard Foundation Scholarship, and the Rise Scholarship.

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PAPU building in Arusha to benefit wide range of sectors

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

COMPLETION of the Arusha-based African Union Post Office (PAPU) headquarters building is expected to benefit residents and various stakeholders in the city as its use will extend beyond the Union offices.

TCRA board chairperson Dr Jones Kilimbe said this here when speaking shortly after leading a delegation of the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority's (TCRA) Board of Directors and management to inspect construction progress of the 17-storey building.

He stated that the building will also be used for cross-cutting businesses spanning from social-economic to tourism.

Dr Kilimbe added that the building will also accommodate public service offices including TCRA and Tanzania Posts Corporation zonal offices among others.

"We are moving in tandem with the construction work of this spectacular building, so that we meet at a point where we can all realize positive outcome that we anticipate far as this project is concerned," he said, noting that the construction and completion of the mega building will realize the

dreams of Mwalimu Nyerere, whose government pioneered the idea of constructing PAPU headquarters in Tanzania.

"A few institutions are fortunate to have buildings or offices built in a setting of this likeness, with such a large, decorous, and distinguished building; this building is important to our economy and PAPU as a whole, and now we are proving to regional stakeholders that Tanzania deserved to host PAPU headquarter offices, in contrast to comments from some people who thought they would suggest shifting the headquarter offices to another location," he

noted.

Commenting on the possibility of other regional and international communication institutions considering establishing their headquarters or regional offices in Tanzania, he predicted that the issue would be possible after the completion of the building because it will attract other TCRA regional and international stakeholders to consider establishing their bureau offices in Tanzania as it fits from their end.

TCRA Director General Dr Jabiri Bakari explained that the visit was organized so that the TCRA Board of Directors could satisfy itself with the progress

of the project considering the fact that it is the Board that governs TCRA in its day to day performance.

He also outlined that the building will house offices of the Tanzania Postal Corporation and TCRA Northern Zone Offices in addition to PAPU offices, with the goal of bringing communication stakeholders closer together and eliminating public inconveniences when providing communication services.

Regarding the ongoing postcodes and residential addresses project the Director General stressed that the exercise is important as it will completely

eliminate huddles faced by common people in accessing postal services.

"We regard this project a milestone in providing postal services to the people as they will now be able to receive their parcels easily and conduct online business transactions with lesser obstacles; more so, postal services in our country are now climbing the ladder to become more digital-based therefore the postcode and residential addresses project will ease businesses and of course provision of postal services on the way to developing the digital economy," added Dr Bakari.

More than 38bn/- have been set aside for the construction of this modern 17-storey building, which is being built in collaboration between the Pan-African Post Union (PAPU) and the Tanzanian government through the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA).

TCRA Board of Directors Delegation, accompanied by TCRA Management led by TCRA DG paid a visit to the construction site on Wednesday, April 27 to check on progress, which, according to the chairman of the board, shows good progress.



Furaha Mafuru, a maternal health and family planning programme analyst with UNFPA in Tanzania, makes a presentation at a seminar for journalists held in Dar es Salaam on Thursday as part of the run-up to the commemoration of the International Day of the Midwife - May 5. The thrust was on the duties and responsibilities of midwives. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

By Guardian Reporter

GEITA Gold Mining Limited (GGML) has paid over 4bn/- to Geita Town and Geita District Councils for the period of July 2021 to March 2022 (3 quarters) as service levies. The service levy is a service charge that is payable to the respective councils in accordance with the law.

Commenting on the payments to the respective councils, AngloGold Ashanti - Geita Gold Mine Vice President for Tanzania and Ghana, Simon Shayo said the company recognizes and appreciates the importance of paying various taxes and

GGML pays 4bn/- to two Geita councils

levies to the government including service levies as revenue enables the government to bring development to their citizens.

"This contribution clearly illustrates how our company is at the forefront of paying various taxes and levies for the development of the people of Geita, it is also our responsibility to obey the laws of the Tanzanian government," said Shayo.

In addition to various taxes and levies paid directly to the central government and our councils, Geita Gold Mining Lim-

ited has also been contributing to community development through their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) plans.

"The company is focused on helping the community by improving infrastructure and services especially in the areas of health, education, water and roads.

"The company also plans to promote economic opportunities for Tanzanian entrepreneurs where the company has spent a total of Sh 863 billion in procurement of goods and services from Tanzanian com-

panies where a total of Sh 69 billion has been spent in Geita in 2021," he said.

However, he said in developing Tanzanian businesses within the mining sector, GGML has partnered with the National Economic Empowerment Council (NEEC) and empowered more than 500 traders from Geita by providing them with various training and skills to compete effectively with other Tanzanians in the procurement process.

"We are also delighted that the govern-

Z'bar House called on to endorse 67.36bn/- budget for 2nd VP Office

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR Second Vice President Hemed Suleiman Abdullah has called on the House of Representatives to endorse a total of 67.36bn/- budget for his office for the 2022/2023 financial year.

Abdullah made the remarks here yesterday when reading budget estimates for income and expenditure in the ongoing House of Representatives sitting at Chukwani, Unguja.

He said in FY 2022/23 his office plans to collect 92.82m/-.

He outlined government plans for various sectors including health, education, water and enabling the people in their economic activities.

In regard to the last item, Abdullah explained that the government has already established economic facilitating agencies, saying this will ensure a good and orderly in regard to facilitating the people economically.

He noted that the Zanzibar government continues to work together with various development stakeholders in implementing

economic targets it had set and thanked them for their support.

He added that the government will also continue to put in place friendly environment for state and international institutions to enable them conduct their activities safely and peacefully.

He called on them to continue selling their goods at recommended prices to lessen inconveniences facing the people of Zanzibar during this time.

He also added that following global easing of Covid-19, Zanzibar has started seeing changes in its economy due to strengthening of services sectors.

He said services sectors have strengthened and reached an average of 6.8 per cent, up from 1.0 per cent.

The second Vice President changes to the services sectors have been contributed by strengthening of the tourism and financial sectors that has now reached 9.9 per cent up from 2.1 per cent.

In regard to the Zanzibar economy in general, he said it has also grown and reached 6.8 per cent up from 5.1 per cent in 2010.

ment and our other stakeholders recognise this contribution. That's why earlier this year, GGML emerged the overall winner amongst companies performing well in the mining sector in Tanzania for the financial year 2020/2021.

"GGML grabbed the award for the second consecutive time for having performed exceptionally in categories namely government revenue contributions, environmental and safety practices, execution of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) projects and in local business content," said Shayo.

African and Latin American women for meeting in Spain

By Correspondent Secelela Balisidya, Madrid

AFRICAN and Latin American women are next month expected to convene a conference to discuss issues that will help them cope with changes especially in politics.

The two-day conference has been organised by Women For Africa Foundation (Fundación MujeresporAfrica) and is to be graced by the foundations' honorary president, Queen Letizia of Spain, on May 19 and 20, 2022.

Dubbed: 'Women Bridge', the conference will bring on board around 70 women who holds top positions in politics in African countries and women politicians from Latin America.

According to the organisers, the conference is aimed at taking Africa women politicians' opinion, strategizing and come up with resolutions on how to empower women to cope with modern challenges in politics.

Since 2015, Women For Africa Foundation has been coordinating a forum to enlighten on good governance issues in Yale University, US in collaboration with Santander Bank.

The training has been attracting high profile women leaders from across African countries including Tanzania.

This year's conference is being held along with 10th anniversary of the Foundation which

was established in 2012.

The foundation has decided that the best way to celebrate its 10th anniversary is to convene more women from Africa and Latin America

Women For Africa Foundation has been prioritizing on the importance of women involvement in top political positions, gender equity, good governance and African development in general.

"Politics across the world has been reflecting a culture and system that involve more men than women in leadership positions. It is high time we change this system which has no equity. This is the time women need to be well represented in politics, said the Foundations' President Maria Tereza Fernandez De La Vega.

The leaders will Exchange experience from their countries and help push the agenda to African women politicians. Leaders of international organisations will also attend the conference.

In Tanzania, apart from women politicians benefiting from the Yale University trainings.

The Women For Africa Foundation also funded a two-year - Green Voices Project which ran between 2016 and 2018.

The Green Voices project, which aimed at raising women voices in facing challenges of climate change, was launched by the then Tan-



zania's Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan at Serena Hotel in June 2016.

Implemented by environmental communication organization - Environment Media Agenda (EMA), the Project started with 15 women who empowered hundreds of other women in six regions of Tanzania on how to adapt to climate change through vegetable and fruits drying

using solar power technologies, mushroom, potatoes, vegetables and cassava farming, bee-keeping, making of improved fuel stoves, tree planting for fire wood and income generation.

They also researched on how to make a fuel efficient cooker that uses solar power technologies to adapt to climate change.

Farida Hamis one of Green Voices beneficiar-

ies who visited Spain for more training says she benefited a lot from the Project.

She says she joined the project as a journalist representing the national broadcaster TBC and she learned on how to exploit climate change to generate income instead of just complaining about it.

LHRC issues proposals to help curb incidents of violence against PWA

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

THE Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) has issued six proposals to help end incidents of violence against people with albinism which are now resurfacing.

Speaking at a press conference, LHRC Executive Director, Anna Henga said

key among the strategies includes retaining collective strategies to condemn the incidents. e conference was held to condemn an attempt to chop hands of one Mohammed Rajabu, a person with albinism, an incident which took place in Mabibo, in Dar es Salaam Region.

"LHRC has learnt with sadness the incident to attempt to chop hands of

Rajabu a resident of Mabibo in the city which signals the return of such incidents," she said.

She said due to the incidents, there is need for the Commission for Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance (CHRAGG) and Civil Society Organisations (CSO)s.

She said the police and other security

agencies must ensure that the perpetrators are brought to book but also ensure that investigations into the matter are finalised. Henga said the other proposals include expanding investigations to disperse the human body parts market.

"The citizenry should understand justice is a result of fairness and accountability, therefore there is need for

the public to respect rights of each other to ensure there is justice," she said.

She said violence against people with albinism was illegal under the Penal Code 225 as reviewed in 2019.

The government and stakeholders have agreed to form a taskforce to conduct special operations against the kidnaps, abductions and murders of

people with albinism.

In recent years, various stigma reduction interventions have been implemented in Tanzania by human rights groups, such as Under the Same Sun. However, no academic research has yet been done on what would be an effective way of reducing albinism-related stigma.



Salome Mnyawi, councillor for Mirerani ward in Simanjiro District, speaks at a district council meeting on Thursday on challenges facing the ward mainly owing to lack of health facilities. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

Barrick bags top award in OSHA Safety Week

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

BARRICK Tanzania has bagged in eight awards at the 2022 Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) awards presentation ceremony that was held in Dodoma with Bulyanhulu Gold Mine snatching the most coveted prize - the Top OSHA Compliance Award.

In addition to this major win, Bulyanhulu also scooped the first runner up in the: Best Narrator; Overall Exhibitor and Innovative Mining Categories at this year's OSH event.

Barrick North Mara won the top accolades in the: Best OSH Outreach Programme to SMEs in the mining sector as well as the security services categories. It was also the second runner up in: the Best OSH Outreach Programme SME Exhibitor category as well as the OSHA award in the mining sector.

This year's OSH exhibition was held at the Jakaya Kikwete Conference Centre Grounds in Dodoma. The Minister of State in the Prime

Minister's Office - Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability Honourable Professor Joyce Lazaro Ndlichako, was the Guest of Honour at this year's award presentation ceremony.

Barrick Tanzania's 2022 win build on the company's 2021 successes in which it won the: Overall; Best CSR; Exhibitor; and OHS Innovation awards.

Following the awards presentation ceremony, Barrick Tanzania's Country Manager Georgia Mutagahywa said, "This is a great moment for Barrick for this award reflects all the hard work that our staff and business partners put in to making the company a safe and great place to work."

Safety is key component of our DNA for we are committed to doing all that we can to create a Zero Harm Workplace, said Mutagahywa. These awards are a testimony to the company's commitment to upholding and embedding safety behaviours in its employees, partners, and stakeholders.



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Activists concerned over 'unsatisfactory' efforts to tackle climate change effects

By Guardian Reporter

ACTIVISTS have raised concerns over insufficient efforts by African governments to account for loss and damage caused by climate change which they said was dampening hope for quick rebound from climate-related disasters.

At a meeting in Lilongwe, Malawi, climate activists and experts coalescing under the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) noted

the continent's inability to come up with data to coherently argue for compensation from loss and damage of property, and livelihood such as was recently witnessed in South Africa, Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

They also decried the slow progress by national agencies tasked with research in leading the way in aggregating relevant data and in undertaking studies that are relevant to influence process under UNFCCC.

Before the meeting in Malawi, over 400

people died from 'rain bomb'-caused floods in Durban, South Africa which also left highways, and property damaged. In the horn of Africa, thousands of families are affected by the ongoing severe drought that has left many without livelihoods.

"Discussions on the compensation for loss and damage must be prioritised by Africans in all discussions within the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change negotiation processes," said Dr Mithika Mwenda, the Ex-

ecutive Director, and Pan African Climate Justice Alliance.

The situation obtains even as recent reports of the Intergovernmental panel on climate change (IPCCC) show that Africa is a hotspot of vulnerability to the adverse impacts of human-induced climate change. All reports on the vulnerability of Africa to climate change are consistent and show a worsening degree of the situation.

Most African countries are struggling in

quantifying loss and damage, a situation that Dayce Nkhoma, the director of risk reduction in Malawi attributes to lack of resources and skills.

Alpha Kaloga, of the African Group of Negotiators noted that there is no single financial instrument to address loss and damage. A mix of approaches will need to be employed to address loss and damage and the mix will vary by country context.

May Day could be old-fashioned but is still popular ritual to larger public

ONE public holiday whose fortunes have been declining over the past two decades at least is May Day, which chroniclers say is usually celebrated on 1 May or the first Monday of May, meaning that it ought to be at the start of the month but can't be marked on a Sunday. In Tanzania festivals that fall on a Sunday are not compensated on workdays as it was the case in the past, so the country had too many paid non-working days, so it was ended. This year the holiday comes ashore on Sunday so the rule about not holding the day the following day will be tested; it appears that the matter is being left to take own course.

Chroniclers say May Day is an ancient festival marking the first day of summer while in Tanzania it more or less marks the first day of the shift to cooler weather. Our next door neighbours have two different sets of climatic or weather situations by comparison, as Uganda is located to the north of the Equator which traverses its southern reaches, so it will be shifting to a warmer weather. Kenya by contrast is cut in half, with the northern part moving into warmer weather and the southern part into cooler weather like on this side of the border. This weather shift is a festival on its own, for Europeans as they move to summer they covet for holidaying, and in our case, for cooling homes, transport and working places from humid heat.

Whether or not there will be national ceremonies for May Day, there is a feeling in some quarters that a 'laissez passe' could be exercised, a 'let it pass' mood where President Samia Suluhu Hassan gets time to look at a series of issues waiting at her desk after a

lengthy foreign tour. That may obviously not be the case, so a whole range of stakeholders will be waiting to hear if the president will deliver on the minimum wage issue, having been compelled to make a promise to that effect on her inaugural May Day event. No issue divides economists like wage hikes, an idea that rhymes with welfare activists, not growth analysts.

A classic example was on May Day of 2010 when the Trade Union Congress of Tanzania (TUC-TA) told then President Jakaya Kikwete they want a 350,000/- as minimum wage so as to give him their votes. The president asked them to stay with their votes, and coined an inimitable phrase that has since become part of the country's stock of wisdom, saying 'being clever by what you are told, add your own mind to it.' Adding salaries across the board is a habit of radicalism which weakens the currency by igniting inflation.

Workers' welfare doesn't firstly depend on the minimum wage but its purchasing power, thus if inflation arises from higher wages it is better to cancel higher wages, boost investments and enable more people to be hired, not offer better wages while factories close down. In addition, only a small portion of salaried individuals are touched by minimum wages, those in the public sector, as successive governments have realised that placing minimum wages on the private sector mars the business environment. Even in the government the plan was to employ 44,000 new public servants before fiscal 2021/22 ends; that is far better than scaling up salaries by 100,000/- to please those who hold placards on the next May Day event.

Mayday emergency signal vital in safety awareness, giving help

WHILE most people are thinking of May Day as a public holiday usually coloured by groups of workers from different sectors pushing welfare demands, there is another mayday that fewer people are familiar with.

It is written 'mayday' without spacing the two words and is given out as an emergency signal in shipping and in aviation. An online write up says mayday is an emergency code word used internationally to indicate distress on a vehicle, in any surface, and anyone hearing the call is obligated to help, or make efforts to communicate with other recipients of such signals to ensure that assistance is delivered. It is unclear how far this signaling is part of maritime or other activities in the country, and indeed if it would make a difference if problems arise.

The chronicler says mayday is used to signal a life-threatening emergency primarily by aviators and mariners, but in some countries even firefighters and the police use the signal, alongside transportation organizations. The convention is that the word be repeated three times in a row as "Mayday mayday mayday" to prevent it being mistaken for some other signal or conversation. There is also a need to distinguish between an actual distress call and a call about distress, so the three times pronouncing of the word is vital. Still it may be of help in a situation of good infrastructure and proximity to area of distress, be it an accident or even piracy.

Given the limited extent to which East Africa is involved in maritime and aviation activities that are so frequent as to need a routine kind of communication as with 'mayday', the need for instant communication has at times arose somewhere. One fairly recent situation was a piracy threat along the shores of lawless Somalia,

where units of the local guerrilla group was taking turns to put dingy boats into sea and surround cargo ship navigating the zone, compel the captain to pay a ransom for the ship to be released. Western countries pulled their feet for a while and then created a coast guard unit to fully clear out the piracy threat.

There are other technology spheres of travel safety where 'mayday' is unavailable and it isn't clear if it will be available in future technological developments, for instance an electronic speed governance device. Such a device could trigger a reaction if vehicles come frontally within 10 or 15 meters and are facing one another, to disable the engine so that contact doesn't happen, until it is reignited in a better atmosphere, whether by the same automatic means or other. It looks like self-driven vehicles which are outlandish, but some aspects of that technology could be applied in driver-reliant vehicles and the system be part of a regulatory environment.

Mayday is about travel safety and assisting people who are faced with a life threatening situation, the sad thing being that it is often caused by persons who either don't care about others, or don't have a feeling about their own safety.

Worse, a vehicle has a bad accident and then unruly youths arrive on the scene and start clearing out their bags and pockets instead of rendering assistance, and when a country is a bit later hit by this or that catastrophe, like people burning when trying to fetch fuel from an overturned lorry, they don't add two and two to find the link, a reprehensible attitude to accidents, that is, to safety of another person. Mayday is a call to reflect on some of our hunter-gatherer habits which ignore elementary human values, still rife within us.

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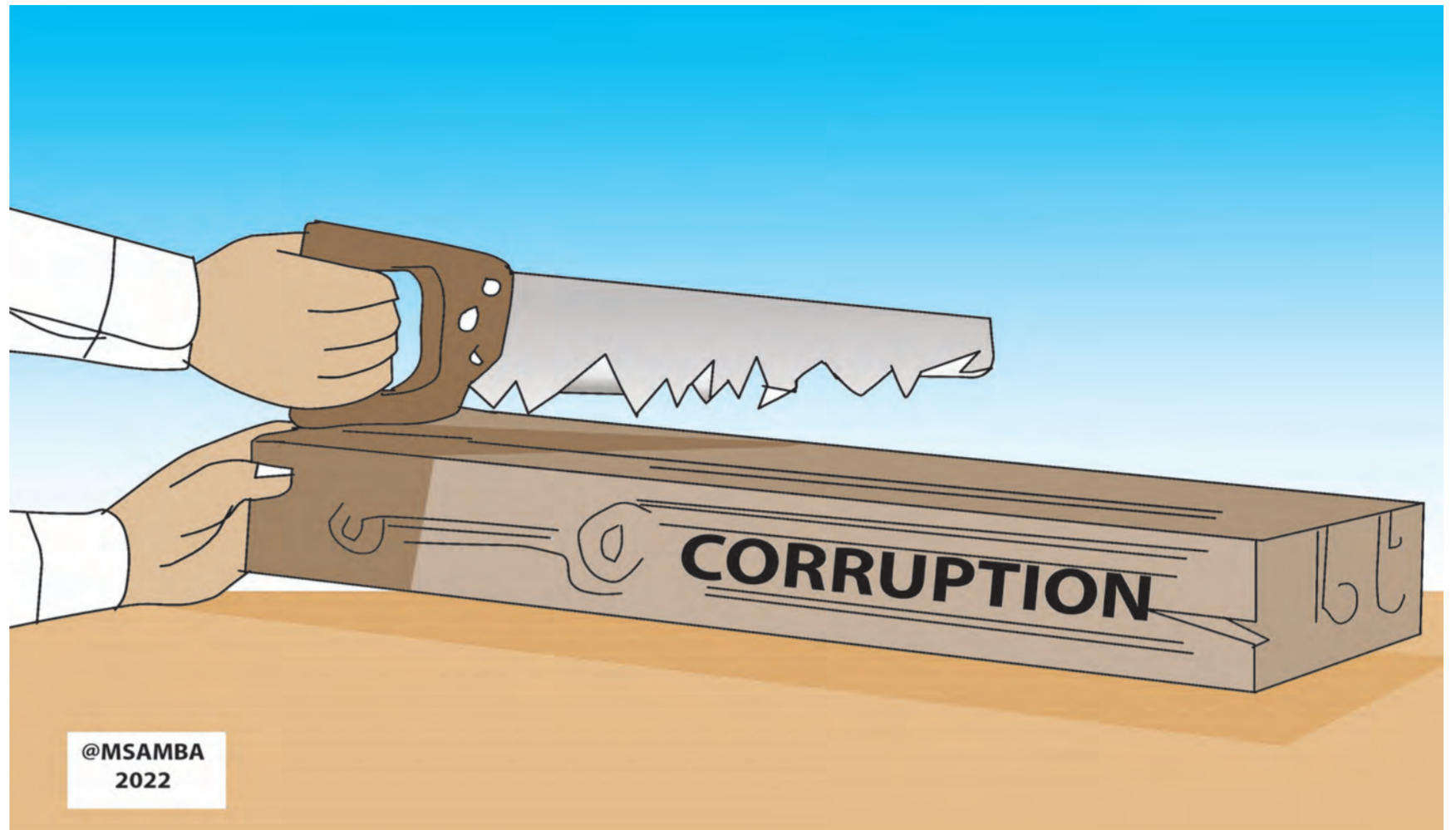
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Nigeria's deepening security crisis exposes nation's growing reliance on non-state

By Ebenezer Obadare

GOVERNOR El-Rufai's threat to import mercenaries to help with Nigeria's security crisis reveals cracks in the security sector and waning state power.

A rare positive note as Nigeria spirals into a state of lawlessness is the unintended return to the front burner of longstanding issues around governance at the subnational level. Until now, such issues have bubbled under the surface, receiving fleeting attention only when the country's perennial crisis threatens to boil over, only to subside as soon as a temporary fix is found.

Penultimate week, after still unidentified assailants opened fire on an Abuja-Kaduna train, killing eight passengers and kidnapping tens of others for ransom, Kaduna State Governor Nasir El-Rufai, emerging from a private meeting with President Muhammadu Buhari, threatened to do whatever it takes to protect lives and property across the state, including "importing mercenaries from outside the country to do it."

The governor's frustration is understandable. While bandits have cut a swathe through the entire country, in recent times, the strategic northwestern state of Kaduna appears to have suffered more than most. According to an official security report, 1,192 people were murdered in the state by bandits in 2021 alone. A new report by the Abuja-based Center for Democracy and Development (CDD) estimates that violent crime across the northwest has claimed more than 12,000 lives while displacing over a million people.

Following the Abuja-Kaduna train tragedy, another attack on a Nigerian military base in Birnin Gwari Kaduna (sixty-two miles from Kaduna, the state capital) by bandits reportedly "carrying heavy weapons including a rocket-propelled grenade (RPG)" left eleven soldiers dead. According to reports in the Nigerian media, no fewer than 714 soldiers have been killed by terrorists in the past eighteen months.

El-Rufai has never been shy of resorting to unconventional solutions, going as far as offering financial compensation to "aggrieved" Fulani herdsmen from Chad, Cameroon, Mali, Senegal, and Niger Republic believed to have orchestrated the spate of killings across the southern part of the state in 2016.

While the 2016 "settlement" did raise more than a few eyebrows, the threat to import mercenaries has been greeted with almost universal condemnation, with most commentators appearing to agree that the governor lacks the legal authority to invite foreign combatants into the country. Both the pan-northern sociopolitical organization, Arewa Consultative Forum (ACF) and its Yoruba counterpart, Afenifere, were quick to condemn the move.

El-Rufai's threat to import mercenaries has not occurred in a vacuum. The involvement of mercenaries in African conflicts has expanded steadily since the 1990s when Executive Outcomes and Sandline (originating out of South Africa and the United Kingdom respectively), provided military assistance to the highest bidder in exchange for diamond and oil concessions. In recent times, mercenaries have



A Nigerian state police command on patrol

featured prominently in the conflicts in Darfur (western Sudan), Chad, and Libya, while the Russian Wagner Group continues to be active in Libya, Sudan, Mozambique, Madagascar, Central African Republic (CAR), and Mali, where they are engaged in "protecting the ruling or emerging governing elites and critical infrastructures."

With general elections looming in 2023, the previous Goodluck Jonathan administration imported "hundreds of mercenaries from South Africa" to help quell the Boko Haram insurgency.

Mercenaries, suffice to say, are a dubious asset, their battlefield success always liable to being offset by their tendency to "worsen conflict and threaten stability." In any event, recourse to them by African states is ironic considering their otherwise strident rhetoric around sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Whether or not El-Rufai gets his way, his threat reveals cracks in the Nigerian security architecture that successive administrations have papered over. The most directly relevant concerns policing, responsibility for which is constitutionally vested in the Nigerian Federal Government (FG). Size is a nagging issue. Of a total workforce of 400,000, some 150,000 police officers are attached at any given time to private individuals and companies in Nigeria, thus, leaving the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) permanently short-handed. Pay being low and morale even lower, police officers

regularly moonlight on their time off.

Because of this and other problems associated with the privatization of policing in Nigeria, states have clamored for decentralization through the creation of state police. In the southwestern region of the country where the clamor has been at its most insistent, six states banded together in January 2020 to establish a regional paramilitary outfit, Amotekun (leopard in Yoruba language), "to complement the work of the police."

The federal government has declared the outfit illegal.

While southwestern states may view the establishment of Amotekun as a significant step in the long march towards "true federalism," the unwitting insight from the move is the reliance of states themselves on nonstate violence and private actors. Instructively, Amotekun drew on sundry vigilante and local civil defense groups, including the Oodua People's Congress (OPC), a Yoruba interest group which has been accused of using violence to pursue its objectives.

Apart from diverting enormous resources towards private entrepreneurs and entities, state mobilization of nonstate violence stokes division and violence within civil society because it invariably empowers a group of actors to the detriment of others. The ongoing power struggle within the Lagos branch of the National

Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) is partly a reflection of this dynamic. In turn, nonstate actors have leveraged the opportunity to accumulate social and political power, blurring the distinction between militant and politician on the one hand, and between state and nonstate violence on the other.

In a nutshell, other than being outward facing and emerging from the subnational level, El-Rufai's threat to outsource state security to non-state actors is nothing unusual in the country; if anything, it captures an essential truth about the character of state power as authorities struggle to contend with a surge in violence by assorted rogue actors.

For a long time, even as it shirked its basic statutory responsibilities, continued monopoly of violence meant that the state retained a certain aura and remained the most consequential actor in the political arena. While it still largely is, the possible loss of that monopoly (the readiness to look for external help is an admission more or less) raises important questions about what the state has become and the reality of statehood.

Going forward, the fundamental question is not whether El-Rufai, or indeed any of the other beleaguered governors, goes looking for help. Given the imperative, the real question is what avenues desperate state officials across the country will turn to as they face a fight to rein in increasingly emboldened actors, some of whom, ironically, they played a part in creating and unleashing.

Why plastic bottle waste should be a concern to all

By Guardian Reporter

FINLAND is the world's cleanest and greenest country in the world according to the Environmental Performance Index (EPI) 2016 by Yale and Columbia Universities, you would be surprised that when you visit a Supermarket and purchase a bottle (plastic) of water, after drinking, you are paid for the bottle.

Their culture is that an environment must be made to look friendly to the citizens who are its custodians.

This habit is making their country to have more than 80 percent of their water bodies ranging from lakes to streams to be always clean.

This is a lesson that Tanzanians must embrace in the sense that no one is born with a culture, but it is something we acquire.

Tanzanians, therefore, should see into it that all sorts of used plastic bottles are collected in a gentle way back to be recycled. While increased water bottle sales can mean fewer cavities and slimmer waistlines, it also means big trouble for our environment.

In fact, plastic bottles contribute a lot in the sum of all plastic waste in the country. Should we be concerned about this? Of course we should.

Data shows disposable water bottle waste washes into the ocean and kills 1.1 million marine creatures each year.

In many countries, below mineral water bottles, which usually come in plastic form, there is a short notice saying "crush before dispose". The question is, why should we crush plastic bottles before we dispose it into trash bin?

Many of us are still aimlessly throwing away whole plastic bottle in the Ocean or just trash bin without crushing them, even though it actually has a solid reason.

It might be a small action, but actually it contributes a lot to us. So, make it clear, we try to mention some reasons why it is better to crush empty plastic bottles before throwing it away into trash bins.

Without crushing plastic bottles, there is a risk that the bottle will be reused. Reusing plastic bottle is not a good option, and throwing away plastic bottles after only one use is neither a good thing for the environment. So, the only option left is to recycle it.

But can we recycle plastic bottles after being crushed? We definitely can, and to try to understand, why they should not be discarded see how Shafina Jaffer, a visionary artist whose meditations are messages in colour is making use of them in Dar es Salaam.

In her realm, over five thousand used plastic water bottles, not even leaving a square inch of the towering Roman pillars to be seen, greets one when entering the Colosseum Health Club in Masaki, at its entrance. This intricately designed art project is created by Shafina Jaffer's to commemorate Earth Day and to draw attention.

Shafina Jaffer is a Tanzanian artist and is currently pursuing a Master degree in Painting at the prestigious Royal College of Arts in London, United Kingdom. Shafina's most recent art installation - titled "We Can't Stop Caring"



Hotel Colosseum CEO, Shafina Jaffer finalises the project of one of the Gym's hotel poles located along Haile Selassie Road at Masaki in Dar es Salaam recently. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

took a total of 3 months to complete. On her walks along Coco Beach she encountered an innumerable number plastic bottles carelessly discarded,

along what once used to be the beautiful shore. The litter bins are empty but the beaches are strewn with plastic.

This prompted action of some sort so she took upon herself to make a statement through this art installation. She made an appeal to restaurants in the Masaki area and local residents to provide her with used plastic bottles and collected the same from the gym itself.

It is her view that individuals in Dar-Es-Salaam must do more to combat pollution on an individual level. Plastic pollution has become a global concern, as our planet is drowning in plastic litter and micro-plastics.

While plastic has many valuable uses, societies have become highly dependent on single-use or disposable plastic - with severe environmental consequences.

Our daily habits of simply drinking from a plastic bottle and discarding the same onto our streets and into the ocean can have major catastrophic effect on the environment. Every year, more than 300 million tonnes of plastic waste is produced, with that figure increasing 9 percent annually.

Moreover, 75percent of all plastic produced becomes waste and 91percent of all plastic is not recycled.

This is particularly alarming given that it takes up to 500 years for a single water bottle to naturally decompose.

In a place as naturally beautiful as Dar es Salaam, Shafina believes that we must all do more to play our part in conserving nature. Every year, 1 million marine animals die from plastic pollution.

One of these small habits is being environmentally mindful of the impact our consumption has on the ecosystem. With no improvements to managing waste beyond what's already in place today, 99 million tons of uncontrolled plastic waste would end up in the environment by 2030.

"If we don't get the plastic pollution problem in the ocean under control, we threaten contaminating the entire marine food web, from phytoplankton to whales.

It will be too late by the time we catch up to this, - it will not be possible to go back to reverse the damage caused. A huge amount of plastic will be embedded in the ocean's wildlife essentially forever."

Extra responsibility is tough, but it is fulfilling. As a generation of globally aware people, we must take the measures required in order to create a world in which we want to live, and in which we want our future generations to live. One's existence in this world should not be compulsive and ruled by a concern only for you - that is a selfish way to live life.

Shafina's art installation will remain up at the Colosseum Fitness Club in Oyster Bay this end of May, where you can go and see it. It will be there as a constant reminder to all of the gym's patrons and passersby that they should be environmentally conscious and live a life of awareness.

The chronicles of chasing your dreams

MOTIVATIONAL speakers love advising us to follow our dreams, yes, we ought too.

They usually claim that dream chasing is easy since achieving our dreams only requires us to think positively, find what we love, visualize living the life of our dreams, and work hard. As well, they claim dream chasing is fun and adventurous.

I used to believe these ideas. However, I discarded them after I started chasing mine about two years ago and realizing that dream chasing is boring as I always force myself to work, and things seldom work out as I expect. Furthermore, I doubted these ideas after a large percentage of my friends gave up on their dreams.

I started my career journey in 2018, and I made friends with many people in my field of expertise. A year later, 98% of these folks gave up.

These folks also gave up because they found the journey boring, tough, and scary, although they believed the idea that dream chasing is fun and adventurous. This is a shocking truth many people realize when chasing their dreams. I was also shocked after realizing that the journey isn't easy, but I decided to keep working and see what will happen. However, sometimes, I feel like turning in the towel.

As well, I usually become extremely anxious when I think about failing to achieve my dreams despite working hard, and I often ask myself whether I'll continue working on my career path in case I don't achieve the intended dream after ten years.

Chasing my career dream has thus enlightened me about the shocking truths of dream chasing. After working in my field of expertise for a while, I noticed that following dreams doesn't guarantee success, and I discovered that anxiety and doubt are part of the journey.

Anyway, besides these truths, you'll realize more sad truths when you start following your dreams. For instance, you'll discover that several people, including your closest folks, will doubt your ability to achieve them.

Another sad truth you'll realize is that you'll have to be your own motivator because most people will encourage you to give up. The people who love you will encourage you to get a safe and secure job, and they'll tell you that dream chasing is for the extraordinary.

The chances of achieving our dreams increase if we know such facts about dream chasing because we'll prepare ourselves for them, and we won't be shocked when we encounter them. However, the chances are slim when we think it's easy to chase and achieve dreams because



we'll expect the journey to be fun and adventurous, and we'll quit after realizing its toughness.

However, dream-chasing is not easy, don't embark on the journey of pursuing your dreams if you think dream chasing

is easy because you'll give up, and you'll end up being depressed. Only follow them when you are ready to endure ob-

stacles, discouragement, and work persistently despite not seeing progress.



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High cost of debt is crippling developing nations : How can we bridge the finance divide?

By Navid Hanif

AS the world is rocked by a confluence of crises, the global economic outlook for 2022 is becoming ever more uncertain and fragile. Prospects for sustainable development for all and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030 are bleak, particularly for developing countries.

The war in Ukraine is adding further stresses to a world economy still reeling from the COVID-19 pandemic and under growing strain from climate change. These cascading crises affect all countries, but the impact is not equal for all.

While some, mostly developed countries, had access to cheap financing to cushion the socio-economic impacts of the pandemic and invest in recovery, many others did not.

Massive recovery packages in rich countries contrast sharply with poor countries, which had to juggle essential expenditures. For many, education and development budgets had to be cut to respond to COVID-19.

The UN system's 2022 Financing for Sustainable Development Report: Bridging the Finance Divide, finds that the 'finance divide' between rich and poor countries has become a sustainable development divide.

Growth prospects are severely constrained in the developing world - even before taking the war in Ukraine and its repercussions into account, 1 in 5 developing countries are not expected to return to pre-COVID income levels by 2023.

This situation is likely to get worse because the fallout from the war is exacerbating the challenges confronted by developing countries. Food and fuel prices are reaching record highs. This strains the external and fiscal balances of import-dependent countries.

Supply chain disruptions add to inflationary pressures, setting up a very challenging environment for Central Banks - rising prices combined with deteriorating growth prospects. Tighter financial conditions and rising global interest rates will make it increasingly difficult, and no doubt impossible for some, to roll over their existing commercial debt.

Many vulnerable countries will not be able to absorb the combined shocks of a disrupted recovery, rising inflation, and sharply rising borrowing costs. Sri Lanka has just defaulted, and more widespread debt distress may well be on the horizon - which is likely to put the Sustainable Development Goals out of reach.

The lack of adequate and affordable financing for developing countries is making timely realization of



Displaced people in Bor, South Sudan, collect food aid. The conflict in Ukraine and resulting sanctions on Russia are driving up global oil and food prices, which could lead to increased hunger in Africa, analysts say.

the 2030 Agenda increasingly difficult. Their governments often have few avenues to raise funds domestically, due to underdeveloped domestic financial markets. But borrowing from abroad is both risky and expensive, with some African countries paying over 8% on their Eurobond issuances in 2021.

As the 2022 Financing for Sustainable Development Report notes, the only way to achieve a more equitable recovery is to bridge this finance divide. It will take determined action, on several fronts.

First, developing countries will need additional concessional public financing. Bilateral providers and the international financial institutions have stepped up in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, but additional funding was not enough to prevent this divergent recovery. The fallout from the war in Ukraine is widening financing gaps and countries will need additional support.

A first key test of international solidarity will be on Official Development Assistance (ODA). Additional support for refugees from the conflict in Ukraine, while important, must not come at the expense of cross-border ODA flows to other countries in need.

Development banks should make available more long-term countercyclical finance at affordable rates, easing financing pressures during crises. Donors should ensure that multilateral development banks see their capital increased and concessional windows replenished generously.

One immediate step development banks and official bilateral creditors could take themselves is to use state-contingent clauses more systematically in their own lending. This would mean automating debt repayment standstills, providing breathing space to countries in crises.

Development banks and development finance institutions at all levels could also work to strengthen the 'development bank system'. National institutions tend to be smaller and fewer in the poorest countries. They would greatly benefit from capacity and financial support.

Multilateral and regional development banks can in turn benefit from national banks' detailed knowledge of local markets.

Second, we must improve the costs and other terms of borrowing faced by developing countries in international financial markets. Excess returns for investors hint at market inefficiencies. We must close gaps in the international financial architecture - the lack of a sovereign debt restructuring mechanism adds uncertainty - and improve transparency by both debtors and creditors.

Transparency and better information for investors can help reduce costs. Short-term credit ratings are also an issue. Rating agencies assess a country's creditworthiness over a very short horizon, often three years.

Meanwhile, many public investments in sustainable development - in infrastructure, education, or innovation - only pay off

over a much longer period.

Credit assessments are systematically biased against long-term investments. Thus, they poorly serve those investors that have long investment horizons, such as pension funds. Long-term sovereign ratings that take into account such investments, as well as long-term risks such as climate change, should complement existing assessments. Scenario analysis can help overcome the inherent difficulties of such long-term assessments.

Countries can also exploit growing investor interest in sustainable development and climate action. Sovereign green bonds, which can sometimes be issued at reduced cost ('greenium'), are a fast-growing market segment. A commitment to marine conservation recently helped Belize achieve more favorable terms with private creditors in debt restructuring.

Development finance institutions could also help by providing partial guarantees to sovereign borrowers, lowering interest in exchange for commitments to invest in the SDGs and climate action.

Third, many countries will need debt relief to avoid a protracted and costly debt crisis. Once debt has reached unsustainable levels, providing additional credit, even if at concessional rates, will only delay the reckoning.

The current mechanisms to deal with countries in debt distress are clearly inadequate. The Common Framework set up by the G20 in the fall of 2020 was a step in the right direction, but its shortcomings have become all too apparent.

No restructurings have been completed yet; there is no good answer to treating commercial debt; and many highly indebted developing countries are not eligible to approach the Common Framework at all.

The G20 must step up efforts to implement and deliver on the Common Framework more effectively. But as a more widespread debt crisis becomes a frightening possibility, a more fundamental reform of the sovereign debt architecture must be on the table as well.

The United Nations can provide a neutral venue that brings together creditors and debtors on equal footing to advance such discussions.

We at the UN believe that the SDGs can still be met. But without concerted bold action now on all fronts, the road ahead is looking very bumpy. Timely and bold policy choices will get us there.

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By Special Correspondent

Let's make it harder to engage in corruption

CORRUPTION is the evil that can derail any enterprise, and when that entity is the biggest in the country, in this case the government, the damage can be immense.

In fact, corruption is exceptionally damaging right down the line and the same goes for the private sector as well. So it has to be hunted down and those responsible brought to book, preferably in a criminal court, although there are a lot of problems with obtaining proof beyond reasonable doubt.

Gathering evidence to secure a conviction in a criminal trial for graft is tricky since other explanations are possible, such as incompetence, and in any case many of the corrupt deals are done secretly without witnesses and a lot

of effort put in place to hide any trace of any links.

But that does not mean we have to do nothing. Even if we cannot always get someone into jail we can stamp out corruption.

One major path is preventing it in the first place. If there is no corruption then there is no corruption, and the Zimbabwe Anti-Corruption Commission has embraced this as a second strand in its constitutionally-mandated task of ending corruption.

The private sector does use this as the main tool to fight corruption within companies and businesses and a complex set of rules and practices have evolved to ensure that whatever people may be tempted to do, it is extraordinarily difficult to follow a

criminal inclination and the risk of discovery is high, itself a deterrent.

So the systematic way that ZACC is tackling the process in the public sector is changing attitudes. The new integrity committees play a major role in ensuring that correct procedures are in place and that they are followed.

Already payments for services not rendered are no longer just drifting through. US\$18 million worth having been stopped after getting through what looks like very slack management before the word got through to ZACC and these were stopped.

Obviously they should never have got that far, but at least they were stopped. It is a bit like in the Bible where Lot is bargaining for

the survival of Sodom and Gomorrah. It needs a surprisingly small number of honest and respectable people to save an entire city, such as one person in the process.

So now the integrity committees are not just being set up, but are being monitored to make sure they are doing what they are supposed to be doing. This is not just some window dressing that needs not be taken seriously, but a serious attempt to have done what needs to be done.

The Auditor-General has noted significant improvements as well in both keeping high standard accounts up to date and in implementing the upgrades and changes she wants to see in processes.

We are not yet at private sec-

tor standards in a swathe of State enterprises, but we are no longer moving around in an accounting swamp where no one can even notice if money or assets are missing.

It is this evidence of the change of attitudes that is so important. Many operational professionals can sigh deeply over the rules and committees in place in any properly-run entity as extra work that can lead to delays, but also need to recognise that everything needs to be tracked, so everyone is accountable, and the rules also protect them by helping to minimise legitimate error, since the decision process is checked.

The other advantage of having rules and laid-down procedures in place is that effective action

can be taken even if there is not a shred of evidence that something was done corruptly. Even incompetence does not have to be proved, and that is just a civil matter requiring a probability.

If someone is under orders to do something in a particular way and does it in a different way, then we have a straight forward disciplinary matter. Even if a resignation follows to avoid the disciplinary hearing, at least the problem is no longer there.

ZACC has been doing a lot of investigating and in these investigations must have often wished there were certain records available. This no doubt is guiding ZACC when it speaks to State entities and can be very precise on what it wants the new commit-

tees to do.

The private sector uses these tools, sometimes under different names, to make as clear as possible who has done what and why. Shining a light on every decision process makes it very hard to perform the corrupt dealings that require darkness. This does not eliminate corruption, since human ingenuity is something special, but it does make it harder and each breach means that professional accounting institutes think up a better way to shine the lights.

A major company usually has double auditing: the internal auditors and the external auditors. Of course collusion between auditors and the corrupt is possible, and some will always want to sweep wrongdoing under the carpet, so the practices can become involved.

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Songas marks World Safety Day with over 2000 days without lost-time accidents

By Guardian Reporter

OCCUPATIONAL Health and Safety is an integral part of company operations to ensure sustainability. According to the International Labour Organisation (ILO), the physical conditions and mental demands of the workplace determine to a great extent the well-being of employees.

Occupational accidents have a significant human, social and economic cost, which we should strive to eliminate by ensuring that all workplaces are safe.

This requires raising awareness and embedding a culture of vigilance that incorporates a reporting mechanism for potential hazards. Achieving zero incidents should be a company vision and norm rather than a target or performance goal.

To monitor these safety standards, most organizations adopt various compliance standards that guide the company culture and attitude towards safety for employees and suppliers across the value chain.

Most companies use Lost Time Accidents (LTAs), also known as Loss Time Injury (LTIs). According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) the global body responsible for protecting worker health and safety, LTAs refers to an incident that requires an employee to miss work due to sustaining an injury on the job.



OSHA further defines the criteria for recordable injuries and illnesses as, "...death, days away from work, restricted work or transfer to another job, medical treatment beyond first aid, or

loss of consciousness." The higher the incident rate, the lower the organization's safety performance.

Since this metric is calculated in hindsight, it is not a perfect

predictor of an organization's future safety performance, but really helps to audit and understand the company's attitude towards employee safety.

This year, World Day for Safe-

ty and Health at Work focuses on enhancing social dialogue towards a culture of safety and health. For Songas, as the World marks International Safety Day, the leading energy company in

Tanzania will be celebrating over 2000 days with no LTAs. John Maitaria, HSE Manager from Songas said that "This achievement has been the result of the utmost commitment from a team of talented staff, progressive safety culture, and proactivity in ensuring all staff have a conducive work environment to do meaningful work."

The ILO estimates that around 2.3 million employees around the world succumb to work-related accidents or diseases every year; this corresponds to over 6000 deaths per day. Worldwide, there are around 340 million occupational accidents and 160 million victims of work-related illnesses annually.

To avert this, Songas has since 2004 established robust Health, Safety, and Environment systems and was first certified to OHSAS 18001:2007 Standard in 2009, followed by a transition to ISO 45001:2018 Standard in 2020.

The company is also certified by ISO 14001:2015 an environmental management standard. This attests that the company has successfully adopted an effective safety management system that conforms to international standards.

John highlights that employee safety is of the utmost importance, "In order to run a world-class power plant, it is paramount that we continuously engage employees on behavioural safety and have continuous dialogue around health and safety practices. Our top priority is to ensure that every employee goes home safe."

Parents must invest more time, efforts in children's education

By Guardian Correspondent

TANZANIAN parents have been tasked to play their part well and invest in the education of their children which include working closely with teachers to support their progress.

This was said by founder of the Ukonga Skillful Open School, Diodorus Tabaro in Dar

es Salaam recently during the 15th graduation ceremony of Form Six leavers. The graduates are those who studied for one year Forms Five and Six

He noted that for a nation to achieve several of these development goals, having a strong workforce with mental and psycho-social wellbeing is a matter of paramount importance and

this can be achieved if all children are well raised and protected. He said that the reports show that for a child to perform well in studies and exams, parents should play a very big role which include being close and valuing them.

"It is high time now that parents and guardians treat their children with care and give

them the needed quality education. Being close to children and creating a friendly environment with them, enables them to be open to speak any challenge they face," he said.

He further noted that children are the greatest assets and future leaders who should be nurtured well to be able to play meaningful roles in future.

He said parents should stop using negative language when they see their children doing poorly in their exams as this hurts them psychologically.

"Many parents have forgotten their children, after dumping them in school they don't take time to go and visit them, this has side effects psychologically to children thus leading

to failure in classes and exams. Parents need to love and encourage their children even if they perform badly in studies," he noted. He said when a child stumbles academically the parent should try to use good language to encourage him and not to kill them mentally with words that discourage them.

Lisa Amani, one of the gradu-

ates said in the one year of studying, they have gained a lot and are well prepared to utilize the knowledge to address various challenges.

"Our teachers were so supportive, this allowed us to be free to seek help whenever we needed, especially when a student finds something difficult in a subject," he added.

Effective use of ETS is a necessity in boosting government revenue

By Guardian Reporter

RECENTLY, the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) has invested and made significant improvements in Information and Communications Technology (ICT) systems aimed at increase efficiency, accountability, transparency and simplify government revenue collection.

One area in which these improvements have been made is the introduction of Electronic Tax Stamps (ETS), which enables manufacturers to know their production volume; the system also sends real time production data to the government. It also gives TRA a chance to ascertain the amount of tax revenue to be collected from manufacturers.

TRA Commissioner General Alphayo Kidata says ETS enables both the taxman and the manufacturer to monitor production volumes and thus it prevents mis-declarations and under-declarations.

The ETS offers a viable means of leveling the playing field for manufacturers, thanks to their capacity of tracking and tracing manufactured products.

"This is because the tracking and tracing system - embedded in the ETS - enable the taxman, the manufacturer and the consumer to easily and effectively tell whether the stamp fixed on a product is original or fake," Kidata says.

These stamps are a special marker affixed or printed on a product to indicate that the product is legal and has been produced or imported by a reputable trader and has paid the appropriate excise duty.

This electronic stamp system is integrated with TRA systems to obtain accurate production / import figures in terms of quantity, volume as well as the actual tax due.

According to him, ETS used for excisable goods and it was introduced to replace the physical paper stamps that were heavily linked to incidents of tax evasion and counterfeiting. This is one of the government's moves geared towards improving tax administration in the country.

Tax experts have it that the introduction of ETS will enable the government to address longstanding challenges in administration of tax in excisable goods. ETS provides advantages to the government, manufacturers/importers and consumers through safeguarding government revenue by deterring counterfeiting, protecting consumers as it enables authenticating of tax stamps using mobile phones, creating tax compliance mechanism covering all traders in the segment to enhance fair competition, enabling tracking and tracing of goods right from the production lines and customs entry points to the final points of sale as well as enabling accounting for the production of excisable goods manufactured or imported;

ETS use is applicable for selected excisable goods and the list of such goods may be changed from time to time to improve administration. Currently, ETS apply for the following goods manufactured or imported into Tanzania-wine and spirits, mineral and aerated water, cigarettes, film and music products, energy drinks, juices, beverages, beer, liqueurs and cordials, perfumed products, petroleum jelly, lubricants, disc and tapes and smart cards.

To date, there are 286 factories and 106 importers that have already connected to the electronic stamp system nationwide.

TRA has been encouraging Tanzanians who use such products to chip in and protect their health by identifying genuine and legitimate products for use by using their mobile phones before using such products. Consumers can easily verify the authenticity of tax stamps on bottles of spirits using their mobile phone app, which is downloaded free of charge.

The taxman is also encouraging manufacturers and importers of good that the ETS category to venture into the effective use of the system because of a wide-range of benefits to their business. Other benefits include protecting their prod-



TRA commissioner general Alphayo Kidata

ucts against counterfeits in the market and also in coming up with a just tax assessment.

Available data show that excise duty collections have risen 60 percent if the three years prior to the rollout of ETS' on beer, wines and spirits is compared to an almost similar period after the rollout.

TRA collected 297.2bn/- as excise duty on beer, wine and spirits (both locally-produced and imported ones) during the three years before January 15, 2019 but from that time to June 2021, the amount rose to 476.7bn/-, available data shows.

There had been double-digits excise duty growth rates from all the products on which ETS' have been stamped.

The government announced plans to adopt the ETS system in June 2018 and the first phase of the project was conducted on January 15, 2019 whereby stamps were installed on companies that produce beer, wine and spirits.

Phase two of the project was rolled out on August 1, 2019 when ETS' were stamped on sweetened flavoured water and other non-alcoholic beverages, like energy and malt drinks and soda.

The third phase, which involved enrolling electronic stamps on fruit juices (including grape must), vegetable juices (under Heading 20.09), and bottled drinking water, was conducted November 1, 2020.

In Tanzania started deploying electronic tax stamps (ETS) on cigarettes, wines, spirits, beer, and all kinds of alcoholic beverages in 2019, and extended their use to sweetened flavoured water and other non-alcoholic beverages, like energy and malt drinks and soda, later that year.

In November of 2020, the rollout was extended even further to include fruit and vegetable juices, bottled water, and music and films on digital media.



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Leaving no one behind makes unity possible

By Special Correspondent

THE theme of this year's 42nd independence celebrations, "leaving no one and no place behind", is as important as the economic growth that Zimbabwe is not enjoying after the economic fundamentals were sorted out by the Second Republic.

High levels of economic growth can be generated in an intensely unequal society becoming ever more unequal. This has happened and is still happening in many parts of the world and creates serious social problems.

For many people it does not really matter if their country gets a lot richer if almost all that extra money sticks to a very few hands, and it does not really matter if the method of wealth concentration is legal, morally dubious if not criminal or even the result of corruption and crime.

Many colonial societies with large indigenous populations inherited very high levels of inequality because of the way a small minority hogged all the opportunities to do business and create wealth on the basis of race.

Even though that original reason for the division and high inequality has gone, you still get the modern divisions between some types of work or business.

Zimbabwe still has this, with a small minority enjoying standards of living comparable with the better reaches of far more developed countries, a lot of people scraping by and a large group in poverty.

This has nothing really to do with

ethnicity any more, with race not making it into the major breakdown of the population after a census since minorities are now a small fraction of a percent.

But the inherited divisions are there, and explain why by many measures South Africa is the most unequal society in the world.

Trying to remove inequality with wealth transfers is not that effective, except in the case of getting the richer to fund a higher proportion of common services, although even there is now a general agreement among economists that while shares of what must be funded can be distributed according to wealth, everyone should pay something to ensure that there is ownership by everyone.

The Second Republic has instead chosen a path that creates both high levels of growth and reduces a lot of inequality simultaneously, spreading the growth across the country and spreading it among the people, with particular emphasis on getting the people at the bottom of the heap into production.

Some of the development now being accelerated benefits everyone regardless of where they live or who they are. This includes new power stations and, so long as all sections of the national highway grid are worked on, the main highway network.

We all need more electricity and we all need a complete functioning national highway grid.

Then comes the stuff that must be spaced out. Irrigation dams are needed everywhere, but tend to benefit the people in their immediate area.

Even the exception, like the Gwayi-



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CROSSWORD

1. Capital city of Russia
 6. a gesture intended to attract someone sexually
 8. Arab culture
 10. grenadier
 12. a point in a network at which lines intersect
 14. a manifestation of a deity or released soul in bodily form on earth
 16. tiny drops of water that form on cool surfaces at night
 17. a narrow road in a rural area
 18. a large waterbird
 19. hit with the head or horns
 20. give food to
 21. a religious conviction

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1. second largest city in Tanzania
 2. a mark left on the skin
 3. the chemical element of atomic number 27
 4. leave out
 5. direction where the sun sets
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 7. cooked so as to be still firm when bitten
 11. ester of iodic acid
 13. a female sheep
 15. having knowledge of a fact
 17. the edge of a fore-and-aft sail next to the mast

Shangani, benefits areas of Matabeleland North for irrigation with the pipeline to Bulawayo only really viable because there is a big city at the other end of it and while the raw water that far away will include transport costs in its pricing, treatment is vastly more expensive than raw water so this will not be serious.

One major area where Zimbabwe gets a serious double, that is production of what is needed plus a major push towards eliminating poverty, is the imaginative inputs schemes that have been transforming agriculture. We have historically had a system where just a few thousand people owned half the farmland the by far the better half, and managed to feed the country, admittedly when the population was far lower, generating a high income for themselves, but retaining vast numbers in poverty.

With access to a finite resource shared more equally, the door was opened for the double of much higher production as well as a far more equal society by using the small-holder family farm as the unit.

The resulting significantly higher harvests are not just feeding or almost feeding Zimbabwe, but are pumping money into rural families and rural communities.

Even the declining small towns in rural Zimbabwe are suddenly expanding, led by the small towns in the tobacco belt, as business suddenly realises it needs to go where the money is and that in turn creates new business and continues spreading it further.

This is what happens when you make the laws of economics work for you. The shift of the main independence celebrations to Bulawayo this year could be seen as just a symbol, but sometimes symbols are important, very important.

As President Mnangagwa noted, no more Bambazonke. Bulawayo used to be much larger than Harare well into the 1950s. It fell back as political pressures moved stuff to the capital city, and then needed water and other resources.

Well now the political pressures are reversed and the critical resources are being provided and this is the case around the country.

Universities are now in almost all provinces, giving research centres on tap as it were, and when President Mnangagwa was reading out the lists of infrastructure his Government has been putting in place since he took office, it was noticeable that not only was there a lot

done or where concrete is now being poured, but that the Government had been doing the work in a way that ensured all of Zimbabwe can press forward together.

This is important when we start talking about national unity. Everyone has to feel they belong and that they are being counted and that neither their area nor themselves as individuals are being left behind.

Devolution, rather than splitting the country, assists unity, by passing the message with some serious money behind it that we think everyone counts and we want you to decide what you need the most in capital development.

People will watch closely how the devolution budget is split, mind you, but so long as the criteria are rational they will be accepted.

And unity is important, despite the fact that we speak many languages, now all in the constitution, go to different churches live in different places and do different jobs.

This is because by pulling together we can make the sum greater than the parts, but that must be done by never degrading any of the parts, since they are all needed. The ethics, the economics and the politics rather neatly work together.

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Gold market experiences solid start to 2022 as demand surges

By Tasneem Bulbulia

FIRST-quarter gold demand was 34 percent higher year-on-year, at 1 234 tonnes, driven by strong exchange-traded fund (ETF) inflows, a new report published by industry organisation the World Gold Council (WGC) shows.

In a quarter that saw the dollar gold price rise by 8 percent, gold demand was the highest it has been since the fourth quarter of 2018 and 19 percent above the five-year average of 1 039 tonnes. Russia's invasion of Ukraine and surging inflation were key factors driving the gold price and demand, the WGC states.

Gold ETFs had their strongest quarterly inflows since the third quarter of 2020, fuelled by safe-haven demand. Holdings jumped by 269 tonnes, more than reversing the 174 tonnes yearly net outflow from 2021.

Bar and coin investment was 282 tonnes in the period, 20 percent lower than the very strong first quarter of 2021, but 11 percent above its five-year quarterly average.

Renewed Covid-19-related lockdowns in China and historically high local prices in Turkey were key contributors to the year-on-year decline, the WGC points out.

Jewellery consumption lost momentum in the period, with demand



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7 percent lower year-on-year, at 474 tonnes. The drop was largely owing to softer demand in China and India.

Central banks added 84 t to global official gold reserves during the first quarter. Net buying more than doubled from the previous quarter, but fell 29 percent short of the first quarter of 2021.

The technology sector had a steady start to the year, as demand of 82 tonnes

was the highest for a first quarter since 2018, driven by a modest uptick in gold used in electronics.

The LBMA Gold Price PM gained 8 percent in the period, its best quarterly performance since the second quarter of 2020. The average quarterly price of \$1 877.2/oz was about 5 percent higher than in the first quarter of last year.

Gold mine production was 3 per-

cent higher year-on-year at 856 tonnes. China resumed near-full production following safety-related closures, while higher-grade ores were mined at various existing sites.

The supply of recycled gold jumped to 310 tonnes - a 15 percent year-on-year increase. This was the strongest first quarter for gold recycling activity for six years, the council highlighted.



Oil extending gains as fears over supply far outweigh China COVID lockdowns

LONDON

OIL prices rose for a fourth day on Friday as fears over Russian supply disruption trumped COVID-19 lockdowns in China, the world's biggest crude importer.

Brent crude futures rose \$1.79, or 1.7 percent, to \$109.38 a barrel by 0912 GMT after gaining 2.1 percent in the previous session. The front-month June contract expires later on Friday. The more active July contract rose \$1.54 to \$108.80.

U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude gained \$1.08, or 1 percent, to \$106.44 after advancing by 3.3 percent on Thursday.

Both contracts are set to finish up on the week and post their fifth straight monthly gains, buoyed by the increased likelihood that Germany will join other European Union member states in an embargo on Russian oil.

Oil prices have remained volatile, however, with China showing no signs of easing lockdown measures despite the impact on its economy and global supply chains.

"With both full and partial lockdowns ramping up since March, China's economic indicators have plunged further into the red. We now expect China's GDP to slow further in Q2," Wood Mackenzie's head of APAC economics, Yanting Zhou, said in a note.

"Oil market volatility is set to continue, with the potential for more widespread and prolonged lockdowns into May and beyond, skewing the near-term risks for China's oil demand - and prices - to the downside."

On the supply side, OPEC+ is likely to stick to its existing deal and agree another small output increase for June

when it meets on May 5, six sources from the producer group told Reuters on Thursday.

However, Russian oil production could fall by as much as 17 percent this year, an economy ministry document seen by Reuters showed on Wednesday, as Western sanctions over Russia's invasion of Ukraine hurt investments and exports.

Sanctions have also made it increasingly difficult for Russian ships to send oil to customers, prompting Exxon Mobil Corp to declare force majeure for its Sakhalin-1 operations and curtail output.

"If Europe is suddenly required to look for huge amounts of gas or oil supplies in international markets, that will offset China's slowdown fears and send prices higher," said Jeffrey Halley, a senior market analyst at OANDA.



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Akiba Commercial Bank records 411m/-profit in Q1, 2022

By Guardian Reporter

AKIBA Commercial Bank has cleared its losses on its books, after reported a profit of 411m/- during the first quarter of this year from a loss 2.6bn/- recorded during the end of the first quarter of 2021.

The bank's quarterly financial statement for Q1, 2022 shows the profit was recorded following increased investment in government securities, reduction of interest expenses, increase non interest income, reduced operating expenses as well as dramatic fall of impairment losses on loans and advances.

Investment in government debt instruments increased during the reviewed quarters to 46.8bn/- from 41bn/-

Impairment losses on loans and advanced were reduced to 30mn/- during the first quarter of this year from 1.4bn/- during comparative quarter of 2021, which indicated that the bank made much efforts on assets recovery. There was no bad debt written off.

Interest income increased to 6.9bn/- from 6bn/- respectively while interest expenses slowed to 1.7bn/- during the first quarter this year from 2.1bn/- recorded in Q1, 2021 which shows the bank opted for cheaper funds.

Non-interest income increased to 1.6bn/- from 1.1bn/- respectively due to increase of fees and commission to 1.1bn/- from 768mn/-, an increase of other operating income to 415mn/- from 320mn/- respectively and slight gain of income from foreign exchange dealing.

Basic earnings per share also moved up to 13/- during Q1, 2022 from a loss of 116/- recorded during the first quarter of last year while number of employees slightly went down to 397 from 413 respectively and number of branches remained unchanged at 18.

The bank balance sheet shows total assets slightly decreased to 176bn/- from 178bn/- respectively due to decreased in balance with Bank of Tanzania (BOT) and decrease of other



Akiba Commercial Bank branch in Dar es Salaam

assets.

Balance with BOT slowed to 8.5bn/- from 13bn/- while other assets decreased to 13.2bn/- from 16.2bn/- respectively.

The statement shows loans, advanced and overdraft to customers slightly increased to 78.9bn/- I Q1, 2022 from 77.7bn/- recorded during similar period in 2021.

Non-performing loans and advances slowed to 11.9bn/- from 13.1bn/- as the NPL rate

slowed to 14.2 percent from 15.7 percent in Q1, 2021.

Customer deposits went slightly down to 118.6bn/- from 121.8bn/- respectively, which has lowered the bank's liability.

Last year, National Bank of Malawi (NBM) plc completed the acquisition of a 51 percent controlling stake in Akiba Commercial Bank plc (ACB) at a consideration of \$ 7.31 million through a share subscription.

A statement from NBM, which is listed on the Malawi Stock Exchange, said its investment in ACB was worth only two percent of its market capitalization which is valued at 304 billion Malawi Kwacha.

Established in 1997, ACB has strong roots in small and medium size businesses, and operates 18 branches across Tanzania, whose port city Dar es Salaam is a major source of imports bound for

Malawi.

ACB that has been providing loans to Micro, Small and Medium entrepreneurs (MSMEs) has successfully reached 200,000 Tanzanians in Dar es Salaam, Arusha, Mwanza, Mbeya, Kilimanjaro, and Dodoma by providing them with entrepreneurial loans and savings deposits through the Junior, Youth, Adults, Business and Company accounts.

Safaricom boss retires after 17-year stint

NAIROBI

EXECUTIVE Committee member Joe Ogutu is set to retire from the firm at the end of the month after a 17-year stint at the giant telco.

Mr Ogutu has been serving as the firm's chief of special

projects and was also serving the chief business development and strategy officer in an acting capacity.

He was part of the team that coordinated Safaricom's successful bid for the second telecoms licence in Ethiopia and has also been serving as

the chairman of the Safaricom Foundation since 2012.

"After 17 years of service, Joe Ogutu, our chief of special projects and acting chief business development and strategy officer, will be retiring at the end of this month," said Safaricom CEO Peter Ndegwa in a statement.

Mr Ogutu joined the firm in May 2005 as chief corporate affairs officer before he was appointed as chief human resources officer in 2008.

He would later take on the role of director in charge of resources following a reorganization at the firm in March 2011 before

taking over as director in charge of innovation and strategy in the following year.

"Over the last 2 years, I have had the pleasure of working closely with Joe and I have come to rely on his advice, candid feedback, and support," said Mr Ndegwa. The Safaricom boss also

announced the appointment of Stephen Kiptinness as the firm's new chief corporate affairs officer and new member of the Executive Committee effective May 1 pending relevant regulatory approvals.

Mr Kiptinness has been tasked with steering Safaricom's

reputation management, public policy, legal and regulatory affairs.

He will also oversee the development and implementation of the firm's corporate investment strategy as well as its internal and external communications.

Equity Bank records net profit of 3.1bn/- in Q1, 2022

By Guardian Reporter

EQUITY Bank recorded a profit after income tax of 3.1bn/- during the first quarter of this year, from 1.3bn/- recorded during similar period of last year, the quarterly financial statements show.

The increase of profit resulted into increase of interest incomes and non-interest income, despite of rising impairment losses and non-interest expenses.

Net interest income increased to 11bn/- during the first quarter of this year from 7.2bn/- recorded during the first quarter of last year while on-interest income jumped to 8.4bn/- from 5.8bn/- respectively.

The achievement reached when the bank recorded an increase of impairment losses on loans and advances to 2.9bn/- from 1bn/- respectively and increase of non-interest expenses to 12.3bn/- in Q1, 2022 from 10.2bn/- in Q1, 2021.

During the first quarter the bank added number of branches to 15 from previously 14 while number of employees increased by 41 to 441 from 400 recorded during the first quarter of last year.

According to the statement,



loans, advances and overdraft increased to 400bn/- from 394bn/- while investment in government securities increased to 123.6bn/- from 103bn/- respectively.

Customer deposits slowed to

503.2bn/- from 511bn/- respectively.

Meanwhile, the recorded nearly one third increase of net losses after income tax to 12.9bn/- during the year ending December 2021

from a loss of 9.5bn/- in 2020, after recording an increased both impairment losses on loans and advances as well as increased non-interest expenses.

The bank audited financial state-

ment for 2021 shows impairment losses on loans and advances grew to 40.5bn/- last year from 21.4bn/- during 2020. Non-interest expenses increased to 44.6bn/- in 2021 from 36.3bn/- during the previous

year due to increase of salaries and benefits, fees and commission and other operating expenses.

Salaries and benefits went up to 16.7bn/- from 13.2bn/- respectively while fees and commission expenses increased to 6.1bn/- from 2.6bn/- respectively. Other operating expenses during the first quarter of this year were 21.6bn/- against previously 20.4bn/-.

The statement shows net interest income gained to 39.9bn last year from 31.5bn/- recorded in 2020.

According to the statement, total assets increased to 724.4bn/- last year from 606bn/- recorded in 2020 as there were improvement of cash, balance with Bank of Tanzania (BOT) and loans to customers, despite of decreased investment in government securities, inter-bank loans receivable and other assets.

The bank closed 2021 with 23.7bn/- cash higher than 12.6bn/- recorded during the previous year while balance

with BOT gained to 86.4bn/- last year from 34.3bn/- recorded during the end of 2020.

The statement shows the banks increased its lending portfolio to 394bn/- last year from 322.8bn/- recorded in 2020 while investment in government debt instruments slowed to 103.1bn/- from 115.6bn/- respectively.

The banks total liabilities increased to 631.1bn/- last year from 498.5bn/- in 2020 due to increase of customer deposits and deposits to other banks and financial institutions.

Customer deposits grew to 511.3bn/- last year from 376.8bn/- in 2020 while deposits from other banks and financial institutions increased to 18.7bn/- from 1.9bn/- respectively.

The report shows the bank's non-performing loans and advanced during the reviewed years slowed to 131bn/- from 142.2bn/- while the NPL rate slowed down to 26.9 percent last year from 35.9 percent in 2020.

Maendeleo Bank Plc quarterly profit more than doubled in Q1

By Guardian Reporter

THE Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) listed Maendeleo Bank recorded more than doubled net profit after income tax to 357mn/- during the first quarter of this year from 115mn/- profit recorded during the first quarter of last year.

The bank financial statement for Q1, ended in March, the increase of net profit resulted into increase of interest and non-interest incomes, which together resulted into an operating income of 533mn/- during the first quarter this year from 164mn/- recorded during similar quarter, last year.

Net interest incomes went up to 2.4bn/- during Q1, 2022 from 1.5bn/- recorded during similar quarter last year while non-interest income increased to 528mn/- from 377mn/- respectively.

The statement shows both diluted and basic earnings per share doubled to 14/- from 7/- respectively and the bank added one branch during the period to four branches from three recorded during the first quarter of last year.

However, the bank impairment losses

on loans and advances increased to 747mn/- from 300mn/- as the lending to customers amounted 60.8bn/- from 57.7bn/- respectively. The NPL rate remained flat at seven percent, slightly higher than regulatory requirement of five percent.

According to the statement, the bank total assets amounted 102bn/- from 101.9bn/- recorded during the previous quarter ended in December 2021.

Customer deposits grew to 66.8bn/- in Q1, 2022 from 65.3bn/- in Q4, 2021 while non-performing loans and advances slightly increased to 4.7bn/- from 4.4bn/- respectively.

Investment in government debt instruments slowed to 18.4bn/- from 22bn/- while interbank loan receivables increased to 9.2bn/- in Q1, 2022 from 7.4bn/- recorded during the fourth quarter of last year.

Non-interest expenses grew to 1.7bn/- during the first quarter this year from 1.4bn/- during first quarter of last year due to increase of salaries and benefits to 790bn/- from 743bn/- respectively and other operating expenses which grew to 943bn/- from 719bn/- respectively.



Maendeleo Bank Managing Director Dr Ibrahim Mwangalaba

Order against Ugandan firm over Mumias' takeover now lying on hold

KAMPALA

A High Court Judge had ordered Sarrai Group to vacate the premises of Mumias Sugar Company after cancelling the 20-year lease.

Court has suspended an April 14 order in which Sarrai Group, a Ugandan company had been stopped from taking possession of a 20-year lease to manage the assets of Mumias Sugar Company.

The order was suspended by Justice Dorah Chepkwony after Sarrai successfully argued that it had not been given a fair hearing.

Sarrai further argued that Justice Alfred Mabeya, who cancelled the lease and ordered the firm to leave Mumias Sugar premises immediately, had granted an order that was never sought.

Justice Mabeya had also last week revoked the KCB appointed receiver-manager PVR Rao as the administrator of Mumias Sugar.

"That pending the hearing and determination of this application inter-partes, a stay of execution and enforcement of the order... revoking, cancelling and nullifying the lease issued to the applicant and directing the applicant to forthwith vacate the premises of Mumias be and is hereby granted," Justice Chepkwony ruled.

The lease had been cancelled after lawyer Jackline Kimeto, who is demanding Shs2.3b from Mumias, argued that Mr Rao had not acted in the best interest of the company.

Mr Wesley Gichaba, the Sarrai Group lawyer, said they had sought the suspension of the ruling because Sarrai intends to file an appeal, which would be rendered useless unless the order is suspended. "The court subsequently issued the order revoking, cancelling and nullifying the lease granted to the applicant, condemning it unheard and thus sealing its fate contrary to the rules of natural justice and fair hearing," he said.

In an affidavit, Mr Rakesh Kumar, a manager at Sarrai, had indicated that unless court urgently intervenes, they stand to suffer substantial loss of investments of close to Shs171.9b.

On April 14, the High Court had cancelled Sarrai Group's lease on grounds it would only benefit KCB and ignore the interest of Mumias shareholders and other lenders.

Justice Mabeya had ruled that there was no evidence that the KCB appointed receiver manager PVR Rao had sought the advice of the Competition Authority of Kenya when he awarded the lease to Sarrai Group last December.

Banks record 24.5bn/- deposits through vigorous mobilisation

By Correspondent
Geoffrey Nangai

DEPOSIT mobilization strategies and campaigns undertaken by various banks in Tanzania helped to increase bank deposits by 17 percent to 24.5bn/- last year according to the Consolidated Zonal Economic Performance Report for Q4, 2021 released by Bank of Tanzania (BOT).

According to the report, the increase in deposits was also enhanced by enhanced use of agent banking and digital banking platforms, as well as increase in government expenditures in health and education projects.

The report shows that Dar es Salaam zone remained dominant, accounting for 15.7bn/- being 63.9 per cent of all the total deposits followed by the Northern zone and the Central zones that accounted for 10.5 and

9.2 percent of the deposits respectively.

The Southern Highlands Zone recorded the lowest number of deposits accounting for 966 million deposits being 3.9 per cent of the total deposits.

Last year, several banks including NMB Bank, Exim Bank Tanzania, Letshego Bank Tanzania, NCBA Tanzania and BancABC Tanzania among others launched deposit and win campaigns geared towards enhancing deposits as well as promoting a savings culture among clients.

The banks during the campaigns offered various cash and non-cash prizes thus encouraging more clients to take part.

The BOT report however shows that the banks' efforts were very fruitful with increased bank deposits and loans across all zones last year.

Consequently, bank



loans to various economic activities grew by 12.7 per cent, largely attributed to, among others, measures taken to improve liquidity in the banking system, reduce

cost of funds, as well as improvement in business conditions.

The report further shows that bank loans to various economic activities

recorded annual growth of 12.7 per cent to 19.1bn/- at the end of December 2021.

"This outturn is largely attributed to, among others, measures taken to improve

liquidity in the banking system and reduce cost of funds, as well as improvement in business conditions," the report said.

It noted that about 71 per cent of banks' loans were held by personal, trade and agriculture related activities.

The BoT through the Monetary Policy Statement (MPC) issued in November last year said it would continue to maintain liquidity in banks at the required levels.

According to the MPC, Tanzania Mainland continued to progressively improve, reaching 4.7 per cent in the first half of 2021.

"Inflation remained within the target of 3-5 percent and in line with EAC and SADC convergence criteria, despite slowly edging up since June 2021, and is expected to remain consistent with the targets," the MPC said.

It noted that the external sector was bound to improve from the negative effects of the pandemic, sustaining a low current account deficit, as export proceeds of minerals, cash crops and tourism started to flow in.

"Tanzania will maintain an accommodative monetary stance to facilitate the recovery of the economy," the MPC noted.

Russia surprises with bigger rate cut and warns on downturn

MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S central bank cut interest rates more than forecast and indicated that borrowing costs may fall even lower, as priorities shift to supporting an economy derailed by international sanctions over the invasion of Ukraine.

Three weeks after reversing part of the emergency hike delivered after the attack, the Bank of Russia lowered its benchmark to 14 percent from 17 percent. Most economists surveyed by Bloomberg predicted a decrease to 15 percent. Policy makers warned the economy may face two straight years of contraction.

Governor Elvira Nabiullina will take questions starting at 3 p.m. in Moscow during her first news conference since the war began in late February. The central bank said in a statement that it sees room for rates to fall further this year if the situation in the economy develops in line with its base-line outlook.

"With price and financial stability risks no longer on the rise,



Russia President Vladimir Putin in a discussion with the Country's central bank Governor, Elvira Nabiullina. (PHOTO/AGENCIES)

conditions have allowed for the key rate reduction," it said. "The Bank of Russia's monetary policy will

take into account the need for a structural transformation of the economy and will ensure a return of

inflation to target in 2024." As the world's most-sanctioned nation braces for a deep recession, the

Bank of Russia is seizing on a moment when inflation is starting to stabilize and the ruble, sheltered by

capital controls, more than recoups losses it suffered after the war. The central bank said on Friday that a stronger currency, alongside weak consumer activity, helped put the brakes on prices.

"The ruble's exchange rate dynamics will remain a meaningful factor shaping the path of inflation and inflation expectations," it said. "The external environment for the Russian economy remains challenging and significantly constrains economic activity."

Policy makers issued new projections on Friday that showed the economy may contract 8% to 10% this year, a sharp revision of their outlook before the invasion. Inflation is set to reach 18%-23% at the end of this year, according to the central bank.

Cheaper borrowing costs will complement a slew of other measures by the Bank of Russia after signaling that it won't fight inflation "at any cost." Nabiullina has warned that Russia is entering a period of transformation because sanctions imposed in punishment over the invasion will disrupt supply chains and deprive businesses of many imported components.

Bloomberg Economics say, "With a tight grip on capital markets, the Bank of Russia is an hurry to cushion the impact of sanctions on the economy. Fragile sentiment and high inflation will constrain how much further it can cut, but there's no use in waiting."

Scott Johnson, Russia economist ex-

plained that economic distress will become more apparent in the months ahead, setting the stage for one of the deepest downturns in modern Russian history. Despite a slowdown in short-term inflation, price growth on an annual basis will likely top 20% already this quarter.

Still, banks have returned to a liquidity surplus and the ruble has rallied, thanks in large part to higher commodity prices and capital controls. The Russian currency has gained nearly 14% against the dollar this month. Besides "growing confidence at the central bank that the ruble should remain relatively stable," the surprise decision is "also a reflection of the bleak outlook the Russian economy faces due to Western sanctions imposed so far, with more measures coming from both the U.S. and the EU," said Piotr Matys, a senior currency strategist at InTouch Capital Markets Ltd. in London.

The current account surplus that's been helping to limit the impact of sanctions will be bigger than expected, according to the central bank, reaching \$145 billion this year as imports drop more than exports, buoyed by higher energy prices.

Inflation risks "remain substantial," it said, noting that reducing price growth will depend in large part on Russia's success in adapting to sanctions and replacing imported products that are no longer available.

Samsung profit now beats estimates on steady chip demand

SEOUL

SAMSUNG Electronics Co. reported a surge in first-quarter profit on strong sales of memory chips and premium smartphones, but cautioned of risks ahead from inflation and geopolitical uncertainty.

The South Korean giant's net income increased more than 50 percent to 11.13 trillion won (\$8.8 billion) in the three months ended March. Analysts predicted 10.14 trillion won on average, according to estimates compiled by Bloomberg.

Still in a conference call after results, Samsung repeatedly warned about the potential impact from the war in Ukraine, surging inflation and Covid outbreaks that have led to lockdowns in China. The company is considered a bellwether for the tech industry since it's the largest producer of memory chips for customers like Apple Inc., as well as the biggest smartphone maker.

"It is an immense challenge to predict the duration or market ripple effects of various macro issues such as the Russian-Ukraine war and global inflation," said Jinman Han, executive vice president for the memory chip business.

Samsung declined to make a financial forecast for the year because of the many uncertainties. Its shares fell nearly 1 percent in Seoul trading; they had dropped 17% this year through Wednesday's close.

South Korea's NAND exports stood out in March, reaching a new high. Kioxia's recent output setbacks may have contributed to the increase in NAND and multi-chip packaging (MCP) exports, suggesting strong sales for Samsung and SK Hynix. Samsung's foundry business may also benefit from robust system-chip exports.

Revenue rose to a record, boosted by soaring demand for semiconductors that power everything from servers to mobile phones and smart cars.

Samsung said its memory business exceeded its own guidance on bit growth because of solid demand from server and

personal computers. It's benefiting from device manufacturers adopting chips that have bigger storage and better performance.

Samsung said server demand is likely to remain strong, but short-term demand for mobile devices has suffered because of lockdowns in major Chinese cities and rising commodity prices, in part because of the war in Ukraine.

"A surge in raw materials prices caused by the Russia-Ukraine war" is hitting the smartphone industry, Han said. "The consumer sentiment has potential to recover later in the quarter, with the launch of new form factor models, with people spending more time outside following gradual reopening in some countries, with the resumption of investment in 5G infrastructure."

Global smartphone shipments declined 11 percent in the first quarter, the worst drop since the virus broke out, Canalsys data showed. Samsung projected smartphone demand would rise in the second half of the year after a slight decline in the current quarter.

Samsung said it benefited from the strength of the U.S. dollar against the Korean won, which outweighed weakness in some emerging currencies. The company estimated that helped boost operating profit by about 300 billion won.

Unlike in the past, when profits were hit hard by fluctuating chip prices, volatility in the current pricing downturn is expected to be less severe this time around. The DRAM industry's transition to new-generation DDR5 memory and rising NAND prices due to a contamination accident at a rival chipmaker could protect profitability at Samsung, said Greg Roh, an analyst at HMC Investment & Securities.

South Korean memory chipmaker SK Hynix Inc. said Wednesday that its profit more than doubled in the latest quarter after datacenter sales offset slowing consumer demand and memory prices fell less than was feared.



ITV

SATURDAY 30 April

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:00 Habari
8:00 Al Jazeera
9:00 Watoto wetu
10:00 Shika Bamba 5
10:30 Mjuzi Zaidi rpt
11:10 Chetu ni chetu rpt
11:50 Hawavumi lakini wamo
12:50 Korean: Jumong rpt
13:30 Soap: Love to Death rpt
15:45 Igizo: Rebeca
16:15 Shamsam za Pwani
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Korean: Jumong
19:00 Jungu Kuu
19:30 Shika Bamba
20:00 Habari
21:05 Kipindi Maalum: Tatu Mzuka
21:15 Igizo: Rebeca
21:40 Art and Lifestyle
22:10 ITV TOP 10
22:50 Hawavumi lakini wamo
23:50 Soap: Uzalo rpt
01:15 DWTV

SUNDAY 1 May

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:00 Habari
8:00 Al Jazeera
9:00 Watoto Wetu
10:00 Soap: Uzalo rpt
11:35 Bongo Movie rpt
14:00 Tamasha la Michezo
15:30 Mwangaza
16:30 ITV Top 10
17:20 Kipindi cha kikristo
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Mapishi
18:30 Matukio ya wiki
19:30 Igizo: Rebeca
20:00 Habari
21:05 Kipindi maalum: Biko
21:10 Kipindi Maalum: Reflexology
21:15 Mizengwe
21:30 Mjuzi Zaidi
22:15 Bongo Movie: rpt
00:00 Soap: Love to Death rpt
02:05 Al Jazeera

MONDAY 2 May

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:30 HABARI
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
8:55 Habari za saa
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30 Soap: Uzalo
9:55 Habari za saa
10:00 Watoto wetu
10:55 Habari za saa
11:00 ITV Top Ten

11:55 Habari za saa
12:00 Al Jazeera
12:30 Usafiri wako rp
12:55 Habari za saa
13:00 Mjuzi Zaidi
13:55 Habari za saa
13:45 Art and Lifestyle rpt
13:55 Habari za saa
14:00 Art and Lifestyle rpt
14:15 Soap: Love to Death
14:55 Habari za saa
15:00 Meza Huru
16:30 Watoto Wetu
17:00 The Base
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:10 Albu yako rpt
18:15 Mapishi
18:30 DWTV: Kesho leo
19:00 Afya ya Jamii
19:30 Soap: Uzalo
20:00 Habari
21:05 Dakika 45
22:00 Kipindi Maalum: Bundesliga na DW
22:15 Soap: Love to Death
23:00 The Base
00:00 Al Jazeera
02:00 DWTV

TUESDAY 3 May

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:30 HABARI
8:00 Al Jazeera
9:00 DWTV Journal
9:30 Soap: Uzalo
10:00 Watoto wetu
10:25 Jagina rpt
11:00 The Base rpt
12:00 Al Jazeera
12:30 Afya ya jamii
13:00 DWTV: Kesho Leo rpt
13:30 Shika Bamba rpt
14:00 Soap: Love to Death
14:45 Bongo Movie: rpt
16:30 Watoto wetu
17:00 The Base
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Kipindi Maalum: Bundesliga na DW rpt
18:30 Uchumi na bishara
19:00 Jarida la wanawake
19:30 Soap: Uzalo
20:00 Habari
21:05 Kipindi Maalum: Maisha ni Nyumba
21:35 Kipindi Maalum: NSSF
21:50 Chetu ni chetu
22:20 Soap: Love to Death
23:00 The Base
00:00 Al Jazeera
02:00 DWTV

WEDNESDAY 4 May

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:30 HABARI
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
8:55 Habari za saa
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30 Soap: Uzalo

9:55 Habari za saa
10:00 Watoto wetu
10:25 Uchumi wetu
10:55 Habari za saa
11:00 The Base rpt
11:55 Habari za saa
12:00 Al Jazeera
12:30 Jarida la wanawake
12:55 Habari za saa
13:00 Dakika 45 rpt
13:45 Kipindi Maalum: NSSF
13:55 Habari za saa
14:00 Kipindi Maalum: NSSF
14:15 Soap: Love to Death
14:55 Habari za saa
15:00 Meza Huru
16:30 Watoto Wetu
17:00 The Base
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Igizo: Mizengwe rpt
18:30 Ijue Sheria
19:00 Kipindi Maalum: TMDA
19:30 Soap: Uzalo
20:00 Habari
21:05 Albu Yako
21:10 Kipindi Maalum: Tanesoco
21:40 Ripoti Maalum
22:15 Soap: Love to Death
23:00 Habari
23:30 The Base
00:30 Al Jazeera
02:00 DWTV

THURSDAY 5 May

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:30 HABARI
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
8:55 Habari za saa
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
9:55 Habari za saa
10:00 Watoto wetu
10:30 Shamba lulu
10:55 Habari za saa
11:00 The base
11:55 Habari za saa
12:00 Al Jazeera
12:30 Ijue sheria rpt
12:55 Habari za saa
13:00 Kipindi Maalum: TMDA
13:30 Igizo: Rebeca
13:55 Habari za saa
14:00 Soap: Love to Death
15:00 Meza Huru
16:30 Watoto Wetu
17:00 The Base
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Mapishi
18:30 Jagina
19:00 Usafiri wako
19:30 Soap: Uzalo
20:00 Habari
21:05 Malumbano ya hoja
23:00 Habari
23:30 The Base
00:30 Al Jazeera
02:00 DWTV

FRIDAY 6 May

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha

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6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
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8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
8:55 Habari za saa
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
9:55 Habari za saa
10:00 Watoto wetu
10:30 Usafiri wako
10:55 Habari za saa
11:00 The Base rpt
11:55 Habari za saa
12:00 Al Jazeera
12:30 Kipindi Maalum rpt: Tanesoco
12:55 Habari za saa
13:00 Kipindi Maalum: Maisha ni Nyumba rpt
13:30 Chetu ni chetu rpt
13:55 Habari za saa
14:00 Chetu ni chetu rpt
14:15 Igizo: Rebeca rpt
14:55 Habari za saa
15:00 Meza Huru
16:30 Watoto Wetu
17:00 The Base (DJ Show)
17:30 Kislam
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Korean: Jumong rpt
19:00 Shamba lulu
19:30 Soap: Uzalo
20:00 Habari
21:05 Kipima Joto
23:00 Habari
23:30 The Base
00:30 Al Jazeera
02:00 DWTV

SATURDAY 7 May

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:00 Habari
8:00 Al Jazeera
9:00 Watoto wetu
10:00 Shika Bamba 5
10:30 Mjuzi Zaidi rpt
11:10 Chetu ni chetu rpt
11:50 Hawavumi lakini wamo
12:50 Korean: Jumong rpt
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SUNDAY 8 May

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha

7:00 Habari
8:00 Al Jazeera
09:00 Watoto Wetu
10:00 Soap: Uzalo rpt
11:35 Bongo Movie rpt
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22:15 Bongo Movie: rpt
00:00 Soap: Love to Death rpt
02:05 Al Jazeera

CAPITAL

Sat 30 April
08:00 Al Jazeera
09:00 Rev rpt
09:30 Turning the Spotlight rpt
10:00 Culinary delight rpt
10:30 Innovation rpt
11:00 Out n'about rpt
11:30 Sports Gazette rpt
12:00 Shamba Lulu rpt
12:30 Our Earth rpt
13:00 Business edition rpt
13:30 Korean Drama rpt: The Sling Shot
14:30 Telenovela rpt: Laws Of love 17:15
EcoAfrica
17:45 Bundesliga kick off
18:15 Capchat rpt
19:15 Mizengwe
19:30 The Decor
20:00 Korean Drama: The Sling Shot
21:00 Out n'About
21:30 Music Club 101 rpt
23:00 Series rpt: Ithohan
01:00 Al Jazeera

Sun 01 May
08:00 Al Jazeera
09:00 In good shape
09:00 Capchat rpt
11:00 Sports Gazette rpt
11:30 Korean Drama rpt: The Sling Shot
12:00 Jagina rpt
12:30 Bundesliga Kick Off rpt
13:00 In good shape rpt
13:30 Series rpt: Ithohan
15:15 Albu yako
15:30 Rev rpt
16:00 Dakika 45 rpt
16:45 Mizengwe rpt
17:00 The Decor rpt
17:30 Meza huru
19:00 Turning the Spotlight rpt
19:30 Cookery pgm: Culinary Delights
20:00 Korean Drama: The Sling Shot
21:00 Dws News Africa



WORLD

Scandal-hit Boris Johnson faces major test in local UK elections

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME

JOHN Jones is the sort of voter that British Prime Minister Boris Johnson cannot afford to lose - but already has.

Jones, who backed Johnson's Conservatives at the national election three years ago when the party swept to a landslide victory, regrets his decision after the prime minister broke his own coronavirus lockdown laws to attend alcohol-fuelled gatherings in his Downing Street office.

The 75-year-old retired hospital supplies manager said he won't vote Conservative again until Johnson has gone.

"I am absolutely disgusted at the way he has behaved," Jones told Reuters in the market town of Newcastle-under-Lyme in central England, a key battleground in local authority elections being held next week.

"I have had enough of watching him act like a clown. You only have to look at his haircut and the way he dresses to realize that he is not taking this job seriously."

In 2019, Johnson upended conventional British politics by winning in both the traditional Conservative southern

heartlands and more industrial areas in central and northern England.

But his support has waned as the government grapples with a cost-of-living crisis and revelations about his conduct.

Now many Conservative lawmakers are wondering if he is still an electoral asset, and a poor showing in local elections next Thursday might provoke a leadership challenge.

One of the most closely watched contests will be Newcastle-under-Lyme, about 170 miles northwest of London.

The Brexit-backing town, once known for coal and steel, was traditionally a stronghold for the main opposition Labour Party, but the Conservatives won the parliamentary seat in 2019 for the first time in a century, and outright control of the council for the first time ever last year.

Labour councillor David Grocott said he had found widespread anger that senior government officials were partying while the public were obeying strict rules which meant some could not say farewell to loved ones dying in hospital.

"Everybody is allowed to make mistakes, we are all human, but I think the



hard thing is he has not broken the rules one time, but multiple times," said Grocott, who was unable to see his father in hospital before he died from COVID-19 in 2020.

Trevor Johnson, a local Conservative councillor who is standing for re-election, admitted some voters were angry but said the backlash was not as severe as he had feared.

"I think he can bounce back," he said. Johnson's name and photo were conspicuous by their absence from his pamphlets.

According to a YouGov poll after Johnson was fined, almost 80 percent thought he had lied about parties, while other surveys show the public overwhelmingly think he should resign.

Johnson says he is focused on the major crises of the day - the highest inflation in three decades and the war in Ukraine.

In Crawley, a town south of London which has a Conservative member of parliament (MP) but whose council is evenly split, the issue was a key factor for some voters.

Terrina Joughin, 58, a live-in carer, who had

to prevent family members from entering homes when her patients died of COVID-19, is disgusted. "I used to vote Conservative, I don't even vote at all now because I can't trust anyone," she said.

Another Conservative voter Juliet Shenton, 61, also wants Johnson gone. "Are they lying to us about other things?" she asked?

The prime minister and his supporters will hope such discontent is not widespread, and he remains popular with some.

John Lathbury, 86, said he couldn't care less about parties and would continue to vote Conservative, while Merry Farr, 77, said "Boris" needed to stay and stand up to Russia.

The key question will be how bad results need to be for Conservative MPs, a number of whom have already voiced discontent, to turn on Johnson.

Elections are being held in local authorities across Wales and Scotland, and mainly in towns and metropolitan areas of England, including London which is already dominated by Labour.

China: International rules not defined by certain clique

BEIJING

CHINESE Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin on Thursday said that international rules should be the norms governing international relations based on the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, not the ones defined by a certain clique or bloc.

Wang made the comment at a press briefing after British Foreign Secretary Liz Truss criticized China for not condemning Russia's aggression against Ukraine, saying that China's failure to play by global rules would cut short its rise as a superpower.

Noting Liz Truss has also mentioned NATO in her speech, Wang said that as a product of the Cold War and the world's largest military alliance, NATO should have made necessary adjustments in accordance with the changing times since the Cold War was long over.

However, Wang said, NATO has long clung to the old security concept, engaged in bloc confrontation and become a tool for certain countries to seek hegemony, and constantly created confrontation and disturbances.

NATO demands that other countries abide by the basic norms of international relations, yet has wantonly waged wars and dropped bombs in sovereign states, killing and displacing innocent civilians, he added.

Wang pointed out that NATO has in recent years come to the Asia-Pacific region to throw its weight around and stir up conflicts as a military organization in the North Atlantic, and the impact of NATO's eastward expansion on the long-term peace and stability of Europe is worth reflecting upon.

"NATO has messed up Europe. Is it now trying to mess up the Asia-Pacific and even the world?" he said.

He also reiterated that China's position on the Ukraine issue is consistent and clear. "We always make independent judgments based on the merits of each matter," he said.



Shopping festival promoting quality African goods kicks off

AN online shopping festival promoting African goods kicked off in China on Thursday with events held in provinces across the country.

Hosted by the Chinese Ministry of Commerce, the 4th Brand and Quality Online Shopping Festival and Quality African Products Online Shopping Festival is drawing in more than 100,000 brands from over 1 million merchants from both China and Africa.

Shen Yumou, director of the Hunan Provincial Department of Commerce, said at the opening event that the province will take advantage of the festival in boosting consumption and promoting trade with Africa.

The Hubei Provincial Department of Commerce said it has

facilitated launching of African products on Chinese e-commerce platforms including Hema Fresh and the local Zallgou.

Ai Li, an official from Hubei's Department of Commerce said that Zallgou opened an exclusive account for the "Quality African Products Online Shopping Festival" on popular Chinese short video platforms Douyin and Kuaishou to livestream selling African goods such as South African red wine, Rwandan chili sauce and Egyptian coffee.

Promotion in the provinces of Hunan, Hubei, Henan and Zhejiang will hear live from African ambassadors as well as anchors from the continent.

The event will last till May 12.



Rwandan chili sauce at the second China International Import Expo in Shanghai, China, November 8, 2019. File photo

Rwanda launches 2030 commitments to boost access to family planning services

KIGALI

RWANDA on Thursday joined hands with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and development partners to launch Family Planning (FP) 2030 commitments, a global plan aimed at improving access to quality family planning and reproductive health services.

The five commitments made by the Rwandan government include expanding strategies for family planning awareness, working to address gaps in knowledge, attitude and behaviors on family planning and improve access to quality family planning services by increasing the number of service delivery points.

"We are joining FP2030 partnership, a global movement centered on human rights to ensure that family services are accessible and affordable to all women, girls and men in need," said Tharcisse Mpunga, Rwandan minister of State in charge of primary healthcare in the health ministry during the launch of FP2030 commitments in Kigali, the Rwandan capital.

He said that from 2015 to 2020 Rwanda has significantly achieved family planning services whereby the uptake of family planning health services increased from 53 percent to 64 percent for those who are using any family planning contraceptive method, and from 48 percent to 58 percent for those who are using modern contraceptive methods.

"As for the Rwanda FP2030 commitments, we are planning to achieve more on the benefit of our people whereby we need to increase the uptake up to 65 percent for modern contraceptive family methods by 2030," said Mpunga.

According to him, the commitments are not far from the government of Rwanda's political will in advancing sexual reproductive health including family planning.

Mpunga commended development partners and all stakeholders for their role in advancing family planning services in Rwanda. He said that family planning methods helped Rwanda in reducing maternal and infant mortality in addition to other interventions where maternal mortality reduced from 476 per 100,000 live births in 2010 to 203 in 2020, and infant mortality rate from 50 per 1,000 live births in 2010 to 33 in 2020.

Speaking at the event, UNFPA Country Representative to Rwanda Kwabena Asante-Ntiemoah said that the government of Rwanda has played a key role in the family planning 2020 partnership when the country joined as one of the commitment-making countries.

"Building on the success of the 2020 partnership, we are ready to embark on the next decade of progress through the FP2030. Getting to where we are today has not been easy, women and girls have encountered obstacles in every step of the way," he said.

Asante-Ntiemoah said that cultural and religious factors still affect the access of married women and young people to family planning services.

Xinhua

Caution urged on South Korea nuclear shift

HONG KONG

ANY move by South Korea to stick with nuclear energy may help its decarbonization goals but experts say the country needs to proceed with caution and work together with neighboring countries.

Noting that the transition committee of President-elect Yoon Suk-yeol is reviewing the implementation of South Korea's climate goals, Chung Suh-yong, professor of international studies at Korea University in Seoul, said that while nuclear energy can play a key role, the ultimate issue for nuclear technology is how to ensure safety.

"It's necessary in Northeast Asia to develop a nuclear safety (network)," said Chung, director of the university's Center for Global Climate and Marine Governance, saying that South Korea can cooperate with China and Japan, which also use nuclear power.

He said that safety networks must be the first priority for Yoon and the countries in the region.

Yoon, who will be inaugurated on May 10,

has signaled that he will reverse the outgoing government's policy of phasing out nuclear energy, in a bid to accelerate the country's pace toward net-zero emissions, a goal set in October last year.

Yoon's transition team said on April 20 that the incoming government plans to allow nuclear power plant operators to seek permission for the continued operation of the facilities up to 10 years before the expiry of the designed life span of the plants, according to Yonhap News Agency.

At present, nuclear power firms can submit such requests to the government only two to five years before the plants' preplanned closures.

If the regulation is revised, as many as 18 nuclear power generators in South Korea will continue to be operational during Yoon's term.

Outgoing President Moon Jae-in had set a road map to exit nuclear power, aiming to reduce the number of nuclear plants in operation to 17 by 2034 from the current 24, while raising the proportion of renewables in the

country's total power generation to 20 percent from 6.6 percent during the same period, under plans to make South Korea carbon neutral by 2050.

Noting that Moon's net-zero target was an ambitious but good approach, Chung said the plan was perhaps unrealistic as it proposed phasing out coal as well as nuclear energy while promoting renewable sources.

Chung said the incoming administration has seen the importance of nuclear energy in meeting the carbon neutrality target, given that the country has limited land and other natural resources.

Nuclear energy accounted for around 30 percent of South Korea's total power generation in 2021.

Environmental concerns

Yoon's decision has troubled some environmental groups. In a letter to Yoon on April 22, Greenpeace International Executive Director Norma Torres said the incoming government should reevaluate whether nuclear energy can be safe and affordable in helping

the country meet its climate goals under the Paris Agreement.

"Korea already has the highest nuclear power plant density in the world... we wonder whether further nuclear expansion will be acceptable by the public," Yonhap quoted Torres as saying.

Kwon Pil-seok, director of the Green Energy Strategy Institute think tank in Seoul, told China Daily that there should be more carbon-free power sources installed in South Korea. However, Yoon has indicated several times that he intends to slow down the expansion of renewables, Kwon said.

"Slowing down the installation of renewable energy is not in line with the global trend," said Kwon, adding that South Korea will lag in terms of readiness to expand renewable energy to meet its net-zero emissions target.

Kwon said it may also be difficult for the public to accept the expansion of nuclear power plants due to incidents such as the 2011 Fukushima nuclear disaster, which was the second-worst nuclear incident after the Chernobyl accident in 1986.

Construction of Greater Bay Area achieves prominent progress

PROMINENT phased progress has been achieved in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area five years after the construction of the megalopolis started.

A number of policies have been rolled out and a series of infrastructure projects implemented in the Greater Bay Area, which has significantly enhanced the comprehensive strength of the region and brought much closer the cooperation between Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao, providing more sense of fulfillment for the people living there.

A "one-hour living circle" is built in the Greater Bay Area thanks to the accelerated railway development.

The total operating mileage of railways in the Greater Bay Area reaches nearly 2,500 kilometers, including 1,430 kilometers of high-speed tracks, and 975 kilometers more are currently under construction.

The nine cities of the Greater Bay Area located in the Pearl River delta have built 476 kilometers of urban rail transit, and 12 more inter-city railway projects are underway, which are expected to stretch the total urban rail transit mileage by another 362 kilometers.

The total operating mileage of rail transit in the nine cities has reached 1,092 kilometers, and 662 kilometers more are under construction.

As of the end of 2021, the operating mileage of expressways in the Greater Bay Area had hit 4,972 kilometers, delivering a road network density of 91 kilometers per hundred square kilometers, which ranks among the highest in major city clusters both at home and abroad.

In the Greater Bay Area, world-class airports and port clusters are taking shape. The airports in the area have a total passenger handling capacity of 200 million people, and the ports are able to handle over 80 million twenty-foot equivalent units.

At present, the four ports in Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Zhuhai and Dongguan have seen their cargo through-

put exceeding 100 million tonnes. The Shenzhen Port and Guangzhou Port rank fourth and fifth globally in terms of the total volume of cargo discharged and loaded. Rules and mechanisms of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao are being more and more connected, accelerating the establishment of a new system for open economy.

Guangdong has further shortened its negative lists for investment from Hong Kong and Macao, liberalizing the trade in services with the two special administrative regions (SARs). At present, enterprises from the two SARs enjoy national treatment when investing in legal, accounting and construction sectors

in Guangdong. The southern Chinese province has also opened online business registration services for Hong Kong and Macao investors, which enables the latter to establish a company within a single workday.

Besides, the Guangdong-Macao In-Depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin has launched cross-border business registration services, with which enterprises from Macao can set up offices in the cooperation zone without even actually going there.

As the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, the Southbound Scheme and the Cross-boundary Wealth Management Connect Scheme have been put

into effect, RMB has become the largest cross-border settlement currency in the Greater Bay Area.

The number of mainland bank accounts opened by Hong Kong and Macao residents reached 180,000, and the residents in the Greater Bay Area are enjoying more convenient cross-border financial services.

At present, the Pearl River Delta is becoming an ideal destination for people from Hong Kong and Macao as it provides a sound business, working and living environment. It is building a closer bond between the residents of Guangdong and the two SARs.

People's Daily

Key battle areas in Dar es Salaam Derby

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TODAY evening Tanzania will witness two titans of the nation's soccer, Simba SC and Yanga, go head-to-head in a 2021/22 NBC Premier League clash to be held at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

It is a match that despite good results aiding eventual winners to get respect from soccer fanatics, three points are important in the race for this season's top-flight silverware.

As the situation gets tense outside the stadium there will be another battle on the pitch whereby there will be 90 minutes, which are more of rivalry and brutal fights involving the two outfits' footballers, with the performers seeking to outperform each other and retain respect in the city.

Mwamnyeto vs Mugalu

Simba SC could start with the side's striker, Chriss Mugalu, who has been trusted by the team's technical bench.

Mugalu will be under tight marking by Yanga's central defender and captain, Bakari Mwamnyeto, who has emerged as one of the top defenders in the country.

Sakho vs Kibwana

The other star who will be relying on his best work is Simba SC winger Pape Sakho who knows how to harass opponents and often cuts in from the left wing and gets the better of opponents.

The winger will have a battle with Yanga left-back Kibwana Shomari who is believed to be the defender worth stopping the Senegalese.

Chama vs Bangala

Simba SC midfielder Clatous Chama is back in the country and his first derby battle will be in today's tie, in which the Zambian performer will come up against Yanga's Yannick Bangala.

They are both great football players and are highly respected by their respective squads' fans due to their experience and quality.



Yanga midfielder, Farid Mussa (C), negotiates his way past Simba SC center back, Pascal Wawa, when the outfits locked horns in the 2021/22 Community Shield match, which took place in Dar es Salaam on September 25 last year. Yanga won 1-0. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

Mkude vs Feisal

Simba SC's defensive midfield role will be performed by holding midfielder Jonas Mkude who will be out to prove his worth after missing his team's penalty kick in the CAF Confederation Cup knockout match against South Africa's Orlando Pirates FC.

Today, Mkude will be tasked with preventing Yanga's midfielder Feisal Salum 'Fei Toto' from getting the better of the former's defenders.

Salum has returned to his goal-scoring form after netting in the previous game against Namungo FC. They are local players who are used to this match.

Diara vs Manula

Another battle will pit goalkeeper Aishi Manula of Simba, who has this season conceded seven goals in the league, against Yanga's first-choice goalkeeper Djigui Diarra who has con-

ceded six goals so far.

The good thing about these performers is that if one of them allows a goal in this match is likely to lose in the top-flight golden gloves prize battle.

Mayele vs Inonga

The top scorer in Yanga's squad is Congolese striker Fiston Mayele who has scored 12 goals but the league's top scorer will be at war with fellow Congolese Inonga Baka of Simba.

In Simba's tie against Yanga in the tournament's first phase, Mayele did not show his edge and the forward now wants to come back for revenge.

They are prominent players outside the stadium but even in their own country, they want to get more fame through this match.

Morrison vs Djuma

Here is the tough work, a speedy winger against a pacy defender. Simba SC's Bernard Morrison will be

in a big battle with Yanga right-back Djuma Shaban, it should be noted Morrison's quality is high now and Djuma has never been out of form, it is a duel that will have the standard substantiated.

Hussein vs Moloko

Yanga's winger, Jesus Moloko has returned to action and may be fielded on his right-wing position, and he will be coming up against Simba's assistant captain, Mohamed Hussein 'Tshabalala', who is currently in excellent form.

It is an area that will have its technicalities as these players know each other well.

Ntibazokiza vs Kapombe

Simba SC right-back Shomari Kapombe is also in excellent form at the moment but his job will be to stop Yanga's veteran midfielder Said Ntibazokiza 'Saïdo' who has a great chance to start in this

game.

Kaze vs Pablo

Simba SC will be under head coach Pablo Franco who will be leading the outfit in the second match against Yanga.

His battle will pit him against Yanga's assistant coach Cedric Kaze as head coach Mohamed Nabi is serving a three-match ban.

Kaze has never beaten Simba in the league, the coach will be looking to lead his side to his first victory as a stand-in head coach.

Yanga is on top of the league having collected 54 points after playing 20 games while Simba SC has continued to hold on to second place with 41 points after playing 19 games and

Msimbazi Street squad is now 13 points adrift of Yanga although the former has one game in hand and, even if they play and win, the difference will remain 10 points.



Simba SC head coach, Pablo Franco. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

Simba SC head coach sets sight on Dar Derby

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

SIMBA SC head coach Franco Pablo Martin has said he must forget what happened to the team in South Africa to concentrate on the next NBC Premier League match against age-old rival Yanga which will take place in Dar es Salaam on Saturday.

Coach Martin and his squad will be away on the day's tie at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium to face the starving Yanga with plans to destroy the latter's record of not losing a game so far.

The Spanish coach said what happened in South Africa in the CAF Confederation Cup quarterfinal game against Orlando Pirates has hurt everyone involved with Simba SC.

According to the Spanish coach, it was not their intention to crash out of the CAF Confederation Cup quarterfinal stage, but he has no option but to forget it and concentrate on how he approaches the tie against Yanga.

He said the game is a big test for him and his players, but he has already started training to complete the goal of winning the test, which will be witnessed by many football fans in Tanzania and elsewhere in Africa.

Martin noted: "It's hard to forget what happened in South Africa, it was not our intention to finish in the quarterfinals in the CAF Confederation Cup, but the results have been decided, we have been knocked out and we have to look at what is in front of us now."

"We are facing a game against Yanga, technically it is another test for me and my players, but we have already started preparations to play against our opponents and we believe things will improve."

"Winning against Yanga will be a joy for me, the players, and everyone involved with Simba SC, but that cannot be achieved if we, the technical bench and the players who are the fighters, fail to prepare and devise the right strategies to shut down our opponents on Saturday," the gaffer said.

Simba SC is set to face Yanga with the former trailing the latter by 13 points in this season's NBC Premier League. Simba has taken part in 19 games.

Yanga, which has played 20 games, lead the standings with 54 points, followed by Simba SC with 41 points, while Namungo FC is sitting third with 29 points and Azam FC is sitting fourth with 28 points.

Meanwhile, Simba SC's Senegalese winger Pape Ousmane Sakho has said he is ready for today's match against Yanga. Simba SC will be a guest in the game eagerly awaited by football fans in Tanzania and elsewhere in Africa, as the outfit risks losing the NBC Premier League title.

Sakho noted that if a player is well prepared with his teammates, he is sure he will do well in the game which is often overshadowed by pressure from fans and some officials.

The player is reminiscent of the Community Shield match, which ended with Simba SC losing 1-0 to Yanga when he was part of the Msimbazi Reds squad.

He said the time for revenge has come and will be on Saturday, so he urged Simba SC fans not to lose hope.

The footballer pointed out: "As a player, I am well prepared with my teammates for our match against Yanga and I believe we will do well and get three points."

"Since I came to Tanzania I have played only one derby, which is that of the Community Shield, they scored one goal early in the match, I believe this is now the time to pay the debt so the fans should not be afraid of Yanga," Sakho disclosed.

Simba SC is set to face Yanga with a high percentage of losing this season's Premier League top honour, the latter is boasting of a 13-point gap.

Yanga, which has played 20 games, leads the standings with 54 points, followed by Simba SC with 41 points, while Namungo FC is sitting third with 29 points and Azam FC is fourth with 28 points.

Yanga will hardly be affected by defeat in Dar Derby, says official

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

YANGA's Head of Information and Communication Department Hassan Bumbuli has said that even if his squad loses the NBC Premier League match against Simba SC, it will not be sad.

The Premier League leader will face Simba SC at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Saturday, with the former being the only club participating in the league having not lost a game this season.

Bumbuli said so far their club has scored many goals and they intend to continue collecting three points against Simba SC, so they are ready for that even though the outcome may be different.

He said no team goes to the stadium intending to lose a game, maintaining what happens after 90 minutes is part of the results that can make winners' fanatics happy and demoralize the losing outfit's followers.

The official pointed out: "We are determined to win our game on Saturday, we believe we have a very good squad, what we have done this season is to collect more points that will help us even if we lose the game we will still be aiming to win the top honour."

"We know that football has three kinds of results, but for us, we are looking to win to keep on collecting points, if anything else happens it will still be profitable for us because



Yanga's Head of Information and Communication Department, Hassan Bumbuli.

the gap we have set is huge and Simba SC knows that," Bumbuli noted.

The last time the two outfits met this season, they drew 0-0, while earlier this season, Simba SC lost 1-0 to Yanga in the Community Shield tie.

Meanwhile, former Simba SC winger Dua Said has failed to predict who will emerge with three points in the NBC Premier League match that will bring together the oldest clubs in Tanzanian football at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

Yanga, which has this season shown great potential and has not lost a game, will face Simba SC which is seeking to defend the Premier League title for the fifth time in a row.

Said noted the game is expected to be highly competitive with a high level of technical skills, given the strength of both teams that have recently proved to be in good shape.

He said Simba SC which has just lost a game against Orlando Pirates of South Africa in the CAF Confederation Cup quarterfinal, will need to continue the good performance, whereas Yanga will also need to maintain a good record that has made the team a force to be reckoned with.

"Simba has just been knocked out of CAF Confederation Cup and Yanga needs the NBC Premier League trophy and, to make it certain, it needs to beat Simba SC, so this match is going to be tough and full of a showmanship."

"I believe Simba SC will not be ready to concede defeat to Yanga in Saturday's game to boost the latter's quest for Premier League title this season."

"Yanga will as well not be ready to lose to Simba SC as it seeks to maintain its unbeaten record this season, so looking back I still find things difficult, and predicting this game is a big test," Said noted.

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Uchukuzi SC clinches overall winner's trophy in 2022 Mei Mosi Cup

By Correspondent Renatha Msungu, Dodoma

MINISTRY of Works and Transport (Transport Sector) outfit, popularly known as Uchukuzi SC, has lifted this year's Mei Mosi Cup overall winner's silverware.

Uchukuzi SC managed to clinch 13 trophies in various games held at different venues in Dodoma.

The tournament started on April 16, this year, and ended yesterday, in which a total of 41 teams from ministries, and public and private institutions participated.

The competition included soccer, netball, tug-of-war, cycling, athletics, bao, drafts, and cards.

The Uchukuzi SC, comprising 240 players, lifted the trophy in women's netball, came second in men's netball, emerged victorious in the women's cycling race, and finished third in the men's cycling race.

The side went on to lift silverware in men's discus and finished second in women's discus.

In athletics, Uchukuzi SC emerged winners in men's and women's 100m races, finished third in men's 1,500m race, came third in women's 400m, took second place in men's 400m, took second place in women's 4x400m relay, and took third place in men's 4x100m relay.

In the men's netball final match, the Ministry of Home Affairs outfit beat Uchukuzi SC 50-34. The duel's winners were leading 39-27 until the break.

Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism's team defeated the President's Office-Regional Administration and Local Governments (PO-RALG) outfit 4-3 in the penalty shootout in soccer, after settling for a draw in normal time.

Uchukuzi SC emerged victorious in men's and women's tug-of-war, beating Court Department's side 2-0.

Trade Union Congress of Tanzania (TUCTA) asked heads of ministries and public institutions to set aside a sufficient budget for their employees to participate in various tournaments.

Outfits from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, and the Ministry of Works and Transport (Transport Sector) clinched titles in netball, soccer, and tug-of-war in the games that climaxed yesterday.

Jane Ndeta, Vice-Chairperson of Tanzania Union of Government and Health Employees (TUGHE), who represented TUCTA president Tumaini Nyamhokia in the presentation ceremony, said many employers have been constrained by failing to allocate budgets for their employees to participate in various tournaments and make less participation.

She disclosed from now on TUCTA will monitor ministries, and public and private institutions to find out the reasons for the latter's failure to participate in the tournaments.

Jane was adamant the showdowns maintain the good health of workers and increase productivity in the workplace.

The official insisted the civil servants and other workers should go for COVID-19 vaccination and participate in the census exercise to be held on August 23.

Jane disclosed: "Health is your life and your property, it is not government property, so make sure you participate in exercises regularly to protect yourself from opportunistic infections."

Mei Mosi Cup Competition Committee's Chairman, Khamis Mkanachi, said this year's tournament featured 1900 players who participated in eight sports disciplines.

The disciplines are football, netball, tug-of-war, cycling, athletics, card, bao, and draft, with 40 sides from ministries, public, and private institutions taking part.

Mkanachi said that the committee was however not satisfied with the participation of the ministries and the institutions based in Dodoma in the showdown.

He pointed out the Dodoma-based ministries had failed to participate in large numbers, much as they were the hosts, and the government has now set up its headquarters in the city.

The official pointed out: "We hoped that since the games were brought to the city, we would have more than 50 teams but strangely many teams did not participate under the pretext of a tight budget."

"We are issuing notice to the participants that these games are held legally, the ministries ought to in 2023 field squads made up of their legitimate staff."

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

YANGA and Simba SC will renew their Dar es Salaam Derby rivalry in the NBC Premier League when they meet at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam today evening, kick-off at 17h00.

The team in yellow and green racked up a sixth straight league win and extended their lead at the top of the log to 13 points with a 2-1 victory over Namungo FC last weekend to maintain their unbeaten run in the league.

A record-extending 28th league title looks to be a formality for Yanga and they are



Simba SC winger, Hassan Dilunga (L), seeks to keep Yanga winger, Ducafel Moloko, in check as the clubs faced off in the 2021/22 NBC Premier League duel played in Dar es Salaam last year. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMMANNE JUMA

well placed to compete for the double.

They are an incredible machine under head coach Nasreddine Nabi. It is difficult to score against them, let alone take points.

Few would back against them in their current form. A win over Simba is not needed for their league position, but their fans will be desperate for it.

Coach Nabi has no injuries of note and comes into the game with some decisions to make, Dickson Job will surely return

in defense in place of Yannick Bangala who is likely to be shifted back to midfield, with the rest of the backline at full strength.

Khalid Aucho and Feisal Salum are certain starters, with Salum Abubakar and Said Ntibazonkiza vying for the third midfield spot.

Following his performances in the weekend against Namungo FC, Fiston Mayeje has contributed 12 goals and three assists for Yanga in 20 League appearances this season.

The Congolese striker will be looking to have a big part to play in the game and support the argument that he is the best player in the league this season.

The Msimbazi Reds head to this fixture having lost to South Africa's Orlando Pirates in the quarterfinals of the CAF Confederation Cup over the weekend and

Simba could face a very tough encounter against a Yanga side that has dominated the league so far this season.

John Bocco, Simba's skipper, is closing in on a return, but he remains a doubt for the weekend while winger Hassan Dilunga is ruled out for the rest of the season.

There were some concerns about the club's decision to bring Clatous Chama back from RS Berkane of Morocco.

Many believed it to be a desperate move from a club under pressure. However, it has been positive development as the Zambian midfielder has had encouraging performances.

The midfielder looked to be moving comfortably towards proving his credentials in the local scene.

This is a game where Simba needs Chama more than ever. In head-to-head stats, Yanga and Simba have met in 107 league matches since 1965.

The Jangwani Street boys have claimed 38 wins compared to 31 for the Msimbazi Street boys, while no less than 32 encounters have ended in draws.

The last time these two sides met, the match ended in a goalless draw in December but based on the current form of both teams, it is unlikely that this will be repeated.

Yanga is unbeaten in the last five league matches against their Dar Derby rivals.

TCA set to hold more Bilateral Series for junior cricketers

By Guardian Reporter

EFFORTS to promote cricket in Tanzania have taken a significant step forward as Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) hosted a training camp for U-17 and U-19 boys which was held in Dar es Salaam last week.

Atif Salim, TCA information officer, disclosed the training had involved over 30 boys coming from various TCA centers across the country.

Salim stated as the schools were closed for the Easter holidays, it was a good opportunity for TCA to organize a camp and give the newly appointed coaches a glimpse of the youths coming from across the country, not just Dar es Salaam.

The official noted the camp had lasted for five days, taking place during the Easter break, and will be followed by various Bilateral Series bringing together various regions to keep the young cricketers in good shape and improve their work rate.

The TCA recently coordinated the Easter Holidays Bilateral Series which took place in Morogoro.

Gairo Boys cricket squad emerged as the champion of the Easter Holidays Bilateral Series, notching a victory in all games of the round-robin formatted showdown the squad took part in.

The tournament attracted a huge crowd of par-



Dodoma Jiji Boys' cricket outfit and coach, Benson Mwita (sitting L), pose for a photo upon the completion of this year's Easter Holidays Bilateral Series held in Morogoro recently. The four-day series brought together teams from Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA)'s newly opened centers of Chamwino, Dodoma, Gairo, and Kongwa. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TCA

ticipants and the boys got the experience of playing competitive cricket for the first time.

The TCA official revealed: "It has undoubtedly been a great experience for all the new centers that took part in it and will only improve on the shortcomings with more practice."

The Bilateral Series for the U-15 cricketers was held at the Gairo cricket ground in Morogoro.

The series brought to-

gether teams from TCA's newly opened centers of Chamwino, Kongwa, Gairo, and Dodoma.

Salim pointed out the series was a step ahead for the players to experience structured cricket after about a year since the new centers had opened.

The work done by the respective development officers, the TCA official added, has to be commended as about 60 players battled it out in the tournament.

The tournament was played during the Easter break which started April 14, with all ties taking place at the Gairo cricket ground in Gairo District.

One of the domestic cricket fraternity's members applauded TCA for organizing the showpiece for junior cricketers.

The cricket enthusiast stated the TCA is doing a commendable job at the grassroots level, a program that will reflect very well

down the line probably after 10 years.

According to the enthusiast, there are however a lot of other challenges facing the program including cricket grounds.

The enthusiast pointed out that some of the cricket grounds in Dar es Salaam are not of a good standard, adding the association will hopefully look at the situation.

According to him, junior cricketers can hardly play

on slow and low wickets, given the batsmen and bowlers will struggle in international competitions that will take place on unfamiliar wickets outside the country.

Meanwhile, Twiga Queens' cricketers cruised to an emphatic 34-run win over Ngorongoro Queens in this year's TCA Tanga U-18 Girls League clash that took place in the region recently.

Twiga Queens' cricketers batted first, notching 133 runs for nine wickets in 20 overs of the tie which took place at Usagara ground.

Top-order batter, Mwanamvua Hamisi, had the most notable performance in the match, as the performer ended with 68 runs that included eight boundaries. Fellow batter Sophia Salim chipped in with 11 runs.

Mercy Kea had impressive bowling figures when Ngorongoro Queens fielded, as the bowler ended with three wickets for 25 runs in four overs.

Fellow bowlers, Jenipher Gabriel and Mariam Saleh notched two wickets apiece to somewhat keep Twiga Queens' batting unit in check.

In response, Ngorongoro Queens lost steam after posting 99 runs for eight wickets in 20 overs, with a notable contribution coming from the opener, Jenipher, as she ended one run short of a half-century.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

