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## Treasury wants development projects audit by next month

By Guardian Reporter, Kigoma

FINANCE and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba has directed internal auditors to conduct evaluation of expenditure of funds disbursed for all major development projects in their areas and submit reports within one month.

The minister issued the directive at Mwandiga township yesterday, addressing residents during his visit to Kigoma Region, instructing internal auditors to audit all funds disbursed in their areas.

The audits must specify the projects implemented, the level of implementation and the value of the projects, he stated.

"Internal auditors nationwide should conduct this job within one month and bring me a report outlining the amount received,

to what extent it has been used, the level of completion of the projects and the quality level," he elaborated.

Audits must also say if the project has not been implemented at all or has been improperly implemented, he said, asking that the reports be frank "and those who did the work will tell us if they have how much ability to do the job."

Looking at the building of health centres, he said the government expects to issue funds for the second phase of up to 500m/- for each centre by the end of February for completion of ongoing projects.

The government will not tolerate anyone delaying the implementation of development projects while funds are disbursed on time, he stated, underlining that money will not be

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Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi (L), who is on a state visit to the United Arab Emirates, is briefed during a Dubai Expo 2020 tour yesterday on the operations of a "smart police station". This is, in essence, an IT "hub" fitted with special gadgets used in expediting the filing of criminal and various other cases. Photo: Zanzibar State House



## Fear after 20 bodies are dumped in river

NAIROBI

SHOCK is spreading in parts of Kenya after at least 20 dead bodies were retrieved from a river in the western zone in recent weeks.

Human rights group, Haki Africa says most of the bodies recovered from River Yala, which flows into Lake Victoria, were found in sacks, with some tied up and others damaged signifying that the victims had gone through torture before being dumped into the river.

"What is shocking and extremely disturbing is that these bodies are actually dumped by

individuals who so far remain unknown," said Hussein Khalid, the group's executive director, who affirmed that the local mortuary was receiving unidentified bodies.

They had buried nine of them in a mass grave to make space for more bodies, he said, while local residents say unidentified people dumped the bodies into the river at night.

Khalid and another activist, Boniface Mwangi, travelled to the scene, and recounted seeing two bodies floating on the river, with Mwangi posting on Twitter that he and the head of local human rights organisation had counted more than 20 decomposing bodies at Yala hospital mortuary.

The information has come as a shock to Kenyans with many pouring out their anger on social media, raising questions about their safety in the region, with actual numbers being higher than the 20 bodies deposited at the mortuary.

About 31 bodies have been retrieved from the river since last July, hospital sources said.

"We didn't believe him but agreed to

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## Minister to tout hunting blocks at meeting in US

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA is to use the 50th annual hunting convention which kicks off today in the United States to market its hunting blocks among other tourist products.

The convention brings together decision-makers from around the world to discuss policy issues and investment decisions on the hunting sub-sector.

Dr Damas Ndumbaro, the Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism. He is arriving in the US yesterday to attend the meeting organized by the World Hunting Association.

The minister is expected to market Tanzania's hunting blocks to investors as Tanzania is among the leading destinations globally in tourism hunting, and confer



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with various stakeholders during the meeting, described as the highest platform to market investment opportunities.

Those in the delegation include the Director for Wildlife, Dr Maurus Msuha, the board chairman for the Tanzania Wildlife Management Authority (TAWA) Maj. Gen. Hamis Semfuko and the acting TAWA director, Mabula Misungwi.

Yet others are TAWA board member Lulu Ng'wanakilala and the agency's chief conservationist Segolin Tarimo. The minister was yesterday received by Tanzania's ambassador to the US, Elsie Kanza.

Thousands of trophy hunters from around the world will gather in Reno, in the state of Nevada for Safari Club International's

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## Ministry reviews laws on community development

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE government is working with stakeholders to change outdated policies and laws on community development.

Dr Dorothy Gwajima (pictured), the Minister for Community Development, Gender and Special Groups made this affirmation in a press conference following the first management meeting of the ministry.

The meeting was meant to assess various issues in the ministry, including the interpretation of various guidelines, in



the wake of the move by President Samia Suluhu Hassan to split the former health ministry for better focus on various issues in community development.

One task regarding community development is to make sure to unite the people behind the government, she said, underlining that the government has done a lot of which many people appear to be unaware, she said.

There are issues that the people want to involve the government, but do not have an anchor to do so, thus the ministry will make sure the tasks of community development officers are carried out as it was in the past, she said.

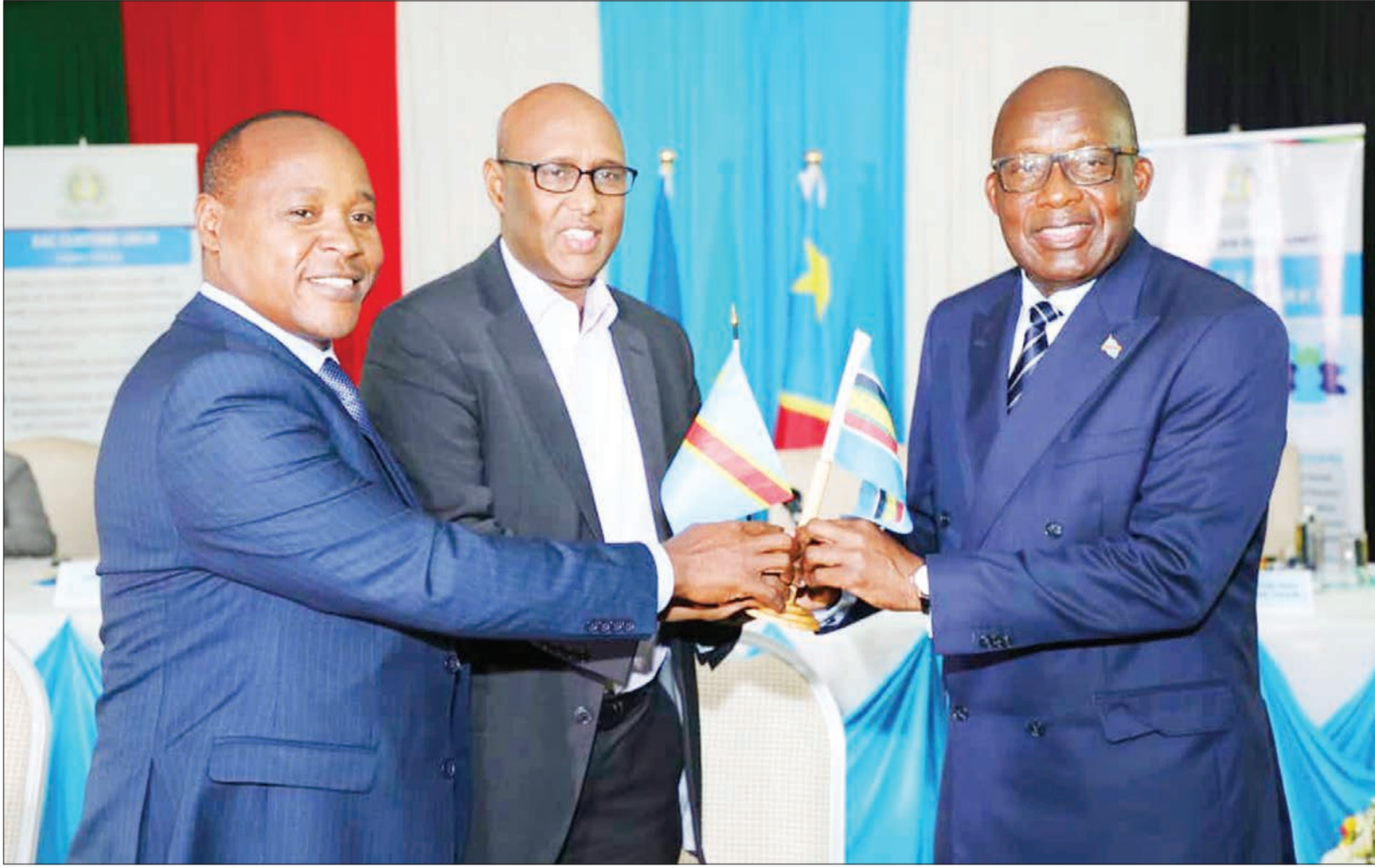
The government plans to involve stakeholders in the review of policies, laws and other guidelines that are clearly

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East African Community secretary general Dr Peter Mathuki (L) with Adan Mohamed (C), Kenya's EAC minister and chairman of the EAC's Council of Ministers, and the Democratic Republic of Congo's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs minister, Christophe Lutundula Apala Pen'Apala, in Nairobi on Monday shortly after talks on DRC's envisaged admission to the regional economic bloc. Photo: EAC

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outdated, she said, outlining outdated policies as including one relating to women that was made more than 25 years ago, along with policies on elders and children that need amending in collaboration with stakeholders.

"I thank President Samia for creating the ministry and appointing me to head it and I must say the ministry has many challenges.

"As you can see, I am a medical doctor as is the permanent secretary, but his deputy is a lawyer, the ministry has many issues involving the law," the minister added.

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follow him to the river. In a span of minutes, he had spotted and shown us two bodies. The whole scene was sickening," the activist wrote, with other reports citing locals saying the bodies are brought from different

areas in vehicles and dumped in the river.

Various organizations are demanding investigations to ascertain the identities of the dead and know who is behind the killings, the reports noted.

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returned to the central government due to faulty documents but the government shall deal with those causing the problem and impinging on development efforts.

People should not be collectively punished for an offence done by a few people tasked with the work on behalf of the populace. In the event of faulty accounts, the perpetrators will be held accountable as the local population is not responsible for the errors, he emphasised.

Kigoma North MP Assa Makanika said that there were tensions over the construction of a health centre in the small town of Mwandiga, directing local councillors to address the challenge before the completion of first phase construction of health centres countrywide, slated for completion next month.

Grievances among the people including roads, national IDs, access to water as well as police stations were raised, with the minister promising to submit them to the relevant authorities for solutions.

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annual convention, featuring over 870 exhibitors showcasing trophy hunting opportunities and wildlife parts and products.

Tanzania is known for its vast wilderness areas, especially the Serengeti National Park plains, a safari icon populated by the "big

five" game (elephant, lion, leopard, buffalo, rhino), and the Kilimanjaro National Park, home to Africa's highest mountain. There is also great interest in the tropical islands of Zanzibar, with Arabic influences, and the safari hideout of Mafia, a marine park home for viewing whales and sharks at close range, amid teeming life at coral reefs.

## Global unemployment projected to stand at 207 million this year

By Guardian Reporter

GLOBAL unemployment is projected to stand at 207 million in 2022. This is 21 million more than in 2019 before the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic began, according to the ILO World Employment and Social Outlook - Trends 2022.

Global working hours in 2022 will be almost two per cent below their pre-pandemic level - that is equivalent to the loss of 52 million full-time jobs. This deficit is twice as large as the ILO's forecast in May last year, according to the Outlook released by the ILO January 17, 2022.

The downgrade in the 2022 forecast reflects the impact of ever new variants of COVID-19 on the world of work, according to the Outlook.

It is estimated that in 2022 around 40 million people will no longer be participating in the global labour force.

The Outlook remains fragile because the future path of the pandemic remains uncertain. Also, wider economic risks such as accelerating inflation may come into play. Labour market prospects are uneven across the globe.

The pandemic has pushed millions of children into poverty. It is estimated that in 2020, an additional 30 million adults fell into extreme poverty (living on less than \$1.90 per day in purchasing power parity) while being out of paid work.

The number of extreme working poor - workers who do not earn enough through their work to keep themselves and their families above the poverty line - rose by eight million.

Many low and middle-income countries have low access to vaccines and limited scope to expand government budgets to address the crisis.

Thus, these countries are struggling more than high-income ones to get back to pre-pandemic

levels of employment and job quality.

Key labour market indicators in all regions - Africa, the Americas, the Arab States, Asia and the Pacific, and Europe and Central Asia - have yet to return to pre-pandemic levels.

All regions face severe downside risks to their labour market recovery that stem from the ongoing impact of the pandemic. The outlook is the most negative for Latin America and the Caribbean and for southeast Asia.

Some sectors, such as travel and tourism have been particularly hard hit, while other sectors such as those related to information technology have thrived.

Women have been worse hit by the labour market crisis than men and this is likely to continue. The closing of education and training institutions will have long-term implications for young people, particularly those without internet access.

Many temporary workers lost their jobs at the start of the crisis. However, many new temporary jobs have also been created since.

There is the need for a broad-based labour market recovery - the recovery must be human-centred, inclusive, sustainable and resilient.

Guy Ryder, ILO director-general, said: "There can be no real recovery from this pandemic without a broad-based labour market recovery. And to be sustainable, this recovery must be based on the principles of decent work - including health and safety, equity, social protection and social dialogue."



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Samiji Mlemba (L), a Natural Resources and Tourism ministry official, briefs a delegation including Morogoro district commissioner Albert Msando (C, in black cap), yesterday on measures Lushoto District authorities have taken to protect Magamba Nature Reserve. This was during a tour made shortly after a capacity building seminar held at Lushoto. Photo: Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa

## Kikwete orders RCs to set up monthly performance indicators for workers

By Guardian Reporter

THE Deputy Minister for Lands, Housing and Human Settlement Development Ridhiwani Kikwete, has ordered regional land commissioners to establish monthly performance indicators for workers in the sector to improve quality service delivery.

Kikwete made the remarks yesterday in Dar es Salaam when

he addressed workers under the ministry during a familiarization tour following his recent appointment to the ministry.

"We need to gauge our junior officers, this will help us to understand who is doing what and where," he said.

He said if workers in the sector continue to carry out their duties in business as usual, the sector won't develop and instead it will be

creating conflicts all the time.

The deputy minister said some workers within the sector are experts in creating conflicts and they turn around and pretend to solve them.

He said the government established the Integrated Land Management Information System (ILMIS) to address land conflicts and other challenges affecting them.

The deputy minister said concerns

are being taken to the president on land issues while the main problem is caused by people who have been entrusted with the task.

He called upon experts in the land sector to be patriotic and offer better services which are important to the public. "I call upon you to be innovative; you should stop doing business as usual. If you are a land officer you should be proud of what you are doing," he said.



By Guardian Reporter, Kibaha

# Post Codes address system now to be done in five months - Nape

MINISTER for Information, Communications and Information Technology Nape Nnauye has said the government will implement the installation of addresses post codes system within five months instead of five years as earlier planned following CCM 2020-25 Manifesto, section 61(M).

Speaking at the opening of the seminar for the implementation of the system in Coast Region, Nape said the exercise was being implemented from three principles

including the CCM Manifesto, the 2003 Postal National Policy and Tanzania becoming part of the world as it is a member of the Pan African Postal Union (PAPU) and the Universal Postal Union (UPU). "In that regard, the issue will be implemented in five months instead

of five years, as this will greatly assist in the implementation of the Population and Housing Census to be held in August this year," said Nape.

He said in the implementation of the exercise there is no alternative but to implement the

postcode system exercise as the government has vowed to improve communications in various areas of the country including their residential, commercial areas and other areas regarding community development.

He also said the implementation

of the addresses code system is a historical issue in which President Samia has vowed to live an imprint on Tanzania aimed to improve communications to make the society more modern.

He called upon Coast Region officials to supervise in the exercise

facilitation as the region still lagged behind in the implementation exercise.

For his part, Coast Regional commissioner, Abubakar Kunenge said the addresses post codes exercise will simplify the identification of various areas of the region and its activities including its industrial areas.

The Ministry's Director of Information, Eng. Clarence Ichwekeleza said the Communications is a crosscutting sector that spur the growth of other sectors.



Deogratius Ndejemi (gesturing), Deputy Minister of State in the President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance), pictured yesterday addressing government employees based in Sumbawanga municipality. The thrust was on the importance of workplace accountability. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

## TTB, Azam Media sign deal to promote domestic tourism

THE Tanzania Tourism Board and Azam Media yesterday signed a one-year deal to broadcast a programme aimed at promoting domestic tourism.

The new programme dubbed: 'Shangazwa' has come to reality after a series of discussions between the two sides.

Speaking before the signing ceremony TTB board chair Judge (rt'd) Thomas Mihayo said the agreement was reached after seeing what Azam media was doing in some of its programmes which are viewed in six East African countries.

"There is a programme aired by Azam TV which shows traditional dances, we have seen that this was a good platform as it shows the

country's culture," he said.

Judge Mihayo said the media has done a tremendous job a move that has made Tanzanians to visit local tourist destinations contrary to what was the norm in the past.

He gave an example of Christmas day where Tanzanians flocked Ngorongoro National Park and booked accommodation to an extent of filling all of them.

Judge Mihayo said TTB believed that the move will help in promoting domestic tourism especially in marketing destinations.

For his part, TTB acting Director General Felix John said they are prepared to market tourist

destinations especially in the southern zone which has not been promoted enough.

He named some of the attractions as Ruaha National Park, Bi Kiyeyueu, Nyerere, Old Zungwa and Mikumi.

For his part, Chief Executive Officer for AZAM media Tido Mhando said Shangazwa will be a new programme aimed at promoting tourism destinations.

"It will have mixed contents including traditional dances, wildlife showcasing and other famous tourist destinations in the country to make the world understand the culture but also the kind of attractions that Tanzania offers.

## Muleba DED urges Form 1 students to maintain classroom infrastructure

By Guardian Correspondent, Muleba

STUDENTS who have joined Form One in Muleba District, Kagera Region have been urged to maintain the classroom infrastructure and focus on what their teachers will teach them so that they can do well and fulfill their lifetime dreams.

Muleba District Executive Director, Elias Kayandabila made the call during a visit at Kaigara secondary school, Anna Tibajjuka, Kasharunga, and the new Kasharunga secondary school to follow up the response of Form One students who reported at the schools.

Speaking to the students, Kayandabila said that they have had the opportunity to study in a better environment so he hopes they will do well in their studies.

He urged parents and guardians to provide information on girls who have been selected to join under parental pressure or by the children themselves so that the government can take action against them and send them back to school.

"The government's goal is to ensure that all successful children go to school regardless of whether they are male or female, we will monitor them and all ensure they continue their education," Kayandabila said.

Acting secondary education officer of Muleba District, Masatu Chisumo urged teachers to start lesson schedules immediately to enable students to understand quickly due to having enough time to learn.

For her part, Anna Tibajjuka High School headmaster, Paulo Mligo thanked President Samia for funding the construction of new state-of-the-art classrooms that have helped alleviate shortages and promised to take care of them.

One of the parents whose children have joined Form One in the district, Gosbert Gervas also thanked the government for building their children's classrooms and the move has helped alleviate the suffering of parents.

"There are some children, especially in Kiteme village, who were walking a long distance from the village to Kasharunga Secondary School," he said, adding: "We've now built a new school in Kasharunga (Kiteme) that will reduce the number of children walking long distances and even enable them to finish their studies safely due to the close supervision of parents."

Muleba District received 4.1bn/- which have been used to build 208 classrooms in secondary schools.

### REQUEST FOR APPLICATION FOR COMPETITORS FOR THE AGRESULTS TANZANIA DAIRY PRODUCTIVITY CHALLENGE PROJECT

On behalf of the AgResults Tanzania Dairy Productivity Challenge Project, the Project Manager (PM) Land O'Lakes Venture 37 invites your organization to participate in a prize competition through which the Project aims to test Pay-for-Results mechanism approaches to scaling up innovative technologies, tools, and approaches to increase dairy productivity through the use of improved input. The competition will take place in the coastal region of Tanzania, and specifically the regions of Dar es Salaam, Pwani, Tanga, and Morogoro (excluding Kilombero and Ulanga districts).

Land O' Lakes Venture37 is calling for applications from potential Competitors who are established entities from the private, parastatal, and non-profit sectors to participate in the project for sales period 3.

The RFA outlines the competition background, objectives, and rules, and includes an application form. In submitting an application, your organization consents to the RFA terms, including the application procedures and instructions.

Please note the deadlines for receipt of the application, with all required signatures and certifications, is due no later than **1700 Hrs. EAT on February 28, 2022**. Application documents must be submitted in one email to [AgResultsTanzania@gmail.com](mailto:AgResultsTanzania@gmail.com) or By Postal Address to Land O' Lakes Venture37 P.O Box 10517, Dar Es Salaam or By hand-delivered to Veterinary Complex;131 Nelson Mandela Road, Dar es Salaam. **Please indicate "Competitor RFA-AgResults Tanzania Dairy Productivity Project" in the subject line of the email or on the cover page.**

The Project management team will review applications according to the criteria described herein. The applicants whose applications meet the selection criteria will be invited to participate in the competition.

We encourage you to submit an application and join us for a chance to win prizes and contribute to the development of a dairy sector in Tanzania. Should you have any questions or comments please direct them to [NMrema@landolakes.com](mailto:NMrema@landolakes.com). We appreciate your timely response to this RFA and look forward to cooperating with you on this important project.

Get a copy of the RFA on the below link:  
<https://agresults.org/news-and-blog/10-blog/227-request-for-applications-for-sales-period-3-competitors-for-the-agresults-tanzania-challenge-project>

### JICA LAUNCHES NINJA 2022 OPEN CALL FOR TANZANIAN STARTUPS WITH INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is back with the Next Innovation with Japan (NINJA) to support startups in Tanzania

Sector	Example (not limited)
Agriculture	-The service/solution to improve productivity/quality of agriculture products (crops, fishes, animal products and so on) -The service/solution to support transportation/distribution of agriculture products -The service/solution to support nutrition improvement -The service/solution to lessen the effect of climate change. (Mostly in relation to quality seeds and irrigation technologies, and new agriculture methods). -The service to develop/improve Income Generation Activity for empowerment of farmers groups. (e.g. food processing, marketing of agri-products/dairy products, livestock/fish raising, fish, beekeeping, forestry produce, and so on.)
Industrial Development	-The service/solution to improve productivity/quality/safety of companies (e.g. monitoring system, devices using IoT/3D printers), support for remote workers, efficient management/operation of online events.
Infrastructure (Transportation)	-The service/solution to improve/maintain the level of infrastructure in Tanzania. (e.g. Real-time traffic situation monitoring system, Automatic fare collection system (Automatic ticketing system), Transport as a service technology)
Infrastructure (Energy)	-The service/solution to improve/maintain the level of infrastructure in Tanzania. (e.g. Smart meter (Net metering) system, Mini-grid system, Clean cooking equipment, Renewable energy)
Health/Medical	-The service/solution to improve medical level of Tanzania (e.g. online healthcare support to customers and/or among referral systems, disease-testing solutions, medical data sharing and privacy protection solutions, emergency transportation solutions (i.e. Ambulance tracking systems), distribution of drugs, vaccines and medical equipment, IoT/3D printers in the medical field, Early Warning Systems of a certain disease)
Water	-The service/solution to distribute clean water / To support water resources management/development
Others (Inter Sectors)	-The business model which provides positive impacts for employment. -The service/solution to support financial issues/challenges (Contactless transactions/payment, lending/insurance services to MSMEs and individuals)

2. Have their head office or a branch in Tanzania.
3. Be a profit/non-profit organization registered as an independent legal entity. Proposals from individuals will not be considered.
4. Have a very strong management team of at least 2 people.

Selected startups will be receiving financial support of up to USD 8,500 per company and technical support for their startups as well as opportunities to introduce their business to Japanese stakeholders (e.g. JICA stakeholders, Japanese companies, Japanese investors, etc). For more information about NINJA, you may visit our website here: <https://seedsta.rs/ninja2022>.

■ About JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency)  
 An incorporated administrative agency in charge of administering Japan's ODA (Official Development Assistance). It is one of the world's largest bilateral aid agencies supporting socio economic development in developing countries in different regions of the world. In Tanzania, JICA has been a long partner of Tanzania for more than 50 years in many sectors since 1962. JICA's support to Tanzania primarily focuses on 1) Nurturing driving forces of economic growth, 2) Infrastructure development conducive to economic and social development, and 3) Improvement of Governance and Public Service Delivery.

■ About Seedstars  
 "They tried to bury us, they didn't know we were seeds." - Mexican proverb  
 Seedstars is a Swiss-based private company with a mission to impact people's lives in emerging markets through technology and entrepreneurship. The group's activities cover over 90 emerging ecosystems through a variety of initiatives such as the FTxSDG Challenge, previously known as the Seedstars World Competition, which is the largest entrepreneurship competition in emerging markets; Seedstars Programs that are designed to support entrepreneurs in varying stages of growth; training, education, mentoring, and access to resources; Seedstars 01, a talent incubator providing digital skills and startup-based immersive education for the next generation of change-makers; Seedspace, physical coworking spaces and hubs located in 15 countries; and Seedstars International, a global venture capital fund for seed-stage startups. For more information, visit [www.seedstars.com](http://www.seedstars.com).

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The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is launching the second Next Innovation with Japan (NINJA) competition this 2022 in an effort to continuously support startup companies in Tanzania. Through the initiative, up to two outstanding companies will be selected and awarded further financial and technical support for their business as well as the opportunity to present their businesses to Japanese stakeholders. Interested applicants can submit their entries here by 28th January 2022. This is the second time JICA is organizing the business plan competition following the NINJA project last year which was created in response to COVID - 19.

As part of the NINJA project, JICA Tanzania Office is planning to collaborate with startups that have solutions and have created positive impacts for Tanzanian social issues/challenges through their innovative products, services, and/or business models. As a next step, JICA Tanzania Office has launched the second competition of NINJA in 2022, in collaboration with Seedspace. The criteria for application are as follows:

1. Have innovative product(s) or service(s) or business model in response or adaptable to social issues/problems in the following sectors (Refer to image on the right).





Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups minister Dr Dorothy Gwajima pictured in Dodoma city yesterday having a word with children living in difficult conditions shortly after they had aired their grievances. Photo: Special Correspondent

## Flaviana Matata Foundation supports Bagamoyo School

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

OVER 300 pupils at Msinune primary school in Bagamoyo District, Coast Region, have been provided with equipment including bags, thanks Flaviana Matata Foundation.

The foundation provided the support through its project dubbed: 'Back to School' which aims to ensure that children get quality education by having required learning tools as well as equipping tutors with teaching equipment.

In a statement availed to the media yesterday Flaviana said a total of 390 pupils at the school have benefited with the equipment, a move which will make them more comfortable and happy to stay in school.

She said the project is also to construct classrooms and teachers houses in various schools.

"As we continue to expand the scope to reach more schools in other regions, we call on the government, parents, guardians and teachers to ensure children continue to receive an education in a better and friendly

environment," she said.

She said her organisation is working tirelessly to ensure that children do not fail to go to school due lack of essential equipment such as bags, exercise books and uniforms.

"Education is the best foundation for student understanding, so we will continue to do our best to ensure that we provide school supplies to students in various schools in the country," she said.

Flaviana explained that her foundation has been also providing

school girls with sanitary pads so as to enable them to be comfortable and continue with studies during their menstruation period.

Reports show that some schoolgirls, especially in poor rural areas, miss their studies for four days every time during their menstruation period.

She noted that lack of sanitary towels contributes to hindering academic performance to some girls especially those from poor families as they fail to attend classes during menstruating.

"This is why we have been supporting school girls to have the towels, this is an area which needs more investment, we should not leave our girls on their own, we have to support them to reach their goals," Flaviana said.

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## Dr Mwigulu Nchemba: Govt seeks funds for Chankere-Kagunga road at concrete level

By Guardian Reporter, Kigoma

FINANCE and Planning minister, Dr Mwigulu Nchemba has pledged that the government will seek funds for the construction at concrete level of the 45km Chankere - Kagunga road in Kigoma Region.

The minister gave the pledge in Kigoma Region during his inspection visit of the project which is of national importance as it will be used by residents and tourists alike visiting Gombe National Reserve.

"The president has been insisting on the opening up of areas that have been inactive since independence, hence a lot of funds are channeled to TARURA for construction of many roads within six months that had not been touched since then," said the Finance Minister.

He said the government will make sure construction of the road is completed and that it will involve the Works and Transport ministry to facilitate the road's completion.

He added that his visit to the project site has enabled him get a clear picture of the road that will be used by residents and tourists alike visiting Gombe National Reserve.

For his part, Works and Transport Minister Prof Makame Mbarawa said the road has huge geographical challenges, but it is important for the national economy, hence the ministry will put in place strategies for its construction.

For his part, Kigoma North Member of Parliament, Assa Mkanika thanked the two ministers for visiting the area to get a clear picture of the road that will be used by various people in their economic activities, including fishermen.

He said as for now people spend more than seven hours to travel

via the Lake to Kigoma Town, and sometimes some of the sick being transported to hospital die on the way.

For his part, the TARURA manager for Kigoma Region, Eng Narcis Choma said after completion, the road will open up communication with the neighbouring country of Burundi and as for now more than 30bn/- is required for the project.



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### INVITATION FOR SALE OF USED VEHICLE

Date: 17th January 2022  
Ref: IOM/DAR/2022/011

The International Organization for Migration invites sealed bid document from interested bidders for the sale of the following used vehicles as described in below.

LOT NO	TYPE OF VEHICLE	ENGINE NUMBER	YEAR OF MANUFACTURE
LOT 1	TOYOTA LANDCRUISER 76 HARDTOP	1HZ0781724	Year 2014
LOT 2	TOYOTA LANDCRUISER 78 HARDTOP	1HZ0819331	Year 2015
LOT 3	TOYOTA LANDCRUISER 76 HARDTOP	1HZ0850230	Year 2016
LOT 4	TOYOTA LANDCRUISER 78 HARDTOP	1HZ0847324	Year 2016

#### Instruction to Bidders:

- The vehicles are being sold on the condition of "as is" and without recourse or warranties of any kind.
- Bidders may bid for a single or multiple lot.
- Interested eligible bidders are allowed to inspect the vehicles daily from 10:00AM - 11:00AM from 24th January to 4th February 2022, at the following address:

IOM Sub Office Kasulu,  
Bogwe secondary road, Kasulu.

- Bid prices must be submitted separately for each Lot. IOM will not consider any lump sum offer. Any such bid shall be automatically disqualified.

- The enclosed Bid Form shall be filled and submitted separately for each Vehicle in a sealed envelope addressed to:

Procurement & Logistics Officer,  
International Organization for Migration  
Kasulu Sub Office  
P.O. Box 303  
Kasulu, Tanzania

The enclosed bids form must be delivered by hand on or before the deadline of the bid submission date. The currency of the bid and figures shall be clearly indicated in order to avoid ambiguity. Bids that do not fulfill this requirement will be disqualified.

- Interested bidders may obtain the Bid Form from the following address:  
IOM Sub Office Kasulu,  
Bogwe secondary road, P.O. Box 303, Kasulu.  
Or on the IOM Website: <http://tanzania.iom.int/procurement>
- Bids must be accompanied with bid security of TZS 200,000.00 (Two Hundred Thousand Tanzania Shilling) for each Lot. The bid security will be returned to unsuccessful bidders after completion of the bid process.
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Bishop Dr Charles Gadi (2nd-R) of the Good News For All Ministry, pours water on the Tanzania's map during prayers for rain held at Mimerani in Simanjiro District on Monday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Norway, Germany fund work on safe food in developing nations

By Special Correspondent

A Norwegian agency has pledged almost \$2.75 million to support food safety in developing countries.

The Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD) funding covers 2021 to 2023 and is for the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF). NORAD is part of the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The STDF is managed by the World Trade Organization (WTO).

The money will be used to improve the capacity of developing and least-developed countries (LDCs) to comply with international food safety standards, and increase their access to global and regional markets by supporting the development and implementation of projects around safe trade.

WTO Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala said the money will support countries in implementing sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) standards, including using science-based approaches to protect plant, animal and human health. "These efforts strengthen the safety and stability of a developing country's food supply, so thousands of farmers can sell goods in new markets, improving livelihoods."

The STDF was established by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), World Bank Group, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the WTO.

Bård Vegar Solhjell, NORAD director general, said ensuring that LDCs build capacity and engage in safe trade is one of the keys to economic growth and poverty reduction.

"Food security and enabling viable food systems is a priority for Norwegian development assistance. The global pandemic emphasizes that we must continue to invest in and scale up safe trading systems."

German donation  
In December 2021, Germany contributed just more than \$3 million to the STDF for 2021 to 2024 to aid countries in meeting SPS standards.

Projects will help small-scale farmers, producers, traders and governments to access global and regional markets for food and agriculture products.

Germany's Ambassador to the WTO, Bettina Waldmann, said: "Germany recognizes the need to support developing and least developed countries that have been and still are particularly affected by the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic."

Examples of ongoing STDF projects include piloting the use of voluntary third-party assurance (VTPAs) programs in West Africa and Central America.

Other work is looking at aflatoxin control in Ghana, the use of remote inspection techniques and of digital and IT tools in food trade as well as food safety of the pepper value chain in Jamaica.

# DRC reaffirms its interest in landing membership of the EA economic bloc

By Guardian Reporter

THE Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has reaffirmed its willingness to join the East African Community (EAC).

DRC's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Christophe Lutundula Apala Pen'Apala, said that DRC was looking forward to increased trade and investment, and strengthened relations with EAC, adding that her relations with EAC Partner States had largely been at a bilateral level.

Pen'Apala said that DRC was keen on cooperating with the EAC for maximum exploitation of both natural and human resources in the region.

He expressed hope that this would be the last round of negotiations before DRC is admitted into the EAC.

The Minister said that DRC has a big population who are consumers that constitute a big market for the EAC, adding that DRC was also in dire need of investors and was therefore offering incentives for entrepreneurs who would like to invest in the country.

Pen'Apala noted that DRC faces security challenges in the eastern part of the country, adding that the country was therefore keen on tackling these challenges together with the EAC.

The Minister disclosed that DRC had embarked on a national programme of reconstruction in various sectors including infrastructure, agriculture, energy and environmental conservation. He said that DRC had the world's second largest natural ecosystem in the Congo Forest and was keen on preserving this system from wanton destruction to mitigate the effects of climate change.

Asked whether DRC's membership to EAC would pose challenges because it already belongs to COMESA and SADC, Pen'Apala said that there was no problem in multiple membership to various regional economic communities (RECs), adding that all RECs in Africa were working in harmony to ensure that Africa becomes a real common market by the year 2063.

Pen'Apala was addressing journalists after the official launch of the negotiations between the EAC and DRC for the admission of the latter into the Community in Nairobi, Kenya.

Speaking at the media briefing, the Chairperson of the EAC Council of Ministers who is also Kenya's Cabinet Secretary for EAC and Regional Development, Adan Mohamed, said that the EAC and DRC negotiation teams were expected to conclude their negotiations within 10 days.

Mohamed said that the report of the negotiations would then be presented to the Council who would later submit it to the Summit of EAC Heads of State for consideration.

Mohamed said that the negotiation between EAC and DRC for the admission of the latter into EAC was good news for a continent that has been performing below its potential in terms of its share of global trade.

For his part, EAC Secretary General Dr Peter Mathuki said that EAC expects seamless negotiations with DRC that would result in increased trade and investment opportunities for the benefit of the people of East Africa.

The Secretary General said that substantial progress had been made since the Verification Mission visited DRC in the months of June and July 2020.

"As you are aware the 18th Extra-Ordinary Summit of Heads of State, the summit received and considered the report of the Council on the Verification Mission on the Admission of the DRC to join the EAC and directed the Council to expeditiously commence and conclude negotiations with the DRC for admission to the East African Community and report to the next Summit," said Dr. Mathuki.

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## Region planning to use varsities to teach science subjects in schools

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

DODOMA Regional Commissioner, Anthony Mtaka said the region plans to use universities in the City of Dodoma to assist in teaching science subjects at various schools.

Mtaka made the remarks Monday this week during his visit Nzuguni Secondary School here to inspect student attendance following the school's opening after the end of the year holidays.

"We cannot be complaining by the shortage of science subject teachers while we have universities, we must use them for enhancing our level of education," he said.

He also said schools are required to request university students who are expected to undergo practical training to help in the science subjects.

He named the universities based in the City of Dodoma as including UDOM, St John and Bustani and Mpwapwa Teacher Colleges which he said if well utilised they will assist

in science lessons.

He also called on all schools in the Region to make sure they enhance talents for the existing students and those enrolling for the national benefit.

"Not all students selected to pursue higher education, hence if their talents are enhanced, will assist in self-employment, especially in the environment sector," he said.

For his part, the Headmaster of Nzuguni Secondary School, Rogers Justinian said the school has 1,600 students in Form I to IV.

He said the school was expected to receive 583 students in Form I but received 401 on the first day it opened, and still 182 students were yet to report.

He added that the school had adequate classrooms and desks for all students, both existing and expected, but added that it has a shortage of science laboratories, saying it need more than four laboratories.



Arusha district commissioner Said Mtanda moves a vote of thanks yesterday to education stakeholders who have contributed school items including uniforms for use by 413 needy students. Photo: Correspondent Cynthia Mwilolezi

## Longido district drought causes a decline in revenue collections

By Guardian Correspondent, Longido

THE threat from drought facing Longido District, Arusha Region has caused major decline of government revenue collection in the district thereby impacting its economy that largely depends on livestock keeping activities and wildlife conservation.

The district collects 10 per cent of its yearly revenues from the livestock sector.

Speaking yesterday on the drought threat, Longido District Council Treasurer, Denis Theobald said it has caused drop in revenue collection from the livestock sector because traders in livestock use unauthorized routes to sell their animals to the processing factories without paying levies.

"There is a livestock market managed by the livestock Ministry at Namanga border crossing, and

our investigation has found out that some dealers do not take their livestock at the market, but directly to the factories.

"From such deceit, the Council will station an official at the gates of the meat processing factory to nab those without POS receipts we issue when we collect government revenues," Theobald said.

He said apart from the livestock sector, the District Council also gets its revenues crops exported to neighbouring countries.

"In this area we have succeeded to collect revenue at 100 per cent following the finalization of the conflict on the issue that pitted Tanzania and Kenya.

By December of Financial Year 2021/22, Longido district Council had collected 59 per cent of the targeted revenue.

It collected 1.4bn/- out of the 2.4bn/- target.

## Dr Mwinyi witnesses signing of big investment projects with UAE firm

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President, Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has witnessed the signing on agreements of big investment projects between the Zanzibar government and Eagle Hills Regional Properties Company of the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

The signing of the agreement was performed by the Managing Director of Zanzibar Investment Promotion Agency (ZIPA) Shariff Ali

Shariff for the Zanzibar government and Mohammed Ali Rashid Alabar on behalf of Eagle Hills Regional Properties.

Earlier, the investor told President Mwinyi that he was satisfied with the Zanzibar investment climate that he said was unique compared with other nations where his firm has huge investments.

He also thanked president Mwinyi for his support and pledged he would do all that is possible to make

sure his anticipated investment bear fruit.

Projects expected to be established by the investor include a Five Star hotel at Kizingo area in Zanzibar Town where also he is expected to construct houses in residential area.

Another area to benefit from his investment is Matemwe in Unguja North Region where another Five Star hotel will be built as well as high cost residential houses.

Meanwhile President Mwinyi attended the event held in Dubai for awarding certificates to winners of the International Health, Food, Energy, Water and Educational Development Programme.

In another function, President Mwinyi visited the Tanzania pavilion at the Dubai International Exhibition, better known as "Expo 2020." President Mwinyi continues with his visit to the UAE, which is expected to end today (January 19).

## Women group urges AfDB President Adesina to contest for Nigerian presidency

By Special Correspondent

A GROUP of women activists, under the aegis of Women for Secured Nation, have urged the president of the African Development Bank, Dr Akinwumi Adesina, to run for the office of Nigerian President in 2023.

The group made the call in a statement by its Media and Publicity Director, Judith Onyekwere, who described Adesina as the best candidate that would bring the nation back to relevance, stability and productive economic growth.

The statement read in part, "At this point, we don't just need a politician as president; we need an expert, a technocrat with multinational connection and proven integrity."

They said Adesina's experience and track record of achievements, both in Nigeria and beyond, are undisputable assets that any nation, desirous of growth, could not compromise.

Onyekwere, who described the body as non-political, non-partisan, and non-religious but a conglomeration of Nigerian women cutting across all professions, says it "is desirous in seeing an upward-looking nation with a secured economy that could engage our children better and strengthen our middle class for productivity.

"This is why we are calling on Nigeria's former Agriculture minister to take up the challenge, as a call to service, to help rescue Nigeria from its current predicament.

"We can no longer wait for career politicians to drive our national ship to wreck before we call for a rescue.

"At this point, the Nigerian citizens should rise up to help the

various political parties to get their candidates, devoid of all tricks, in the interest of our collective future."

The group said in their statement that Nigeria is desirous of "someone to help revamp and grow its economy, drive faster-paced economic growth and development, inspire the youth, create jobs and solve insecurity challenges.

"Someone who can help grows the private sector and attracts investments to create wealth. Someone who will help the constituent states of Nigeria to grow their economies and assure decentralized economic development and drive for fiscal, economic and political empowerment of the states.

"Someone who is de-tribal zed and able to manage diversity. Someone who will drive inclusiveness and assure national unity and coherence.

"Someone who has a record of transparency, integrity and good governance and will be well respected and trusted across Nigeria.

"Someone with a solid track record of achievements and getting things done. Someone who can work effectively globally and give Nigeria a much-needed global standing on critical global and Africa agendas.

"Someone who will prepare Nigeria for the 21st century as a globally competitive and prosperous nation. Someone who can work effectively with and will be trusted by other leaders in Africa."

The group has called on Adesina to "commence giving the calls by Nigerians to serve the nation in the capacity of its president the most desired thought, in the interest of all."



Hamad Kombo (L), an attorney with the Office of Zanzibar's Director Public of Prosecution, pictured yesterday addressing a meeting organised by the Zanzibar chapter of the Tanzania Media Women's Association (Tamwa). Photo: Rahma Suleiman

## Former MP urges Tanzanians to go for COVID vaccination

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

FORMER Mbeya Urban legislator Joseph Mbilinyi has urged Tanzanians to go for Covid-19 vaccination so as to build their bodies immunity and protect themselves from other diseases.

He said the Tanzanians should not take the pandemic easily as it has huge negative impacts in health and the economy.

Speaking to the paper, Mbilinyi said Covi-19 disease has affected all nations across the globe including Tanzania especially in the economic sector and advised that all measures which are taken by other nations

should be taken by Tanzanians. The former MP said his family is one of the households which were affected by the pandemic including businesses and health.

He shared that one of the family members (brother) fell ill of Covid-19 something which forced them to spend huge sums of money to treat him.

Mbilinyi, popularly known as Sugu, is one among old 'hip hop' singer artists in the country.

He said his brother began to feel unwell and when he went to the hospital he was tested and found to have no disease but was later taken to Muhimbili National Hospital

where he was hospitalised for three weeks being supported with an oxygen machine.

"Even though my brother fell ill six months ago and got treatment, he hasn't been healed by 100 percent as his health is not stable yet, this is why I emphasise to my fellow Tanzanians to go and get jabs," he asserted.

Mbilinyi added; "Whenever you people say they have spent 18m/- to 20m/- on Covid-19 treatment, don't think it's a lie, I have faced them so I know the pain."

He said the family lost hope if their brother will be alive but due to efforts done by doctors and support

from God, he was cured and has now become stable even though not by 100 per cent.

"With what I saw from my brother, I decided to go myself for vaccination on July 30, last year and I took a picture which I shared on social media encouraging people to go to get the jabs," he added.

He said he has noticed a huge change in his body believing that the jab has helped strengthen his body immunity.

Mbilinyi said along with taking all the precautionary measures as advised by health experts, Tanzanians should wake up and seek the vaccines for their safety.





**CURIOS CHECK:** Newly enrolled pupils of Msinune Primary School in Bagamoyo District, Coast Region, pictured shortly after the Flaviana Matata Foundation presented them with 390 school bags on Monday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Dar bank at loggerheads with logistics company for allegedly defaulting on payment of 5bn/- loan

By Guardian Correspondent

LOCAL financial institution, Stanbic Bank (T) Limited is at loggerheads with a company dealing in logistics—Nam Enterprises Limited, for allegedly defaulting to pay a loan facility of over 5bn/-.

Stanbic Bank (T) Limited took Nam Enterprises Limited and its four directors, Alex Stephen Lukumay, Elias Stephen Lukumay, Namnyaki Stephen Lukumay and Stephen Korduin Lukumay after having failed to settle the loan of US\$2,479,005.58.

Such commercial dispute was head by Judge Haruna Songoro before the High Court's Commercial Division and ruled in favour of Bank and directed the company and the directors, who had guaranteed the loan to pay 2,479,000.58 US dollars cents and outstanding debt.

The judge found the Bank to have proved the claim of outstanding loan on the balance of probability that there was outstanding loan which remained unpaid. He subsequently entered a judgment against all defendants severally and jointly and condemned them to pay costs.

Following such findings, the company and the directors rushed to the Court of Appeal where they filed a notice of appeal and successfully applied for stay of execution. Available records show that the appeal is still pending as it has not been heard yet.

The Central Bank Governor, Prof Florens Luoga, stated in the secular that some banks and financial institutions have been issuing loans without following proper procedures, thus resulting in Non-Performing Loans (NPLs) in the banking sector.

He attributed the trend to corruption by unscrupulous employees who collude with equally dubious borrowers. The BoT stated that it will blacklist the involved employees and bar them from being employed in any bank or financial institution in Tanzania.

For the banks whose employees have NPLs with another bank, the BoT governor directed their particulars to be submitted to the Credit Reference Bureau for appropriate action.

The BoT also asked banks and financial institutions not to grant credit to unscrupulous borrowers who borrowed with the intention

of not repaying the loans, or who use deceit to borrow.

He states that details of such borrowers should be kept in special register which will be shared with other banks and financial institutions.

In the meanwhile, according to the secular in question, borrowers falling under this category were given three months in which to repay the loans before their details are entered in the special register.

The Bank of Tanzania conducted a review to establish the main reasons behind high nonperforming loans in the banking sector and established that, to a great extent, employees of some banks and financial institutions are directly responsible through issuing loans without following procedures, fraud/corruption or other practices that are tantamount to lack of integrity.

High rate of non-performing loans is among major causes of high lending rates and may lead to instability of the banking sector.

The Bank of Tanzania urged the general public to fulfill their fiduciary and contractual duties once they have accessed credit accommodation from banks and financial institutions.

Further, the general public is urged to report to the bank, financial institution or the Bank of Tanzania any fraud or corruption event encountered when accessing any service from a bank or financial institution.

Meanwhile, the Bank of Tanzania pointed out that it shall continue to engage banks and financial institutions to ensure that credit granting procedures are effectively adhered to in order to underwrite quality credits and reduce the rate of non-performing loans.

**“ High rate of non-performing loans is among major causes of high lending rates and may lead to instability of the banking sector ”**

By Special Correspondent

## Energy transition very central to Africa's economic future - report

AN integrated policy framework built around the energy transition could bring a wave of new sustainable energy investment to Africa, growing the region's economy by 6.4 per cent by 2050, results of an analysis published today by the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) in collaboration with the African Development Bank (AfDB) revealed.

The report, Renewable Energy Market Analysis: Africa and its Regions, shows that Africa is prospering significantly from development enabled by renewables, while greatly improving energy access and offering profound welfare and environmental benefits to people across the continent.

Its vision for an energy transition in Africa aligned with global climate ambition shows the continent generating 26 million more economy-wide jobs by 2050 than is anticipated under a business as usual scenario plans. Jobs created through the energy transition in Africa would outstrip fossil fuel related job losses by a factor of four, presenting a significant net gain to regional economies. Around two million people currently work in the

fossil fuel industry in Africa.

“Africa's governments and people are too often asked to rely on unsustainable fossil fuels to power their development when renewable energy and energy efficiency solutions offer economically attractive and socially beneficial alternatives,” said Francesco La Camera.

“The transition offers a unique opportunity for Africa to meet its development imperatives. Through tailored policy packages, African countries can harness their strengths and resources to overcome long-established structural dependencies.”

“Africa is endowed with abundant renewable energy sources, upon which it can sustainably base its ambitious socio-economic development. However, this requires strong political commitment, a just and equitable energy transition framework, and massive investments.

The African Development Bank

is committed to supporting the continent's energy transition, by facilitating increased private sector investments through its expanding range of green finance instruments, including the Sustainable Energy Fund for Africa,” said Dr. Kevin Kariuki, African Development Bank, Vice President for Power, Energy, Climate & Green Growth.

Coal, natural gas and oil together account for about 70 per cent of Africa's total electricity generation today and conventional power attracts far more funding than renewables in Africa, owing to an established process that favours less capital-intensive thermal generation, the report notes.

Energy transition finance must become more readily accessible. Coordinated efforts should be made to ensure public spending - the dominant source of energy transition finance in Africa - clearly prioritises renewables.

Of the USD 2.8 trillion invested in renewables globally between 2000

and 2020, only two per cent went to Africa, despite the continent's enormous renewable energy potential and its need to bring modern energy to billions of citizens still lacking access.

While the rate of access to energy in Sub-Saharan Africa rose from 33 per cent to 46 per cent over the last decade, rapid population growth meant 570 million people still lacked electricity access in 2019 - 20 million more than 10 years ago. About 160 million more people lacked access to clean cooking over the same period.

“Enabling African countries, which have contributed little to historic greenhouse gas emissions, to develop, while recognising the need to address the climate emergency is imperative,” said Director-General La Camera.

“International cooperation, including South-South cooperation, will be a key to mobilising resources and know-how at the scale and speed proper.



Tanga district commissioner Hashim Mgandilwa has a word with journalists just outside Amboni Gorge, a tourist attraction under the Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority, moments after they visited it yesterday. Photo: Boniface Gideon

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## The role of Africa's youth in peace building is crucial

PEACE is a concept of societal friendship and harmony in the absence of hostility and violence.

In a social sense, peace is commonly used to mean a lack of conflict (such as war) and freedom from fear of violence between individuals or groups. Throughout history, leaders have used peacemaking and diplomacy to establish a type of behavioral restraint that has resulted in the establishment of regional peace or economic growth through various forms of agreements or peace treaties. Such behavioral restraint has often resulted in the reduced conflict, greater economic interactivity, and consequently substantial prosperity.

"Psychological peace" (such as peaceful thinking and emotions) is perhaps less well defined, yet often a necessary precursor to establishing "behavioral peace." Peaceful behavior sometimes results from a "peaceful inner disposition." Some have expressed the belief that peace can be initiated with a certain quality of inner tranquility that does not depend upon the uncertainties of daily life.

The acquisition of such a "peaceful internal disposition" for oneself and others can contribute to resolving otherwise seemingly irreconcilable competing interests. Peace is not often in the state of excitement although we are happy when excited, but peace is when one's mind is quiet and satisfied.

United Nations International Youth Day, arguably the most important day on the U.N. calendar you may not have heard of. However, there are roughly 1.8 billion reasons you should take note. Today's 'peak' youth generation represents the largest in human history, and more than half the global population

is under the age of 30. Perhaps even more consequential to the security and economic landscape is that lower income—often volatile regions—house a significant majority of young people worldwide. Poverty, inequality, conflict and displacement threaten stability and peace. growth.

Recognizing the imperative of these demographic and security dynamics the U.N. Security Council, under a U.S. presidency, unanimously adopted Resolution 2250, on Youth, Peace, and

While youth can be a boon to economies, hundreds of millions of young people are neither in school nor work; and many labor markets can't keep pace in creating enough jobs to absorb new entrants contributing to alarming levels of unemployment. And though youth yearn to work, innovate, and be entrepreneurial, the inability of hundreds of millions to do so is undermining growth and costing the world billions of dollars, driving migration and destroying the social fabric of many communities.

Despite their talent and ambition, as longer term financial prospects dwindle, far too many are losing hope in their future. Academics may debate whether scant evidence demonstrates a direct causal link between youth and violence or conflict, but there is little doubt that as conditions weaken, youth are more likely to be drawn into illicit or criminal economic activities.

Similarly, though youth tend to drive social, political, and peace movements, they don't necessarily have a meaningful voice in reforms or regime change and are too often sidelined from governance and decision-making, participation in governance, dispute resolution, and online engagement.

## More efforts needed to ease disastrous impacts of floods

A flood is an overflow of water that submerges land that is usually dry. In the sense of 'flowing water', the word may also be applied to the inflow of the tide. Floods are an area of study of the discipline hydrology and are of significant concern in agriculture, civil engineering and public health.

Human changes to the environment often increase the intensity and frequency of flooding, for example land use changes such as deforestation and removal of wetlands, changes in waterway course or flood controls such as with levees, and larger environmental issues such as climate change and sea level rise. In particular climate change's increased rainfall and extreme weather events increases the severity of other causes for flooding, resulting in more intense floods and increased flood risk.

Flooding may occur as an overflow of water from water bodies, such as a river, lake, or ocean, in which the water overtops or breaks levees, resulting in some of that water escaping its usual boundaries,[4] or it may occur due to an accumulation of rainwater on saturated ground in an areal flood. While the size of a lake or other body of water will vary with seasonal changes in precipitation and snow melt, these changes in size are unlikely to be considered significant unless they flood property or drown domestic animals.

Floods can also occur in rivers when the flow rate exceeds the capacity of the river channel, particularly at bends or meanders in the waterway. Floods often cause damage to homes and businesses if they are in the natural flood plains of rivers. While riverine flood damage

can be eliminated by moving away from rivers and other bodies of water, people have traditionally lived and worked by rivers because the land is usually flat and fertile and because rivers provide easy travel and access to commerce and industry. Flooding can lead to secondary consequences in addition to damage to property, such as long-term displacement of residents and creating increased spread of waterborne diseases and vector-borne diseases transmitted by mosquitos.

During the rainfall season in this year several regions will experience above normal rains. It will be recalled that in 2015 we witnessed flash floods killing at least 38 people in Shinyanga Region after strong winds and hail battered villages.

We had also witnessed in 2011 at least 23 people were killed and thousands displaced in the worst flooding to hit Tanzania in 50 years.

The statement from the agency is wake up call that we should look back at what are the causes of flood and what to do in case of floods. Floods generally occur as a result of bad weather for example storms, cyclones, tornadoes or thunderstorms, heavy or persistent rain or the sudden discharge of water.

These events lead to a rise in the water level of major riverbeds or to an accumulation of flow water, to the resurgence of underground rivers or to thaws in low-lying areas adjoining stream banks or river estuaries.

In mountainous areas, landslides, earthquakes, and avalanches can cause the overflowing or rupture of hydraulic dams or cause unstable blockages at certain points on rivers, and thus threaten or destroy people and the infrastructure located in the lower parts of valleys.

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## Musical Chairs



## Politicians fail, then blame the constitution

By Steven Friedman

LINDIWE Sisulu's attack on the judiciary is misguided. Not once since 1994 has a government tested the Constitution's capacity to implement change, but the courts have.

The South African Constitution will not be radically changed or scrapped any time soon. If it was, some politicians would have no one to blame but themselves.

Much ink has been spilled on Minister of Tourism Lindiwe Sisulu's article announcing her candidacy for ANC president by attacking South Africa's judges and the Constitution. Given its purpose, her article is being treated not as a contribution to public debate, but as a reflection of the state of the governing party's factionalism. This is accurate but a pity, because the debate over the courts and the Constitution is one that needs to be had, even if politicians misuse it.

The argument against the Constitution has heavyweight support. Some distinguished legal scholars and social scientists have said it is a core reason why South Africa after 1994 is still wracked by poverty, inequality and racial division. From various viewpoints, they insist that the Constitution has been an obstacle to change. Their concerns have been taken up by some politicians, whose motives, as we will see, are a great deal less pure than those of the scholars.

Of course, the critics are right to point out that many of the patterns of pre-1994 South Africa are still with us. But is the Constitution really to blame? The short answer is no.

The simple reason is that there is nothing in the Constitution that prevents governments from addressing racism, poverty and inequality. The "barrier to change" that is most often mentioned is Section 25, the right to property. This is said to enable people who used force and law to deprive the majority of their land and wealth to keep their spoils. As we have seen over the past few years, Section 25 is said to prevent the state from expropriating land unless it compensates the owners (enabling them to demand large sums of money in exchange).

But the property right is not unlimited. First, any rights guaranteed by the Constitution can, Section 36 says, be limited by "a law of general application" that is "reasonable and justifiable in an open and democratic society based on dignity, freedom and equality". Second, Section 25 also contains clause 8, which says: "No provision



SA minister Lindiwe Sisulu, 'a good example of the cynicism at play'

of this section may impede the state from taking legislative and other measures to achieve land, water and related reform, in order to redress the results of past racial discrimination."

So, if a government wanted to override the property clause to address racial unfairness, the Constitution already allows for that. This is why the debate over changing it to facilitate expropriation without compensation has been pure political theatre.

All this allows judges to decide if a government can limit the rights of those who own property, and some who want change fear that judges don't share their hopes. But we have no idea how judges would react if asked to make such a decision. As retired deputy chief justice Dikgang Moseneke often points out, there has been no case since 1994 in which the government has tried to redress poverty or inequality and has been prevented by the courts and their interpretation of the Constitution. The claim that judges have stood in the way of change is, therefore, false.

### Democracy killer

Some critics of the Constitution agree that it has not stopped change. But, they say, it has not made it happen either. They want a Constitution that leaves as little as possible to judges and lawyers

schedule would need to cover, it would have ended up being longer than the Constitution. This would leave no role at all for elected governments and would end up being interpreted by judges anyway. The result would not be a better country, but the transfer of power from elected representatives to lawyers - a new minority rule.

### A politician problem

The problem is not the Constitution but politicians, in particular elected governments that since 1994 have never tested how much change the courts would allow. And on the evidence so far, it seems likely that the courts interpreting the Constitution endorse more change than politicians. The Constitutional Court has, contrary to government policy at the time, upheld the right of homeless people to adequate housing and ruled that women are entitled to antiretrovirals that prevent them from transmitting HIV and Aids to their newborns. In this and other cases, they have not prevented government action against poverty, they have insisted on it.

Moseneke is right to insist that the Constitution is being blamed for the failures of politicians. When those who do this are scholars, we can accept their good faith. When they are politicians, their attacks are cynical attempts to shift blame for their own failings. Sisulu is hardly the only politician to do this, but she is a good example of the cynicism at play.

She has been a senior figure in the ANC and a Cabinet minister for many years now. While, unlike most of her colleagues, she likes to appoint advisers who have a taste for radical rhetoric, no one can recall a time since 1994 when she has challenged the patterns in society that create poverty or inequality, or gone to bat for people living in poverty. Some high-profile ANC politicians' desire for change is on display only when they are no longer in office, or in Sisulu's case, not in the office she would like to occupy. It is not a principled call for progress, it is an attempt to gain political advantage from a lack of change for which they are largely responsible.

South Africa is trapped in its past not by its Constitution, but by the actions and inactions of politicians who the law never prevented from devising and implementing an effective plan for moving to a more equal future. This should help us place in perspective the claims of politicians who advance their ambitions by blaming a document for their indifference toward the people who elected them.

Given how many situations the



# NATO in secondary role if Russia invades Ukraine

BRUSSELS

NATO could be more likely to reinforce its troop presence in the Black Sea and the Baltics whereas warding off cyberattacks if Russia had been to invade Ukraine, diplomats and former officers mentioned.

But with the Western navy alliance beneath no treaty obligation to defend Ukraine, which isn't a NATO member, among the hardest choices may fall on the European Union.

They embrace the right way to hit Moscow with any new financial sanctions, the fallout from any scarcity of Russian pure fuel to Europe and taking in refugees fleeing struggle.

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov has mentioned that diplomacy final week over legally binding safety calls for had come to a "useless finish". Envoys and consultants are divided over whether or not Russia will invade Ukraine.

The Kremlin has massed 100,000 troops close to Ukraine's borders, a buildup <https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/russia-belarus-plan-joint-military-drills-february-lukashenko-2022-01-17> that the West says is preparation for a struggle to cease Ukraine ever becoming a member of NATO. Russia denies planning an invasion.

NATO is already intensifying the technique it has employed since Russia annexed the Crimea peninsula from Ukraine in 2014, with extra defensive navy planning, modernising deterrents, supporting Ukraine with cyberwarfare groups and looking for dialogue with Moscow.

As there's a threat of any battle spilling over into NATO territory across the Black Sea, the alliance faces the dilemma of how far more to arrange and

the right way to assist Kyiv.

Even although NATO agreed at a summit in Bucharest in 2008 that Ukraine would sooner or later grow to be a NATO member, the alliance isn't certain by its founding treaty to defend Ukraine.

U.S. President Joe Biden has dominated out sending U.S. troops to Ukraine to struggle Russian troopers.

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg mentioned on Nov. 30: "It is necessary to tell apart between NATO allies and companion Ukraine ... Ukraine is a companion, a extremely valued companion."

Two NATO diplomats mentioned Western steps to assist Ukraine may vary from extra U.S. weaponry and drones for the Ukrainian armed forces to intensified coaching of Ukrainian forces - particularly in methods to react to any Russian missile assaults. Britain has begun supplying Ukraine with anti-tank weapons.

Stoltenberg mentioned the Western navy alliance would signal an settlement on nearer cybersecurity cooperation with Kyiv in the approaching days, with out giving extra particulars, after cyberattacks <https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/exclusive-ukraine-suspects-group-linked-belarus-intelligence-over-cyberattack-2022-01-15> on Ukrainian authorities web sites final week.

## NATO'S BALTIC FOCUS

Hans-Lothar Domroese, a retired German normal who led one of many highest NATO instructions till 2016, mentioned that if Russia invaded Ukraine, NATO would "elevate the alert ranges."

"NATO may reinforce the Japanese entrance, sending larger navy items to Poland and the Baltic states, one thing NATO has dominated out up to now. NATO may also base troops in



south-eastern Europe," he informed Reuters.

That would nonetheless be in defence of NATO territory, however would ship a message of resolve to Russia.

Since 2014, NATO has prioritised reinforcing the Baltics, and has deployed 4 multinational battalion-size battlegroups led by Canada, Germany, Britain and the United States in Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia and Poland.

Estonia's prime minister informed Reuters final week that the Baltic states had been

speaking to allies about rising navy deployments on their soil, and Stoltenberg has mentioned any Russian assault on Ukraine would spur a choice.

Denmark agreed final week to ship 4 extra F-16 warplanes to Lithuania and a frigate to assist patrol the Baltic Sea.

The troops function a "journey wire" for NATO's 40,000-strong response pressure to come back in rapidly and convey extra U.S. troops and weapons from throughout the Atlantic.

## POSSIBLE SPILLOVER IN

## BLACK SEA REGION

Retired U.S. General Ben Hodges, who commanded U.S. military forces in Europe from 2014 till 2017, mentioned NATO allies ought to put together for broader penalties from any Russian invasion of Ukraine. He warned that the militarised Crimea peninsula has grow to be Russia's "unsinkable plane provider".

"I'd count on that if there's a new offensive on a major scale, there's a likelihood of a spillover, whether or not at sea, in the air, in cyber," Hodges in-

formed Reuters.

"If there's a new offensive, then we now have three NATO allies in the Black Sea area: Romania, Bulgaria and Turkey ... We must be taking all steps for our collective defence."

The two NATO diplomats mentioned allied defence ministers had been probably subsequent month to debate sending extra forces to NATO's multinational division headquarters in Romania. Although operational since 2017, it stays solely a land command, with out rapid air, maritime or particular force-

es. Hodges mentioned a extra substantial operational centre would come with extra naval and air workout routines, intelligence sharing, higher monitoring of Russian submarines and industrial port visits to Crimea, and in the end higher preparation for battle.

Romania has pushed for a much bigger NATO naval presence on the Black Sea, however its neighbour Bulgaria is cautious of scary Russia. The involvement of Turkey, a member of NATO however not of the EU, could be essential.

# Xiconomics: How China's development drives 'growbalisation'

BEIJING

WITH trains rumbling down new tracks, the only landlocked country in Southeast Asia - Laos, has just been unlocked, poised to transform itself into a hub connecting the fast-growing region to markets as far away as in Europe.

Since it was opened to traffic on Dec. 3, the China-Laos Railway has been getting busier. Lao travelers wait in long queues to buy highly sought-after passenger tickets on weekends and holidays, and more than 100 million U.S. dollars' worth of goods were transported across the border via the southeastern Chinese city of Kunming within one month.

To development, connectivity matters, especially in the era of globalization. It is a most urgent need for many developing countries, and a priority for what is widely known as "Xiconomics," Chinese President Xi Jinping's philosophy on promoting both domestic and global economic development.

Guided by Xiconomics, China has been doing its best to help improve global connectivity and promote common growth over recent years, effectively upgrading globalization into what can be referred to as "growbalization" (growth plus globalization).

Now against the backdrop of a raging pandemic, that is making a difference.

## ON THE RAILS

Thanks to the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), the Laos-China Railway has been completed and put into operation, and the Lao people have finally realized their railway dream, said Lao President Thongloun Sissoulth.

The importance of transportation cannot be overemphasized. It is the artery of a nation, and of the globalized world. As a popular Chinese saying goes, "Roads lead to riches."

The World Bank has estimated



An electric multiple unit (EMU) train of the China-Laos Railway crosses a major bridge over the Yuanjiang River in southwest China's Yunnan Province, Dec. 3, 2021. File photo

that the China-Laos Railway could significantly reduce land transport prices by 40 to 50 percent between Vientiane and Kunming, and by 32 percent between Kunming and the Port of Laem Chabang in Thailand. As the railway connects Laos to the vast BRI network, including the China-Europe Railway Express, aggregate income in the country could be increased by up to 21 percent over the long term.

Across Eurasia, the China-Europe Railway Express has so far transported goods worth more than 200 billion dollars, greatly contributing to the stability of the international supply chains.

In the past decades, China has both benefited from globalization, and contributed to its development. China's gross domestic product has increased 8.1 percent year on year in 2021, leading the world to recover from the once-in-a-century COVID-19 pandemic.

Economic globalization is the trend of the times, Xi reiterated in a landmark speech on Monday at the 2022 World Economic Forum (WEF) virtual session, calling for joint efforts to make "economic globalization more open, inclusive, balanced and beneficial for all" and fully unleash "the vitality of the world economy."

"We need to discard a Cold War mentality and seek peaceful coexistence and win-win outcomes," he said, pointing out that "confrontation does not solve problems; it only invites catastrophic consequences."

It is not the first time the Chinese president has expounded his vision on globalization. Five years ago, Xi expressed China's willingness to share its development achievements with the world.

"China's development is an opportunity for the world," Xi said in a keynote speech at the 2017 annual meeting of the WEF. "We will open our arms to the people of other countries and welcome them aboard the express train of China's development."

Across the world, China's development and cooperation with other countries have changed the life trajectory of numerous people. In Africa, China helped Kenya build the country's first railway since its independence, which links its two largest cities - Nairobi and Mombasa - and allows people to work in satellite cities and towns and join their families within hours.

Mohammad Nauman, a young Pakistani man, made a career decision seven years ago

when China and Pakistan decided to build Pakistan's first metro system. He became a technician at the metro company. In 2020, the line was opened to traffic.

"It was very amazing for me that this whole connectivity was coming to my country," said Nauman.

## DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL

Nauman is just one of many who have enjoyed career opportunities from China-proposed initiatives aimed at leveraging its own development to promote the common development of the world.

"The Belt and Road Initiative addresses the crux of the problem of developing countries: effective infrastructure, from rail and ports to power and communications," said Robert Lawrence Kuhn, chairman of the Kuhn Foundation, in a recent interview with Xinhua.

"China has, by far, the most experience in designing and building infrastructure in recent decades and its commitment to work with the developing world is a major step in redressing deep global imbalances," Kuhn said.

By assisting countries to get on its "express

train," China is seeking win-win outcomes. Now it serves as a growth globalizer that is well positioned to further boost economic globalization for common prosperity.

Different from what Western countries have done in the past century, China's globalization drive is based on its openness and sustained readiness to share development opportunities with the rest of the world. So far, the BRI has become the world's broadest and largest platform for international cooperation.

China respects the integrity of nations, upholds the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of other nations, and "respects the equality of all nations, small or large, developing or developed," Kuhn said.

The call to advance development for all is in line with China's domestic endeavor for common prosperity, which has successfully lifted more than 770 million people out of poverty, a miraculous achievement in human history.

Behind this cause is the country's people-centered principle. Putting people first, the Chinese government has accurately identified the causes of poverty and mobilized vast resources to address them.

Now with global inequality on the rise and COVID-19 exposing social ruptures, the same principle is being increasingly prioritized in China's globalization drive.

"No matter what difficulties may come our way, we must adhere to a people-centered philosophy of development, place development and livelihoods front and center in global macro-policies," Xi said in his speech on Monday.

From implementing major initiatives in China-Africa cooperation to advancing regional economic integration in the Asia-Pacific region, China's down-to-earth actions have brought tangible benefits to all people involved.

"I think there is a common understanding that China is a real force for good. It means what it says. And it says to itself what it should do, and applies it too," said Jean-Jacques de Dardel, a former ambassador of Switzerland to China. "I think China is doing a great job."

Just as the Chinese president has said, "only when countries develop together can there be true development, and only when countries prosper together can there be true prosperity." **Xinhua**



# China tops world in terms of auto production, sales for 13 consecutive years

By Wang Zheng

**C**HINA produced over 26.08 million automobiles and sold nearly 26.28 million in the past year, securing stable growth in the auto industry in the inaugural year of its Five-Year Plan period (2021-2025).

These two figures, up 3.4 percent and 3.8 percent, respectively, made China the world's largest auto manufacturer and seller for the 13th year in a row, and further reinforced China's position as the largest auto market in the world.

Currently, production lines of a plant of Chinese carmaker Changan Auto in Liangjiang New Area, southwest China's Chongqing Municipality are in full swing. The plant has manufactured 13,682 vehicles since the New Year holiday ended, progressing steadily toward the January goal of 79,165 units, said Zhu Huarong, president of Changan Auto.

According to him, the brands under the automobile group sold more than 1.75 million vehicles in the past year, up 16.7 percent from a year ago.

On Dec. 26, 2021, IM Motors, a new smart electric vehicle brand under China's major carmaker SAIC Motor delivered its first model. Over the past year, SAIC Motor delivered more than 5.81 million vehicles, up 5.5 percent year on year, ranking first in the country for 16 consecutive years. Among them, nearly 2.86 million were sold by the self-owned brands under the automobile group, accounting for 52.3 percent of the group's total sales volume.

"Putting an end to a three-year downward trend, the auto industry has made huge contributions to the recovery of the Chinese industrial economy and the country's stable growth in macro economy, said Wang Weiming, an official with the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT).

An obvious consumption upgrade was observed in the Chinese auto market as Chinese residents' income gradually increased, Wang noted.

In 2021, 21.48 million passenger vehicles were sold in China, up 6.5 percent from a year ago. High-end passenger vehicle brands sold 3.47 million of them, surging 20.7 percent year on year, 14.2 percentage points higher than the general growth in the total sales of passenger vehicles.

"The Chinese auto industry has made remarkable innovations and achieved phenomenal progress in making products more electrified, connected and intelligent," said Fu Bingfeng, executive vice-president and secretary general of the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers.

Over the past year, single-cell energy density of Chinese-made power batteries neared 300 watt-hours per kilogram of mass, which meant that it is possible to make a battery system of 200 watt-hours per kilogram of mass, Fu introduced. According to him, over 20 percent of the new vehicles sold on the Chinese market last year were equipped with combined driver assistance system.



The 2022 Haikou International New Energy Vehicle & Connected Mobility Show is held at Hainan International Convention and Exhibition Centre in Haikou in south China's Hainan province, Jan. 8, 2022. File photo

Chinese brands sold 9.54 million passenger vehicles last year, up 23.1 percent year on year. The figure accounted for 44.4 percent of the total passenger vehicle sales across the country, six percentage points higher from a year ago, which was close to the best record in history.

China's new energy vehicle (NEV) industry has entered a new stage of accelerated development, Fu said, adding that the market penetration of NEVs stood at 13.4 percent in China, eight percentage points higher than that in the previous year.

The goal of lifting the figure to 20 percent in 2025 and 40 percent in 2030 is very likely to be achieved ahead of schedule, he said.

In 2021, China's auto vehicle exports doubled to 2.02 million units, including 1.61 million passenger vehicles and 402,000 commercial vehicles. China's annual vehicle exports usually stood at around one million units in the past decade, and this was the first time for the country to have breached the two-million-mark. Fu called the performance a historic progress that mirrored a tipping point in Chinese automakers' overseas development.

All Chinese auto enterprises reported a rapid growth in exports over the last year. Four among the top ten exporters saw a growth of over 100 percent. A total of 310,000 Chinese NEVs were sold to foreign destinations in 2021, increasing threefold year on year.

The UK, Norway, Germany, France and other European countries are major sources of potential consumers of Chinese NEVs in the future.

People's Daily

## 'I didn't take Covid-19 seriously enough' -- ICU patient in Italy laments near-death experience

ROME

**W**HILE the number of intensive-care-unit patients has been inching higher in recent weeks as the Omicron variant of the coronavirus spreads in Italy, it has not approached levels seen during earlier waves yet.

But at least one patient, recently released from Rome's Spallanzani Hospital after more than two weeks in the intensive care unit (ICU), warns there is no reason people should drop their guard.

"I could have died, and at one point I thought I was going to die," Roberto, a 61-year-old government worker, told Xinhua. "I didn't take the pandemic seriously enough and I paid the price," he said.

"My doctors said I was lucky to recover completely." Roberto, a grandfather of two, was vaccinated in March 2021, around three months after Italy first started vaccinating residents. But as infection rates fell to low levels during the summer of that year, he said he disregarded messages from regional health officials for a second dose.

When a new wave of the pandemic started to push infection rates higher again in September, Roberto said



Medical staff members work in a COVID-19 ward at a hospital in Bologna, Italy, Dec. 3, 2021. File photo

he intended to ask his doctor about a new vaccine dose but never got around to it. "I was just being stupid," he recalled.

"I would hear about people getting sick on the television news and I thought it wouldn't happen to me. I didn't go out much and I usually wore a mask. I only spent time with my daughter and grandsons and sometimes a coffee at the local bar. I thought I was safe."

But I wasn't," Roberto said he started feeling sniffles in early November. When they didn't go away after two or three days, he asked his doctor if he should get vaccinated.

The doctor told him to get a rapid antigen test for the virus first, and Roberto said his fears were realized: he tested positive for COVID-19. He recalled that symptoms were stable at first -- sniffles and a dry cough. Soon he started to feel dehydrated and got headaches.

The discomfort kept him up at night, and soon it started to become difficult to breathe. A few times he struggled to take in new air. "The doctor told me to go to the emergency room and I went thinking they'd give me something to feel better, but I ended up staying in Spallanzani for 16 days," Roberto said.

Roberto was hospitalized amid a

new wave of the pandemic that has seen the number of ICU patients climb dramatically.

According to official data released on Monday, there are more than 1,700 ICU patients in Italy. That is far higher than the low point of fewer than 350 such patients as recently as late October, and the fewer than 200 in the summer of 2021, when Roberto decided against a second vaccine dose.

But the latest numbers are still less than half of the peaks of more than 4,000 in April 2020, or more than 3,500 per day in both November 2020 and in March and April 2021. Any number above 3,500, medical experts say, puts a major strain on Italy's public health system.

Fortunately, for Roberto, he appears to have recovered well. He floated in and out of consciousness for three of those days, he said, and then started improving quickly.

Later after that, Roberto got a clean bill of health and his daughter took him home. He said he is determined not to repeat the mistakes he made in the past. "Right now, I have coronavirus antibodies and so I'm protected. But as soon as the doctor tells me it's time to get a vaccine, I'll be first in line," he said. "I have a new lease on life, and I want to make the most of it."

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# Women rice farmers in Pemba threatened by rising sea levels

By Jenifer Gilla

A 45-year-old Lailatu Rashid planted her rice in September last year and she expected a lot from the farm.

But, the story became bitter as during her harvest in December last year, Lailatu of Kiongoni village, Micheweni District, Pemba Region is the month of laughter and smile for her and family.

December always is the harvesting time in her one and a quarter acre of rice. But, her smile faded away; as she ended up getting one bag of 100kgs in her rice farm she used to get more than ten bags.

Lailatu was confused as she thought ways to feed her family with just one sack.

Her heartbeats slowed after learning that she is not the only one caught up in the situation, everyone was complaining about the same problem.

According to her, the situation started to get worse in 2014 when seawater invaded the basin and affected the rice fields little by little from top to bottom.

"Last year, it came to my farm and caused me to harvest only one sack from five I harvested in July," Lailatu recounts.

Before the disaster, Lailatu used to harvest 15 to 20 sacks from her farm and selling 10 to 15 sacks, each 60,000/- each and giving her 60,000/- to 1,000,000/- which was helping her raise the family.

For Lailatu, to survive during this period, she decided to pick cloves from other people's farms and sell them where she earns 3,000/- a day if she manages to get them, the situation she admits is not good for the development.

Lailatu is one of 240 female farmers (86.96 percent) of the Tovuni Basin farmers from Kiongoni and Wingwi Mjananza villages with 36 male (13.14 percent).

An assessment of the impact of climate change in Zanzibar, conducted by the Department of Environment, Office of the Vice

President Zanzibar, shows that the Shehia with a population of 1,702 (856 men and 846 women), 40 percent of its area is affected by seawater, and agriculture, livestock and fisheries are the mainstay of people in the area.

According to the 65-year-old Saidi Issa, and chairman of the Rice Basin, 40 out of 216 hectares of the basin can no longer be used for agriculture due to seawater invasion, leaving 40 out of 276 farmers without land for cultivation.

### Efforts made

According to the chairman, they made various efforts to prevent seawater from entering their fields but it did not bear fruit.

"In 2017, we donated money from farmers and got 1.1m/-, we built a wall with a height of 451 meters, but in 2018 the wall was washed away due to heavy rainfall," Issa says, adding:

"After that we wrote a letter to Wete District Commissioner, who made an effort to build gates for them to take out salt water so that they would cultivate the land, but the plan did not work as sea water continues to get in."

### Abandons farms

Some of the farmers decided to stop farming because of the loss that they got as days went on. Rehema Alihamad (55), a resident of Kiongoni is one of them. She says: "I've decided to give up rice farming for now, because I do not see the reason to cultivate crops that I know that I will not harvest anything, I use my energy and skills in the field and finally I get nothing."

The mother of 12 was initially earning 460,000/- each time she sold 8 sacks of rice she harvested from acre and the remaining two sacks were used as food at home.

Rehema is now growing different types of vegetables after realising that rice farming decline in the area due to climate change. She grows vegetable such as okra, tomatoes and eggplant in one acre,



Farmers at Tovuni rice basin, conducting a meeting next to their farms which had been invaded by rising sea levels

where she realises profits.

"After seeing the rice harvest decline every season in 2018 I rented one hectare where I started horticultural crops now I am thankful to harvest these vegetables a day and sell 5,000/- to 10,000/-, I use the money to buy rice and other family activities," she says.

Rehema is proud of the success she has achieved from the new business, where she bought an acre of land from the sales in 2020 which she uses to grow the crops now, while he complained that drought in the land and lack of irrigation equipment is a major challenge as she has to rely on seasonal rains on the farm.

Khadija Bakari expressed her worries on the children's health, saying: "This is another challenge. Child health deteriorates because of not eating rice they are accustomed to."

"You know here our main food is rice despite the fact that we grow other crops like cassava and vegetables, due to the shortage of rice we have to give them cassava that they are not used to so they are not eating well, my fear is my children will get sick," explains Khadija.

### Adaptation Fund to Save the Ark

The Zanzibar Irrigation Department expects to receive \$131,893 from Second Vice President of

Authority (ZAWA), Energy and Minerals, Ministry of Lands, Ministry of Blue Economy and Fisheries, we chose these areas because the research we conducted in 2012 found them as most affected areas," says Farhat.

National Environmental Management Council's senior environmental officer and national coordinator of the Adaptation Fund, Fredrik Mulinda said that NEMC is the said the implementation of the project would officially start in January 2022 and thanked the Second Vice President's Office for raising the challenge.

"We received a report on the effects of climate change in Zanzibar from the Second Vice President's Office and we wrote a proposal to request funding from the Adaptation Fund. For the Glory of God our proposal was accepted and implementation will begin shortly" he added.

Climate change is not the only challenge women are facing, they have also cited lack of modern agricultural education as well as access to credit as a source of underdevelopment.

"If we had the knowledge of modern agriculture we would probably have relocated our rice fields to other areas and cultivate or even cultivate other crops such as maize, but this knowledge is known to men not us," complains Lailatu.

"These sectors are the Ministry of Agriculture, Zanzibar Water

While a 38-year-old Mchanga Kombo Saidi complains of not having access to credit like the women of other villages is the source of economic backwardness.

"We heard that our colleagues in the city joined groups of 10 people and are given business loans, we want those loans and entrepreneurship education to reach us, the issue of depending on agriculture only is what has made us poorer now, because we have no other means of earning an income," says Kombo.

The UNDP report on Gender, Climate Change and food security shows that despite significant strides in addressing gender inequalities over the years, rural women are still among the most marginalized groups in society and are particularly vulnerable to current and future climate change and food insecurity.

The agency of rural female farmers is essential for enhancing agricultural productivity to ensure food security (SDG 2) and addressing the perils of climate changes (SDG 13) because they play a pivotal role in the three components of food security: food availability (production), food access (distribution), and food utilization.

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By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

EXTENSIVE adoption of climate-smart agricultural technologies, best practices, finance and market access, have marked tremendous productivity and income upsurge for a critical mass of smallholder farmers in a multi-million dollar horticultural industry.

Courtesy of the main champion of nearly \$779 million industry, TAHA's pilot project bankrolled by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for spearheading contemporary technology drive in nine districts in Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Mara and Simiyu regions that has yielded a substantial impact on horticultural crops productivity and revenue for farmers.

For instance, horticultural smallholder growers in Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Simiyu and Mara have recorded incredible incomes growth, children's education access, improved health and enhanced social status with access to decision making processes in their communities, courtesy of TAHA and UNDP pilot project.

New statistics indicate that the trial project supported small-scale farmers in Bunda and Busega districts in Mara and Simiyu regions respectively, have become the millionaires in the making, courtesy of tomato cultivation.

With a 100kg crate of tomato attracting 100,000/- at the farm gate price, growers in Bunda and Busega are happily making million shillings in return.

For instance, Bulamba farmers group at Butimba ward in Bunda district that grew tomatoes in an acre farm have earned 4.5 million for selling 45 crates of maiden harvest tomatoes at the farm gate price.

The cluster's chairman, Abiud Masige, said that they look forward to harvest nearly 500 crates per season, meaning that the group with eight farmers will reap a cool 50m/-, a reasonable income

indeed by any standards.

The group used to cultivate tomato traditionally and harvest around 64 crates, making 1.3m/- per season, owing to the low productivity compounded by poor technology, lack of know-how, low tomato quality and prices as well as non-existence of the reliable markets.

The prevailing yields and profits are groundbreaking, far beyond their imaginations and it poises to be an economic game changer for a critical mass of smallholder farmers in Busega and Bunda as nearby growers also replicate the best practices from their colleagues under the project.

Through the UNDP financial support, TAHA has been offering the smallholder growers with the climate smart technologies like greenhouses, drip irrigation, solar energy, water harvesting systems, inputs, such as hybrid seeds, fertilizers and training on best agricultural practices to improve crops production to meet both local and export demands.

It is understood, TAHA in partnership with UNDP has provided high quality extension services, transforming over 3,900 subsistence farmers, mainly youth and women, into modern competitive entrepreneurs by facilitating access to financing, technology, inputs, infrastructure and markets in Europe and the Gulf.

For example, the official data shows, farmers are now harvesting 35,000 kg of tomatoes per acre, up from 9,000 kg prior to the joint intervention, equivalent to 77 percent increase in productivity.

The project also saw an increased access to inputs. For instance TAHA has facilitated a blanket registration of 213 pesticides and Biological control agents in Tanzania, making them more readily available as per market demands.

TAHA Group CEO, Dr Jacqueline Mkindi was overwhelmed with

# Massive boost for horticulture sector



UNDP Resident Representative, Christine Musisi and TAHA CEO, Dr Jacqueline Mkindi led the UNDP and TAHA team to a field visit in Arusha.

joy, saying their painstaking efforts to see Tanzania produce and get a share in the global organic food value chain worth \$369 billion annually, have paid off.

"We are very proud that our efforts to register biological control have enabled our member, the multi-flower Ltd, to produce the biocontrol agents for local consumption and export markets. This means that Tanzania will be able to get a slice in the global organic food market value of \$369 billion," Dr Mkindi explained.

The global organic food market is mainly driven by increasing health concerns among people due to the growing number of chemical poisoning cases, awareness about the harmful effects of pesticide residues in food and its impact on health.

The Tanzania's company behind the breakthrough, the Multiflower Limited based in Arusha, said that currently, it could produce 1,200 liters of biocontrol agents per day or 6000 liters per week, offering a ray of hope to the horticultural growers and exporters to take advantage of the World organic food value chain.

The Managing Director of Multi-flower Ltd, Tjerk Scheltema said that the biocontrol agents are currently only supplied to local flower farms and the

surplus are exported to Holland, flying Tanzania's profile high in terms of innovation.

The TAHA and UNDP project also intensified the climate-smart technology adoption, with 70 percent of trained farmers having been embracing new technologies and practices that increase productivity, cut post-harvest losses from 65 to 32 percent and meet quality standards of high-end markets.

In terms of nutrition through school gardens, the project imparted the knowledge to over 2, 206 comprising 1,119 girls and 1,087 boys' pupils in Bunda and Moivaro primary schools in Mara and Arusha regions respectively. These pupils are taking these practices to their families.

The survey report further indicates that the project saw the new markets opened for smallholder farmers in the Middle East, and negotiations are underway to secure Ukraine market worth more than \$4 million per year.

In the issue of access to finance - TAHA and UNDP have successfully linked over 300 farmers to financial institutions to access affordable loans, as they have unlocked one billion Shillings from NMB and TADB.

TAHA and the UNDP pilot project also established the farmer's collection centers where growers would

not only be able to store their fresh crops, but also learn the modern agricultural practices.

In a project short stint three new market infrastructures have been developed two being the state-of-the-art collection centers in Tengeru-Arusha and Himo- in Moshi and one open market in Same district.

The project also spearheaded the rehabilitation of two key on-farm collection centers in Midawe in Arumeru district and Lyamungo division in Moshi Rural with a combined annual handling capacity of nearly 9,000 metric tons of produce.

It is anticipated that over 3,300 people comprising a total of 800 farmers, 2,400 farm employees, 100 center employees will directly benefit in the coming year.

For her part, Dr Mkindi, increasing horticultural productivity remains the key most important determinant of economic growth, health world and poverty reduction, and hence provides the key to achieving the sustainable development goals (SDGs).

She said that for millions of poor farmers in Tanzania, the adoption of climate-smart agricultural technology provides a route out of poverty through directly increasing producer incomes and wages, lowering the price of food and generating new livelihood opportunities.

"Developing the potential for increasing the productivity and incomes from horticultural smallholder growers will be key in achieving global food security," the TAHA boss concludes.

The UNDP Resident Representative, Christine Musisi said: "We have learned many lessons and are now in the process of developing a new programme, we call HOTIGRO, in full - horticulture transformation for inclusive growth with TAHA and a wider partnership base, including our sister agency, International Labour Organisation (ILO)".



# A court challenge that could be of enormous benefit to wildlife conservation

By Don Pincock

ACCESS to information and freedom of expression are measures by which we judge countries. Just consider the differences between, say, China and the Netherlands or Myanmar and South Africa and under which government you'd prefer to live.

What we may know and tell are the fluid boundaries of the kind of government we have and are of extreme importance to the media, because it's generally the media in its many forms that push those limits and the law which defines them. It's a battleground with a long history.

In the Napoleonic Wars, The Times of London enraged the government by publishing news of battles won and lost before the War Office even heard of them. But Whitehall had to accept defeat against a better information system and a newspaper that refused government subsidies and had huge popular support.

The opposite happened to Pravda, the official organ of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, which was prevented from publishing the massive defeats inflicted on Soviet Union forces in Afghanistan. What it might have known it could not tell.

South Africa has probably the most enlightened laws in Africa regarding press freedom, with a Constitution that ensures it and a Protection of Information Act that permits, on request, any information from any public entity.

Very often, however, this is lost on officials who think they own public information, or it is contested by people keen to hide what they do



A cage containing a dead baboon photographed by a cyclist in 2019 on an Eastern Cape farm belonging to Herman Botha. This and other images and accompanying critical commentary were posted on Facebook by prominent animal rights activist Bool Smuts, who was then sued by Botha for invading his privacy. File photo

from public scrutiny.

While this may annoy you or me, it enrages Dr Bool Smuts of the Landmark Foundation. He's known in the environmental field for his willing-

ness to fight for ethical conduct towards wildlife, particularly leopards. He doesn't shy away from vociferous and even litigious advocacy.

A farmer named Herman Botha

took him on and is now licking his legal wounds after the Supreme Court of Appeal slapped down with costs his attempt to shut down Smuts' exposure. In the process, the finding

has set a precedent for freedom of opinion.

The issue, to briefly recap the story in Daily Maverick, involved two lifeless animals. Cyclists crossing the farm Varsfontein near Alicedale discovered a dead baboon and a dead porcupine in cage traps without shade or water.

They photographed them and sent the information to Smuts, who posted it on Facebook, with the farmer's name, calling the trapping "utterly vile, ecologically ruinous, utterly unethical, cruel and barbaric".

Readers reacted by posting the name of the farm with Botha's business location and calling for a boycott. Botha filed an application in the Eastern Cape High Court and won an interim interdict preventing Smuts from publishing "defamatory statements".

Smuts appealed against the interdict in the Supreme Court of Appeal, which overturned it and allocated costs to Botha. What's interesting was the court's reasoning.

Quoting a Constitutional Court ruling on the foundations of democracy, it said what was implicated in Smuts' appeal was the tension between the right to privacy and the right to freedom of expression.

"What Mr Botha seeks to do is to unjustifiably limit Mr Smuts' right to freedom of expression and his entitlement to make a fair comment on the facts that are true and related to matters of public interest. Mr Smuts had a right to expose what he considered to be the cruel and inhumane treatment of animals at Mr Botha's farm."

It found the high court had erred, and here's the clincher: "There is no suggestion in [Smuts' Facebook]

posts that Mr Botha is acting unlawfully. What the posts asserted is that he was acting unethically and thus the public have a right to know of such practices.

"The purpose of public debate is to say things that others find different and difficult. Public debate does not require politeness.

"What Mr Botha seeks to do is unjustifiably limit Mr Smuts' right to freedom of expression and his entitlement to make fair comment on the facts that are true and related to matters of public interest."

As things go, that's a legal line in the sand. Commercial business practices are now open to fair comment and criticism without hindrance.

But Smuts, it seems, is not finished with challenging limitations to freedom. His next targets are public bodies that control the issuing of Threatened or Protected Species and other wildlife permits.

In South Africa, wild animals have no rights and are treated as res nullius - belonging to no one until they belong to someone through a permit or a permit exemption. They then become property.

But when permits are issued, the public is being denied access to know to whom, why, on what justification and conditions such allocations have been made. According to Smuts, in this way the allocation of permits has been weaponised against activists and researchers who have become critical of the state permitting actions, resulting in a culture of silence.

His challenge is based on his reading of the Constitution. If the environment is a "commons" for all our benefit, he believes there's a fundamental constitutional conflict between the common law of property in the way it treats animals, biodiversity and wildlife in particular, on the one hand, and the constitutional provisions of a healthy environment on the other.

He insists that when state officials ward protection of the wildlife commons through secret permits to private interests without due governance and transparency, the Constitution is being eroded. These permits include the killing of "damage-causing" animals (essentially considered vermin) and trophy hunting.

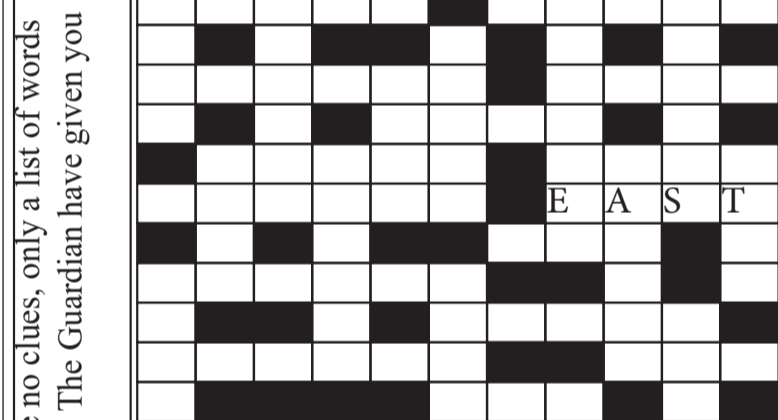
Withholding - or threatening to withhold - information from dissenting voices or conservation advocacy groups, he insists, is a weapon against the right of the public to know. It's open to abuse for nefarious purposes and not in the best interests of the public good or wildlife.

So with the first challenge hopefully behind him on the matter of the right to expose cruelty in the case of a porcupine and a baboon, the next challenge will be the secrecy of wildlife permit allocations and the weaponising of permit allocations against those who question them.

The Landmark Foundation will do this by challenging the way the Eastern Cape government conceals from the public the issuing of destruction and other permits for leopards and to whom they allocate them. Officials are essentially showing a finger to requests for the sort of information that should be public property.

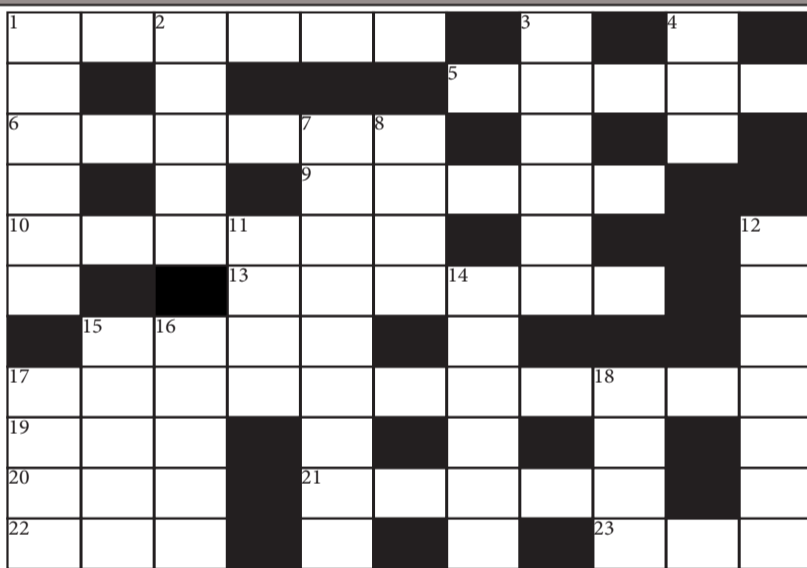
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## THE GUARDIAN SIMPLE WORD FIT // THE GUARDIAN CROSSWORD --00 206 00--



In this puzzle you have no clues, only a list of words that all fit into the grid. The Guardian have given you a head start

- 3 Letters: OWL, HAY, TAN, ARK,
- 4. Letters: REST, SAME, RAKE, AYA, IRAQ, EAST, Q-TIP, SAGA, TIME, AFRO,
- 5 Letters: READY, SCOPE, SNAKE, FROST,
- 6 Letters: ATHENS, LAYER, PAMPAS, SAHARA, RAKISH, ATTACH, TANAPA, MASHER, MASTER
- 7 Letters: CASHIER,



- CLUES: Across
1. a person who cultivates a land
  5. hire a land
  6. a piece of land surrounded by water
  9. an oil tanker
  10. any person
  13. Interfere
  15. a group with a strong common interest
  17. Estates on which crops are grown
  19. literary form of over
  20. fall behind
  21. indicates that a voice is silent
  22. single
  23. institute a legal proceedings for redress
- Down:
1. the sixth day of the week
  2. a mass meeting
  3. reveal something
  4. to inquire
  7. an unimportant person
  8. passed away
  11. Muscat is the Capital city
  12. the rubbing and kneading of muscles and joints
  14. identify the existence of
  15. free from dirt
  16. great size
  17. a game of Eastern origin
  18. cereal plants

**WORD-FIT SOLUTIONS**

**CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS**

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## DECELERATION

## Share trading at the bourse drops by 54.6pc as festive season takes its toll

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

SHARE trading at Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange dropped by 54.6 percent generating only 1.16bn/- during last week's session as end of year festive season's expenditure takes its toll on investors.

The bourse opened the trading session this year with investors exhibiting high appetite for stocks after posting a record 2.5bn/- during the first week of the year. DSE's weekly market report said the volume of shares traded was 2,051,835 with NMB Bank Plc accounting for 51.1 percent or 271,800 shares traded.

Meanwhile, an Orbit Securities weekly report said the All Share Index (DSEI) lost 25.90 points as EABL, JHL, NMG and KCB's share prices dropped by 6.1 percent, 3.1 percent, 5 percent and 3.1 percent respectively during the period.

The Tanzania Share Index (TSI) on the other hand, gained 7.6 points as Jatu and NMB share prices rallied throughout the week with an increase of 4.0 percent and 0.9 percent respectively.

"Foreign investors accounted for the

majority of the transactions when they bought 56.9 percent of shares," the report said while revealing that local investors dominated the selling side accounting for 99.98 percent.

In a related development, Zan Securities weekly report said the 364 days Treasury bills yield increased for seven consecutive auctions since October last year recording 4.0 percent then and ultimately gaining 103 basis points to reach 5.1 percent in the latest auction conducted on January 11, 2022, which is above the average yearly yield of 4.8 percent.

"The increase in the 364-days Treasury bills yield may be seen to have a negative correlation at the stock exchange as risk averse investors sell off their volatile positions and buy risk-free assets like Treasury bills owing to the relative uncertainty and volatility that comes with investing in the stock market," Zan Securities said in its report.

According to the stockbrokers, the market remains bullish as it forecasts on the TSI to gain a few basis points as during the New Year, reflecting a 'glass half

full' outlook based on strong corporate sales and profit growth resulting from good economic growth.

"These factors suggest a favourable backdrop for stocks, with the potential for more subdued gains when we enter the

second quarter of 2022 as companies prepare to release their 2021 audited financials," the report added. The secondary bond

market registered a 100 percent increase in trading after generating 62.66bn/- during the period compared to 18.4bn/- generated during



DSE's CEO Moremi Marwa.

## LUCRATIVE

## Africa's cannabis market to hit US\$7B by 2023

JOHANNESBURG

INTADOSE Pharma, a Canadian-based corporation, completed a record shipment of medicinal cannabis weighing 2.125 tonnes from South Africa to North Macedonia on December 25, 2021.

According to Phobition Partners, a research and consultation firm that deals in the legal cannabis industry, Africa's medicinal cannabis market will be worth US\$7.1 billion by 2023. Cannabis is the world's most cultivated drug.

Africa's hunger to exploit the cannabis market is accelerating because of the much-needed revenue and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Discussions about cannabis as a cure for the Corona Virus, though not backed up by any science, have gained foot, with some promoting the plant to combat some effects of the virus. In June 2020, South Africa got the trial

of marijuana off the ground as part of the six herbs that could effectively fight the COVID-19 pandemic.

A 2020 report by the research firm estimates that the marijuana market will be based majorly in the following five countries.

Market size would generate as follows if the required legislations take effect: Nigeria (US\$3.7 billion), South Africa (US\$1.7 billion), Morocco (US\$900 million), Lesotho (US\$90 million), and Zimbabwe (US\$80 million).

The co-founder and CEO of the Africa Cannabis Advisory Group, Sibusiso Xaba, said that he had experienced the most significant recent developments in South Africa, projecting that the market in the country will be the largest by revenue. Xaba reported that Africa exported over 15 tonnes of legal cannabis to the rest of the world in 2021, a tenfold increase from 2020.

Challenges facing legal cannabis

farming in Africa: Morality laws. Governments arrest many plant farmers who cultivate, sell, and consume cannabis in most African countries. In most African countries, the consumption of marijuana goes against religion. In a country estimated to have 2.6 million users of cannabis, the first lady of Uganda, Jane Museveni, and a section of cabinet secretaries have opposed legalizing the product terming it as "satanic" and ruinous to the future of the youth in Africa.

There has been stigmatization and a negative public perception of marijuana. Most people believe that Marijuana consumption slows down the brain's thinking capacity, which demotivates farming of the product.

There is insufficient knowledge about the industry by most governments in Africa. Investors to support cannabis farming are scarce. Most investors have been discouraged by the legal restrictions placed by most Afri-



Co-founder and CEO of Africa Cannabis Advisory Group, Sibusiso Xaba.

can countries barring the cultivation and selling of the product.

Despite the regulations and legal concerns in the country, the progress in South Africa is gathering the hype. The government has allowed commercially restricted hemp farming, a

botanical class of cannabis that contains less THC (the psychoactive compound that causes the "high" effect).

As governments across Africa change their approach to embracing the product's farming, they are making multi-million-dollar invest-

ments in the sector. On June 3, 2020, Goodleaf, one of South Africa's pioneer brands of commercial cannabis, merged with Highlands investments from Lesotho, the first country to legalize marijuana in Africa, in a deal valued at about US\$45.2 million.

## OPTIMISM

KAMPALA

UGANDA'S coffee sector closed the year 2021 on a high as its December export earnings were double compared to the previous year's corresponding period.

According to the Uganda Coffee Board, the country fetched US\$75.25 million in the export of 536,889 60-kilo bags, registering a 100.64% rise in

## Uganda coffee sector closes 2021 with bullish performance

value compared to December 2020.

The exported amount, which is 28.03% more compared to the same month last year, comprised of 452,55 bags of Robusta valued at US\$ 55.26 million and 84,301 bags of Arabica valued at US\$ 19.99 million. The higher income is attributed to improved global coffee prices which were 85

cents higher than US\$ 1.49/kilo in December 2020.

The positive trend in global coffee prices is credited to weather related issues in Brazil and shortage of shipping containers which prompted exporters to release their stocks. Meanwhile, increasing coffee exports during the month compared to the

previous year was due to newly planted coffee which started yielding supported by favourable weather.

The year 2021 was a promising period for the East African nation as its coffee exports for the 12 months (January 2021-December 2021) amounted to 6,765,428 bags worth US\$ 718.57 million. This was 23.26% and 38.18%

higher in both quantity and value respectively, compared to 5,488,927 60-kilo bags valued at US\$ 520.01 million sold the previous year 2020.

To facilitate trade, the top 10 export companies in the month of December 2021 included Ugacof, Ideal Quality Commodities, Kawacom, Olam Uganda, Touton Uganda, Ibero, Louis

Dreyfus Company, Kyagalanyi Coffee, Besmark Coffee Company, and Export Trading Company.

Meanwhile, the top 10 buying entities included: Sucafina, Ecom Agro Industrialist, Olam International, Touton Geneve, Bernhard Rothfos, Louis Dreyfus, Altasheel Import and Export Enterprises, Hamburg Coffee, Volcafe, and Aldwami Company.



Mozambique's Industry and Trade minister, Carlos Mesquita.

## FINANCING

## AfDB approves US\$47m grant for Mozambique's special agro-industrial zone

MAPUTO

THE Board of Directors of the African Development Bank Group (AfDB) has approved a US\$47.09 million grant for the first phase of Mozambique's Pemba-Lichinga Integrated Development Corridor, a Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zone.

The grant, from the African Development Fund, will help improve agricultural productivity and agribusiness development in the Niassa province by advancing institutional capacity, skills, and entrepreneurship to spur agricultural value chain growth.

The project will pilot improved policy and development coordination between the Niassa province and national departments, especially with the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zones are integrating development initiatives designed to concentrate agro-processing activities within areas of high

agricultural potential to boost productivity, integrate production, processing, and marketing of selected commodities.

These zones will enable agricultural producers, processors, aggregators, and distributors to operate in the same vicinity to reduce transaction costs and share business development services for increased productivity and competitiveness.

Coupled with bringing adequate infrastructure (energy, water, roads, ICT, etc.) to rural areas of high agricultural potential, SAPZs will attract investments from private agro-industrialists/entrepreneurs to contribute to the economic and social development of rural areas.

The initiative is in line with the Mozambique National Development Strategy 2015-2035, which seeks to improve the living conditions of the population through structural transformation of the economy and expansion and diversification of the production base.

It is consistent with the concerted efforts of the international community to support Mo-

zambique to promote inclusive economic growth and peace building in the north. The project also aligns with the African Development Bank's Country Strategy Paper 2018-2022 for Mozambique, with a focus on the northern provinces, and the Bank's Feed Africa Strategy for agriculture transformation.

Mozambique's Minister of Industry and Trade, Carlos Mesquita, described the project as a "game-changer" that would transform the economy, promote social inclusion and foster peace by tackling important industry enabling factors such as infrastructure for development.

African Development Bank Country Manager for Mozambique, Cesar Augusto Mba Abogo, highlighted the importance of the Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zones as a shared facility to enable agricultural producers, processors, aggregators and distributors to operate in the same neighbourhood to reduce transaction costs, share business development services and increase productivity and competitiveness.



## ADVISE

## BRELA chief urges owners to register businesses and leap benefits of formalisation

By Guardian Reporter

OWNERS of micro and small businesses have been encouraged to formally register them with Business Registration and Licensing Agency (Brela) so that they can benefit from opportunities which are provided by laws and regulations.

A Brela official in Morogoro, Yusuph Mwakasyafuka said on Monday during a familiarisation seminar with Morogoro Muslim University (MUM) students that formalisation of businesses is an important milestone because registered businesses get legal recognition hence avoid collapsing when trouble come.

"Many people do simple mistakes when they start their business, for example advertising it without registration it is against the country's regulations," Mwakasyafuka said while adding that one can register a company with minimal capital of only 20,000/-.

"Annual fees for registered com-

panies is very low and is based on size of paid up capital. For example, a company with 1m/- capital is required to pay only 167,200/- as annual fee," he said saying among other benefits, registered companies can get access to bank loans, legal protection in case of bankruptcy and other related benefits.

The Brela Morogoro officials further noted that registered companies also qualify to promote their products and services, get recognition by having logos, emblems and corporate colours.

When a company advertises its products and services it stand a good chance to compete in the market," he added. MUM's Head of Finance, Swalehe Said commended Brela for organising such sensitisation meetings which help business owners know what is expected from them once they start such investments.

"The knowledge that you have shared with us today has opened doors for our students because



Brela CEO, Godfrey Nyaisa.

they now know what to do once they start a business after graduation," Said said noting

that because of shortage of formal employment, many of the students will start their own

businesses to survive. "They can now start their business and be able to employ them-

selves after graduating from the university," he added saying the future of most graduates will be in self employment.

## INVESTMENT

## African Distillers builds US\$1m cider fermentation plant in Zimbabwe

HARARE

AFRICAN Distillers Limited (Afdis), manufacture, distributor and marketer of branded wines, ciders and spirits in Zimbabwe is nearing completion of its new US\$1m cider fermentation plant.

The facility which is expected to commence operations in the first quarter of the year, is aimed to cut cost on local production of ciders, as it has been relying on importation of raw materials. "We are in the process of setting up a cider fermentation plant which is expected to be completed by April. Various equipment and material were imported from South Africa with tanks already in the country.

"The US\$1m is mainly for hunters dry and hunters gold but other ciders can also be processed in that plant to cut costs," said Afdis managing director, Stanley Muchenje. In its financial results for the six months to September 30 2021, Afdis' profit slumped 71% to ZWL\$46m (US\$127,000)

from ZWL\$156.2m (US\$431,600) reported in the same period the previous year, dented by rise in sale of illegal alcohol which have recently flooded the market, reports News Day. Afdis Chairman Matlhogonolo Valela highlighted that localisation of some products and product innovation would sustain the operations of the company in the wake of the disrupted market.

Overall volumes in the period under review increased 66% over the same period the previous year, with wines and spirits volumes growing by 88% and 34% respectively. The ready to drink segment volumes grew 116% compared to the prior period, achieving the largest growth of the three group's categories due to improved availability of ciders.

The company's revenue increased 55% to ZWL\$2.6 billion (US\$7m) compared to ZWL\$1.7 billion (US\$4.7m) reported in the comparable prior year period. Operating income, however, declined to ZWL\$226.3m (US\$625,300) in the period

under review from ZWL\$418.7m (us\$1.15m) reported in 2020.

The slower growth in operating income is as a result of cost normalisation, increased distribution and Covid-19 related expenses, while growth in both inflation and historical terms was due to firm demand which resulted in higher volumes.

Afdis will focus on localising some of its brands as well as explore revenue and profitability growth opportunities through product innovation, riding on a stable operating environment. This will also help the company to deal with Covid-19 supply challenges that normally happens whenever there is a strict lockdown.

The company's investments would ride on the operating environment, which is expected to largely remain relatively stable. Muchenje said Afdis management will continue to explore growth opportunities and expand market share as well as improve production efficiencies and cost containment.



Afdis managing director Stanley Muchenje

## COLLAPSED

## Indian foodtech unicorn Zomato shuts down South Africa operations

JOHANNESBURG

INDIAN food delivery startup Zomato has completed the processes of deregistering its South Africa subsidiary.

According to a filing with the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), the company declared that Zomato South Africa Proprietary (Pty) Ltd., its step-down subsidiary, ceased operations with effective from January 3, 2022.

The company initiated the process of dissolution in November 2021, claiming that Zomato SA was not material to its business and its dissolution would not affect its turnover or revenue. The move is part of the company's "cleaning-up" exercise, with the food delivery firm shutting international subsidiaries that don't contribute to its business since it was listed on Indian exchanges in July.

The start-up became the first Indian unicorn to go public, successfully raising over US\$1.26 billion in an IPO that was more than 38 times oversubscribed. By last year September, Zomato had closed down its subsidiary in the United States and sold its stake in Nextable Inc for US\$100,000.

This is in addition to closure of its overseas subsidiaries - Zomato UK Limited (ZUK) in the UK and Zomato Media Private Limited (ZMPL) in Singapore. However, its UAE operations are still active. The company once saw its international operations as a key growth area, but revenues from overseas comprise a tiny portion of its earnings.

According to its quarterly earnings report, filed in August, the company which is yet to turn profitable earned Rs 806 crore (US\$110m) of its Rs 844.4 crore (US\$115m) operational revenue from India, Rs 31 (US\$4m) crore from the UAE, and the rest from other



A Zomato delivery motorbiker in Johannesburg

markets.

Shifting focus to its home market, Zomato seeks to dominate India's US\$4.2 billion food delivery market, which is highly competitive but also very fragmented. The company plans to invest US\$1 billion over the next two years to accelerate the growth of startups in India.

Commencing the project, Zomato is set to make key investments in three companies - logistics aggregator Shiprocket, local shopping, and savings platform Magicpin, as

well as fitness startup Cultfit, earlier known as Curefit. As part of the Cultfit investment, Zomato is in the process of selling fitness app Fitso to Curefit for US\$50 million, a deal that will give the company a cumulative shareholding worth US\$100 million in Curefit. Sprocket is, on the other hand, getting a US\$75 million investment for an 8% stake while Magicpin attracted an investment amounting to US\$50 million for a 16% stake in the company.

Zomato has now committed US\$275

million across four companies, including investment in online grocer Grofers. As part of investing in its core offering, the food delivery platform is also planning to inject US\$50 million in the supplies business for restaurant partners, Hyperpure, in the next 18-24 months.

## PROTECTIONISM

## Nigeria targets to reduce importation of livestock

ABUJA

THE Federal Government of Nigeria has announced plans to reduce the importation of dairy products, scale up its local production as well as marketing in the country.

The Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Dr Ernest Umakhihe, made the disclosure, at the opening of the National Dairy Policy Validation workshop in Abuja.

The workshop which was organised by the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment, aim to harvest the inputs of relevant stakeholders for the purpose of enriching the National Dairy Policy for Nigeria.

Umakhihe described the National Dairy Policy as apt and articulate, which is in accordance with the vision of the Federal Government for the dairy industry.

"This meeting cannot come at a better time than now because a National Policy for dairy and dairy products in Nigeria is long overdue.

There has been a continuous drive towards meeting national sufficiency in dairy production to reduce the huge amount

spent on importation of dairy products in order to bridge the huge gap between supply and demand," said the PS.

He further noted that successive Administrations had made efforts to close the gap through programmes such as Dairy Development Programme, National Livestock Breed Improvement Programme, among others thus creating opportunity for private sector participation.

The draft policy will support the implementation of the National Agricultural Technology and Innovation Plan (NATIP) and the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (FMARD).

"This effort at putting in place a National Dairy Policy for the country is apt for the realisation of the vision of the Federal Government articulated through the change approach and a standard practice to be applied at every level of society, public and private, towards a pragmatic national development," said Umakhihe.

According to him this approach is to significantly reduce importation of livestock and livestock products and at the same time stimulate exports to enhance national income generation.



ECO-FRIENDLY

# Guinness expands its quality fleet in push to expand zero-emission transport

DUBLIN

GUINNESS, one of Diageo's most successful alcohol brands worldwide, is expanding its fleet of zero-emission vehicles in Ireland as part of efforts to reduce its indirect emissions.

According to a statement from Diageo, plans are in place to add the first zero-emission vehicles to its 'Quality' fleet this summer. Guinness already has a zero-emission vehicle, which is used at the brewery to transport bulk beer in the Guinness tankers from St James's Gate to Dublin Port. The truck is used as part of a trial, to help determine whether it can be used to transport heavy goods beyond the brewery.

The company now plans to add four zero-emission trucks to its fleet later this year which will be used in a separate trial to deliver kegs to the hospitality trade in Dublin City, with the ambition to extend further if successful.

Barry O' Sullivan, managing director at Diageo Ireland, said: "We're really pleased to announce that we will be introducing the first zero-emission vehicles into our 'Quality' fleet from this summer. We are committed to reducing our indirect emissions through this initiative and want to play a key role for sustainable transport in the commercial sector in Ireland."

The company's ambition is for 70% of the 'Quality' fleet to be zero-emission by the end of 2025 and 100% by 2030. Removing emissions from its transport network will be necessary if Diageo is to achieve its 2030 net-zero carbon emissions goal.

According to Decarbonate, over 20% of an average beer's carbon footprint is associated with transportation with a large chunk of that percentage coming from transportation from brewer to retail. How much depends on the location of the brewery, the beer's final destination, and how the brewer distributes.

Earlier, Diageo made progress in its net-zero ambition by opening its first carbon-neutral distillery in Lebanon, Kentucky. The 72,000 square-foot facility uses electrode boilers powered by 100 percent renewable energy and has the capacity to produce up to 10 million proof gallons per year.

To power, the new facility - the largest of its kind in North America - Diageo has partnered with Inter-County Energy and East Kentucky Power Cooperative (EKPC) to source a mix of wind and solar energy to power internal and external lighting, distillery equipment, and a fleet of on-site electric vehicles. Bulleit Bourbon is the first and lead brand to be distilled at the Diageo Lebanon Distillery, supplementing existing production capacity at the Bulleit Distilling Co. in Shelbyville, Kentucky.



A Guinness zero emission vehicle in Dublin.

WINDFALL

## India's richest more than double their fortunes during Covid crisis

NEW DELHI

THE nation added 40 billionaires to 142 last year, when a second wave of infections overwhelmed its health infrastructure and pushed crematoriums and burial grounds to breaking point.

India's richest have more than doubled their fortunes during the Covid-19 crisis that's ravaged the country and worsened poverty, and the government should revisit its policies to redistribute wealth, according to the global Oxfam Davos report of 2022.

The nation added 40 billionaires to 142 last year, when a second wave of infections overwhelmed its health infrastructure and pushed crematoriums and burial grounds to breaking point. They have almost \$720 billion in combined fortune, more than the poorest 40% of the population, the group said in a report on rising inequality published Monday.

Wealth has surged globally during the pandemic as the value of everything from stock prices to crypto and commodities has jumped. The world's 500 richest people added more than \$1 trillion to their net worths last year, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index. India, where urban unemployment climbed as high as 15% last May and food insecurity worsened, now counts more billionaires than France, Sweden and Switzerland combined, Oxfam said.

State policies including the abolition of a wealth tax in 2016, steep cuts in corporate levies and an increase in indirect taxation are among the factors that helped make the rich richer, while the national minimum wage has remained at 178 rupees (\$2.4) a day since 2020, the India supplement of the global report said.

Reduced federal funding to local administrations amid growing privatisations in the health and education sectors have further boosted inequalities. The nation is home to a quarter of the world's undernourished people, Oxfam said, citing the World Food Programme.

"Unfortunately, not only has the taxation policy of the Indian government been pro-rich, it has also deprived India's States of important fiscal resources - both particularly damaging in the context of the Covid-19 crisis," the report said.

Oxfam is recommending the government imposes a 1% surcharge on the richest 10% of the population to invest in health and education. It notes that the fortune of India's 10 wealthiest billionaires would be enough to fund the school and higher education of the nation's children for more than 25 years.

With 84% of the households suffering a decline in income at the start of the pandemic, India is in line with sub-Saharan Africa accounting for the highest increase in poverty. In 2020, the number of poor in the south Asian nation doubled to 134 million, more than a Pew research had estimated, Oxfam said. Daily wage workers, the self-employed and the unemployed committed the most suicides, it added, citing official crime data.



India's richest man, Mukesh Ambani.

# UZALO

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## WORLD

# Raab: 'Nonsense' that PM lied about lockdown party

LONDON

AN accusation by British prime minister Boris Johnson's former senior adviser that he lied to parliament about a lockdown party at his official residence is nonsense, his deputy said yesterday.

Johnson faces the gravest crisis of his tenure after revelations about gatherings during COVID-19 lockdowns, some when British people could not even bid farewell in person to dying relatives and the Queen was mourning her husband.

Propelled into the top job to "get Brexit done", Johnson won his party's biggest majority in more than 30 years but now faces calls to resign from opponents and even some of his own lawmakers.

Asked if the prime minister was doomed if it could be proved he lied about one of the Downing Street parties, Deputy Prime Minister Dominic Raab said: "Look, the suggestion that he's lied is nonsense.

"He's made it very clear to the House of Commons, took questions on this, that he thought it was a work event," he told Times Radio. However, Raab agreed in later interviews that on principle, if a prime minister

deliberately lied to parliament, it was a resigning matter.

Johnson last week apologized to parliament for attending a "bring your own booze" gathering in the Downing Street garden on May 20, 2020. He said he had thought it was a work event and that he attended for 25 minutes to thank staff.

"I believed implicitly that this was a work event, but with hindsight, I should have sent everyone back inside," Johnson told parliament on Jan 12.

But Dominic Cummings, an architect of Britain's departure from the European Union and a former senior adviser who left government under acrimonious terms in November 2020, said that Johnson had agreed the drinks party should go ahead.

## 'Broke the rules'

Cummings said that he and at least one other adviser told Principal Private Secretary (PPS) Martin Reynolds, the official who invited people to the party, that it should not go ahead.

The warning was sent via email, according to Cummings.

"I told the PPS the invite broke the rules,"



Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson

he said. "The idea that the PPS would be challenged by two of the most senior people in the building, say he'd check with the PM then not – is not credible."

Raab said he would not speculate about hypotheticals and repeatedly refused to say how the two versions of events could be reconciled.

"It is quite right to say that both accounts cannot be reconciled, and the prime minister has been very clear that what has been suggested overnight is not true," he said.

Johnson's apology came after ITV News published an email invitation from Reynolds to the event. Cummings said that after being recommended to cancel the invitation, Reynolds checked with Johnson if it should go ahead.

"The PM agreed it should," Cummings said in his blog. "The events of 20 May alone, never mind the string of other events, mean the PM lied to parliament about parties," he wrote.

Senior civil servant Sue Gray is investigating about a dozen allegations of rule-breaking by Johnson, his team and officials at 10 Downing Street. Senior ministers have said people needed to wait for the conclusion of her inquiry.

However, the scandals have seen his and the Conservative Party's ratings plummet.

"It is clear that there was a culture inside Number 10 where even if rules were not technically broken, the spirit of the rules were, and this is completely unacceptable," junior health minister Maria Caulfield said on her website. **Agencies**

## Emirates SkyCargo transports 600 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines

DUBAI, UAE

EMIRATES SkyCargo has announced that it has crossed a major milestone in the global distribution of COVID-19 vaccines with 600 million doses flown on its flights. Since October 2020, the carrier has transported more than 2.8 million kilograms (2800 tonnes) of COVID-19 vaccines from 35 origins to over 80 destinations.

"Emirates SkyCargo remains committed to the rapid distribution of COVID-19 vaccines to vulnerable communities around the world.

When we formulated our COVID-19 distribution strategy in 2020, Emirates SkyCargo prioritised the movement of COVID-19 vaccines through our Dubai hub to developing countries. I'm happy to announce that nearly two thirds of the total vaccines we transported were headed to destinations in Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

With our extensive reach across six continents, our wide-body capacity and expertise in cool chain logistics, Emirates SkyCargo will continue to be a reliable partner for the distribution



of COVID-19 vaccines in the months to come," said Nabil Sultan, Emirates Divisional Senior Vice President, Cargo.

With the increasing roll-out of vaccination and booster campaigns across global markets, Emirates SkyCargo witnessed a steady increase in the demand for transportation of COVID-19 vaccines in the second half of 2021. In October and November 2021 alone, Emirates SkyCargo moved more than 200 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines, almost one third of the total COVID-19 vaccines transported by the carrier since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Close to 2.8 million kilograms (2800 tonnes) of vaccines transported on Emirates flights, equivalent to nearly 600 million doses since October 2020. Seven million is the most number of COVID-19 vaccine doses moved on a single flight.

Asia so has received far 185 million doses via Emirates, Africa 150 million doses and the Middle East 70 million doses they all continue to be priority markets for vaccine delivery. North America and Europe are the main origin regions for COVID-19 vaccines for Emirates SkyCargo.

Emirates SkyCargo's certified phar-

ma terminal in Chicago has handled more than 160 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines flown from the US to countries around the world.

Emirates SkyCargo has been a key global player in the air distribution of COVID-19 vaccines and other relief materials and essential commodities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The air cargo carrier offers sophisticated cool chain solutions for pharmaceutical cargo with Emirates Pharma - a specialised three-tiered air transportation product designed for temperature sensitive pharmaceuticals and backed by Emirates' state of the art certified pharma infrastructure at its cargo hub in Dubai.

In June 2021, Emirates SkyCargo expanded its pharma cool chain infrastructure at Dubai International Airport, allowing it to store an additional estimated 60-90 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines.

Emirates SkyCargo offers cargo capacity on more than 2,800 weekly flights connecting more than 140 destinations across six continents. **Agencies**

## 'ICC work should be conducive to long-term stability, security in Sudan's Darfur'

UNITED NATIONS

A Chinese envoy on Monday expressed the hope that the action of the International Criminal Court (ICC) should be conducive to achieving long-term stability and security in Sudan's Darfur region.

"The ICC should strictly abide by the principle of complementarity and effectively respect the judicial sovereignty of Sudan.

China hopes that the ICC's ac-

tion on the basis of the Security Council's resolution will be conducive to achieving long-term stability and security in Darfur," said Geng Shuang, China's deputy permanent representative to the United Nations.

China has been watching closely as the ICC addresses the Sudan-related situation, and has taken note of the work done by ICC Prosecutor Karim Khan since he took office, he told the Security Council.

With the signing of the Juba Peace Agreement, Darfur has entered a new stage of peacebuilding.

China encourages all signatories to continue the implementation of the peace agreement and calls on Dafurian factions that have yet to sign the agreement to join the peace process as soon as possible, said Geng.

The recent intercommunal violence in Darfur underscores the fact that the security situation in

Darfur remains daunting.

The international community should support Sudan in security capacity-building to enable it to shoulder the primary responsibility for the protection of civilians in Darfur, he said.

However, long-term stability and security in Darfur can only be achieved by way of reconciliation. The Juba Peace Agreement has made clear provisions for this, which include achieving judicial justice, fighting impunity,

and establishing a truth and reconciliation commission, he said. "As the country is facing multiple challenges at this moment, it should come as no surprise that the implementation of the agreement is encountering difficulties.

Therefore, the international community should remain adequately patient while providing constructive assistance to Sudan to implement the agreement," he said. **Xinhua**

## Poor Afghans rely on rich compatriots for daily bread

KABUL

"It is our moral responsibility to help our fellow Afghans in this time of need and promote a culture of cooperation," said Mohammad Sharif Tabish.

Tabish works for the Hazara Foundation, a local charity that gives daily flatbreads, locally called naan, to poor families.

Afghanistan currently faces its worse times since the collapse of the U.S.-backed administration in mid-August, with more than 9.5 billion U.S. dollars of the country's assets still frozen.

Sanctions have led to banking restrictions and poverty across the country as the new administration finds itself difficult to pay salaries.

A humanitarian catastrophe beckons this winter with more than 20 million of Afghanistan's 35 million people facing hunger. "We give one naan to each member of a family every day, if a family has 10 members it can receive 10 naan each day," Tabish said. "It is not much but we have to do what we can."

The Hazara Foundation is largely financed by well-off Afghans based overseas, many of them refugees themselves, and does not receive aid from any international agency.

The foundation has fed 300 families for three months via bakeries in west of Kabul. "My only income nowadays is nothing but the four naan we receive from the Hazara Foundation every day," said Hanifa, a widow with a family of four.

She benefits from a new culture of cooperation that may help her survive the freezing winter. Many countries including China, Pakistan and the United Arab Emirates, have supplied humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan, but both UN agencies and the new administration are calling for more.

"We have no fuel and no firewood to keep our home warm. We have no food and no income to organize our lives," said Sayed Hashim in front of a Kabul bakery. "Naan alone is not enough to feed a family. We need help to survive the winter."

## Moscow would like more constructive relations with Berlin, diplomat says

MOSCOW

RUSSIA would like for relations between Moscow and Berlin to be more constructive and aims to overcome accumulated problems with all new members of the German government, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said opening talks with his German counterpart Annalena Baerbock yesterday.

"Certainly, we would like to see a more constructive state of the Russian-German relations, we aim to overcome the accumulated problems with all members of the new government and are invariably interested in good relations with Germany on the principles of mutual respect, equality, and the consideration of mutual interests," he said.

The Russian top diplomat also noted that he appreciated the opportunity to conduct the talks only several weeks after Germany's new government was formed and started work.

"I am very grateful to you for the January 10 letter to me in a positive tonality. I would like to particularly stress your statement on the centuries-old and historical links between the people of Russia and Germany as well as on the joint responsibility for the successful development of bilateral relations. **Agencies**

## Israel's former PM Netanyahu negotiating plea deal - reports

JERUSALEM

ISRAEL'S former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is pursuing a plea deal in his corruption trial, Israeli media reported on Monday.

Netanyahu told his defense team to continue negotiations with Attorney-General Avichai Mandelblit to reach a deal before the end of Mandelblit's term at the end of January, Israel's state-owned Kan TV news reported.

Mandelblit's office and the Justice Ministry have not immediately confirmed the move. A deal could see Netanyahu plead guilty to reduced charges in exchange for receiving community service instead of a prison sentence in his criminal trial.

According to Kan, there are still major differences between Netanyahu's lawyers and Mandelblit's office, mainly over the former leader's demand to avoid a conviction carrying a "moral turpitude," which under Israeli law will force him to quit politics for seven years. **Xinhua**

## China compiles its first national five-year plan for vocational skills training

CHINA recently released a plan for vocational skills training during its 14th Five-Year Plan period (2021-2025), the first national five-year plan made by the country for boosting vocational skills training.

China's 13th Five-Year Plan period (2016-2020) witnessed rapid development in the country's vocational skills training. During the period, government-subsidized vocational skills training sessions trained a total of nearly 100 million people across the country, among whom more

than 30 million were enterprise employees, over 40 million were rural migrant workers, and more than nine million were once-improvised laborers.

As of the end of 2020, the country had more than 200 million skilled workers, including more than 50 million highly skilled workers.

From 2021 to 2025, more than 14 million people are expected to enter the urban labor market every year, which creates higher demands for vocational skills training.

According to the newly released special five-year plan for vocational skills training, China will subsidize vocational skills training sessions benefiting more than 75 million people, including training sessions for more than 30 million rural migrant workers, during the 14th Five-Year Plan period.

The plan also puts forward clear targets regarding the quality of training sessions. It specifies that more than 40 million trainees should obtain vocational qualification certificates or skill

level certificates after the training, among whom eight million trainees should reach the skill levels of highly skilled workers such as senior mechanic, technician, and senior technician.

Considering that in order to attract more people to vocational skills training to increase the number of innovative, application-oriented, and skilled personnel, the country needs to foster a sound social atmosphere, the plan specially sets out explicit requirements regarding efforts to improve ca-

reer development channels for skilled workers.

The country is trying to replace its five-grade vocational skills grading system for skilled workers, which includes junior worker, intermediate worker, senior worker, technician, and senior technician, with a new eight-grade vocational skills grading system.

China's Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security (MOHRSS) has already promoted a new type of apprenticeship system among enterprises

across the country, adding apprenticeship, before junior worker, to the job level of enterprises.

At the same time, the MOHRSS has also piloted a program to recognize and hire super-grade technicians.

As grassroots organizations have innovatively created the job title of chief technician, the country's new eight-grade vocational skills grading system is taking shape.

Efforts will be made to remove barriers blocking career

change of skilled workers and their horizontal career growth, according to the plan.

In recent years, the MOHRSS has constantly rolled out policies to support highly skilled workers, including those working in such fields as engineering, agriculture, industrial art, cultural relics and museum, experimental technology, art, and sports, as well as teachers of technician schools, in taking part in professional title evaluation.

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## British defense minister says invited Russian counterpart to visit London

LONDON

UK Secretary of State for Defense Ben Wallace said on Monday he has sent an invitation to Russian Defense Minister Sergey Shoigu to visit London.

"Today, I'm extending my invitation to my Russian counterpart Sergey Shoigu to visit London in the next few weeks. We are willing to discuss issues related to the mutual security concerns and engage constructively in good faith," he told parliament, adding that he doesn't know whether the Russian minister would accept it or not.

"The current gap is wide but not unbridgeable. I still remain hopefully that diplomacy will prevail. It is President (Vladimir) Putin's choice," Wallace said.

According to Wallace, London is maintaining contacts with Moscow. As an example, he cited a recent meeting between the two countries' top diplomats, Sergey Lavrov of Russia and Liz Truss of the UK on the sidelines of an OSCE ministerial meeting in Stockholm, and a telephone conversation

between UK Chief of the Defense Staff Tony Radakin and Russian Chief of the General Staff Valery Gerasimov.

He also said that Britain would supply anti-tank offensive weapons to Ukraine to help it defend itself in case of Russia's alleged aggression. "They are not strategic weapons and pose no threat to Russia. They are to use in self-defense," he said.

Recently, Western and Ukrainian media outlets have been echoing claims about Russia's possible aggression against Ukraine. Pskov earlier slammed such statements as "empty and groundless" and their goal is to whip up tensions.

He stressed that Russia doesn't pose any threat to anyone, but did not rule out possible provocations to justify the remarks in question and warned that attempts at using force to settle the crisis in southeastern Ukraine would have the most serious consequences.

He also pledged that Moscow is committed to the Normandy format and the Minsk deal and spares no effort to help Kiev settle the conflict in Donbass.

## Australia PM's ratings take a hit months away from election - poll

SYDNEY

AUSTRALIAN Prime Minister Scott Morrison's approval ratings slid after his handling of the Omicron-driven coronavirus outbreak fuelled a backlash, a widely watched poll showed yesterday, putting opposition Labor into a leading position months away from a federal election.

Australian voters are losing confidence in Morrison (pictured) and his Liberal-National Party coalition government on the economy, jobs, health and the response to a fast-moving Omicron wave, according to a poll done by research company Resolve Strategic for the Sydney Morning Herald newspaper.

The survey of 1,607 voters was conducted from Jan 11 to 15, before an Australian court upheld a government decision to cancel unvaccinated tennis star Novak Djokovic's visa just ahead of the Australian Open.

A medical exemption that allowed the Serbian world No 1 to enter the country without being vaccinated against COVID-19 sparked fury in Australia, and became a political issue for Morrison.

Morrison has always enjoyed a strong lead over his rival, Labor leader Anthony Albanese, but has lost a double-digit margin he held just two months ago. Around 38 percent of voters want Morrison as the country's



leader, while 31 percent support Albanese.

Labor has increased its primary vote to 35 percent from 32 percent since November, while the ruling coalition's fell five points to 34 percent.

Morrison, who has to call an election before May, has been fielding criticism over his handling of the Omicron outbreak that has pushed daily infections to record levels, driving up hospitalization rates and straining health systems.

Instead of reinstating restrictions early this month, he said Australia must "push through" the Omicron wave and relaxed isolation rules for close contacts in a bid to ease the pressure on businesses that are facing staff shortages.

Trailing in polls is not new for Morrison. More than three years ago he had just become prime minister after his predecessor was rolled in a party-room vote, yet he secured a stunning election win in May 2019.

## Tonga remains cut off after volcano disaster

ABUJA

Days after Pacific island nation of Tonga was devastated by a massive eruption of an underwater volcano emergency aircraft from Australia and New Zealand were still unable to land due to a thick blanket of volcanic dust now covering the islands.

The eruption on Jan 15 had triggered a Pacific-wide tsunami alert and cut off all communications with the island kingdom.

China and several other countries had offered help to Tonga with Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian saying at his regular press briefing on Jan 17 that the Red Cross Society of China had decided to provide \$100,000 of emergency humanitarian aid in cash.

He said China was closely monitoring the situation and had expressed "deep sympathies and sincere condolences" to the government and people of Tonga.

The eruption took place off the small island of Hunga-Tonga-Hunga-Ha'apai about 65 km north of Tongatapu, Tonga's main island and home to many of the Pacific nation's 105,000 residents.

With limited communications from Tongatapu to the outside world, damage is said to be widespread with no information as to how many people may have died. Tonga is made up of 170 islands and atolls with many of them uninhabited.

Richard Arculus, a volcanologist with the Australian National University in Canberra, said it will take some time to gather all the data, but on the Volcanic Explosivity Index, which measures the explosiveness of volcanic eruption, it would be on par with the Mount Pinatubo eruption in the Philippines in 1991, and the Krakatoa incident in 1883, in Indonesia's Sunda Strait, which killed more than 36,000 people and generated a 37-meter high tsunami.

Both those eruptions were around 5 to 6 on an index of 1 to 8.

"You rarely get a chance to see a volcano explode. (As) a satellite was just overhead at the time, (it) caught the full impact and power of the explosion," Arculus said, referring to the latest Tonga incident.

He said debris from the explosion was thrown 20 kilometers into the atmosphere.

Arculus had been part of a research team that mapped some 40 underwater volcanoes around the Tongan chain of islands in 2004.

Scientists said the explosion could be heard in Alaska, over 9,000 km away, and that the sound wave spread out across the Pacific at 1,200 km an hour.

Measuring around 1,800 meters high and 20 km wide, the Hunga-Tonga-Hunga-Ha'apai volcano was hidden under the water. Satellite imagery on Jan 17 showed ash covering the whole of Tonga and parts of Fiji, New Caledonia, Vanuatu and Samoa.

Shane Cronin, a professor of volcanology with the department of earth sciences at the University of Auckland, said the Hunga-Tonga-Hunga-Ha'apai volcano has erupted regularly over the past few decades. But those eruptions were small, dwarfed in scale by the latest incident.

# Special address by President Xi Jinping at 2022 World Economic Forum virtual session

Professor Klaus Schwab, Ladies and Gentlemen, Friends,

Greetings to you all! It is my pleasure to attend this virtual session of the World Economic Forum.

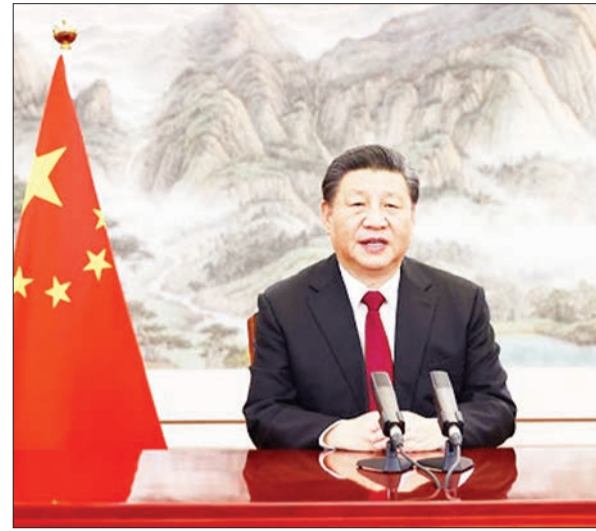
In two weeks' time, China will celebrate the advent of spring in the lunar new year, the Year of the Tiger. In Chinese culture, tiger symbolizes bravery and strength, as the Chinese people often refer to spirited dragon and dynamic tiger, or soaring dragon and leaping tiger. To meet the severe challenges facing humanity, we must "add wings to the tiger" and act with the courage and strength of the tiger to overcome all obstacles on our way forward. We must do everything necessary to clear the shadow of the pandemic and boost economic and social recovery and development, so that the sunshine of hope may light up the future of humanity.

The world today is undergoing major changes unseen in a century. These changes, not limited to a particular moment, event, country or region, represent the profound and sweeping changes of our times. As changes of the times combine with the once-in-a-century pandemic, the world finds itself in a new period of turbulence and transformation. How to beat the pandemic and how to build the post-COVID world? These are major issues of common concern to people around the world. They are also major, urgent questions we must give answers to.

As a Chinese saying goes, "The momentum of the world either flourishes or declines; the state of the world either progresses or regresses." The world is always developing through the movement of contradictions; without contradiction, nothing would exist. The history of humanity is a history of achieving growth by meeting various tests and of developing by overcoming various crises. We need to move forward by following the logic of historical progress, and develop by riding the tide of development of our times.

Notwithstanding all vicissitudes, humanity will move on. We need to learn from comparing long history cycles, and see the change in things through the subtle and minute. We need to foster new opportunities amidst crises, open up new horizons on a shifting landscape, and pool great strength to go through difficulties and challenges.

**First, we need to embrace cooperation and jointly defeat the pandemic.** Confronted by the once-in-a-century pandemic, which will affect the future of humanity, the international community has fought a tenacious battle. Facts have shown once again that amidst the raging torrents of a global crisis, countries are not riding separately in some 190 small boats, but are rather all in a giant ship on which our shared destiny hinges. Small boats may not survive a storm, but a giant ship is strong enough to brave a storm. Thanks to the concerted efforts of the international community, major progress



Chinese President Xi Jinping delivers a special address at the 2022 World Economic Forum virtual session in Beijing on Monday. Xinhua

has been made in the global fight against the pandemic. That said, the pandemic is proving a protracted one, re-surging with more variants and spreading faster than before. It poses a serious threat to people's safety and health, and exerts a profound impact on the global economy.

Strong confidence and cooperation represent the only right way to defeat the pandemic. Holding each other back or shifting blame would only cause needless delay in response and distract us from the overall objective. Countries need to strengthen international cooperation against COVID-19, carry out active cooperation on research and development of medicines, jointly build multiple lines of defense against the coronavirus, and speed up efforts to build a global community of health for all. Of particular importance is to fully leverage vaccines as a powerful weapon, ensure their equitable distribution, quicken vaccination and close the global immunization gap, so as to truly safeguard people's lives, health and livelihoods.

China is a country that delivers on its promises. China has already sent over two billion doses of vaccines to more than 120 countries and international organizations. Still, China will provide another one billion doses to African countries, including 600 million doses as donation, and will also donate 150 million doses to ASEAN countries.

**Second, we need to resolve various risks and promote steady recovery of the world economy.** The world economy is emerging from the depths, yet it still faces many constraints. The global industrial and supply chains have been disrupted. Commodity prices continue to rise. Energy supply remains tight. These risks compound one another and heighten the uncertainty about economic recovery.

The global low inflation environment has notably changed, and the risks of inflation driven by multiple factors are surfacing. If major economies slam on the brakes or take a U-turn in their monetary policies, there would be serious negative spillovers. They would present challenges to global economic and financial stability, and developing countries would bear the brunt of it. In the context of ongoing COVID-19 response, we need to explore new drivers of economic growth, new modes of social life and new pathways for people-to-people exchange, in a bid to facilitate cross-border trade, keep industrial and supply chains secure and smooth, and promote steady and solid progress in global economic recovery.

Economic globalization is the trend of the times. Though countercurrents are sure to exist in a river, none could stop it from flowing to the sea. Driving forces bolster the river's momentum, and resistance may yet enhance its flow. Despite the countercurrents and dangerous shoals along the way, economic globalization has never and will not veer off course. Countries around the world should uphold true multilateralism. We should remove barriers, not erect walls. We should open up, not close off. We should seek integration, not decoupling.

This is the way to build an open world economy. We should guide reforms of the global governance system with the principle of fairness and justice, and uphold

the multilateral trading system with the World Trade Organization at its center. We should make generally acceptable and effective rules for artificial intelligence and digital economy on the basis of full consultation, and create an open, just and non-discriminatory environment for scientific and technological innovation. This is the way to make economic globalization more open, inclusive, balanced and beneficial for all, and to fully unleash the vitality of the world economy.

A common understanding among us is that to turn the world economy from crisis to recovery, it is imperative to strengthen macro-policy coordination. Major economies should see the world as one community, think in a more systematic way, increase policy transparency and information sharing, and coordinate the objectives, intensity and pace of fiscal and monetary policies, so as to prevent the world economy from plummeting again. Major developed countries should adopt responsible economic policies, manage policy spillovers, and avoid severe impacts on developing countries. International economic and financial institutions should play their constructive role to pool global consensus, enhance policy synergy and prevent systemic risks.

**Third, we need to bridge the development divide and revitalize global development.** The process of global development is suffering from severe disruption, entailing more outstanding problems like a widening North-South gap, divergent recovery trajectories, development fault-lines and a technological divide. The Human Development Index has declined for the first time in 30 years. The world's poor population has increased by more than 100 million. Nearly 800 million people live in hunger. Difficulties are mounting in food security, education, employment, medicine, health and other areas important to people's livelihoods. Some developing countries have fallen back into poverty and instability due to the pandemic. Many in developed countries are also living through a hard time.

No matter what difficulties may come our way, we must adhere to a people-centered philosophy of development, place development and livelihoods front and center in global macro-policies, realize the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and build greater synergy among existing mechanisms of development cooperation to promote balanced development worldwide. We need to uphold the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities, promote international cooperation on climate change in the context of development, and implement the outcomes of COP26 to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Developed economies should take the lead in honoring their emissions reduction responsibilities, deliver on their commitment of financial and technological support, and create the necessary conditions for developing countries to address climate change and achieve sustainable development.

Last year, I put forward a Global Development Initiative at the UN General Assembly to draw international attention to the pressing challenges faced by developing countries. The Initiative is a public good open to the whole world, which aims to form synergy with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and boost common development across the world. China stands ready to work with all partners to jointly translate the Initiative into concrete actions and make sure that no country is left behind in this process.

*Continues tomorrow*

## More than a dozen dead in coalition strikes on Sanaa

ADEN

AN air strike killed about 14 people in a building in the Yemeni capital of Sanaa, residents said yesterday, during strikes across the city launched by the Saudi-led coalition fighting the Houthi group.

The alliance strikes on Houthi-held Sanaa followed an attack claimed by the Iran-aligned Houthis on Monday on coalition partner the United Arab Emirates, in Abu Dhabi, in which three people were killed.

The coalition also said it intercepted eight drones launched toward Saudi Arabia on Monday.

Early yesterday, the coalition said it had begun air strikes against strongholds and camps in Sanaa belonging to the Houthi group, Saudi state media said.

The strikes appeared to be the deadliest since 2019 on Sanaa.

The strike that killed about 14 people, according to initial esti-



Yemenis inspect the damage following overnight airstrikes by the Saudi-led coalition targeting the Houthi rebel-held capital Sanaa, yesterday. AFP

mates, was on the home of a former military official. It killed him, his wife, his

25-year-old son, other family members and some unidentified people, a medical source

and residents told Reuters.

Coalition strikes around the city had killed a total of about 20 people, the deputy foreign minister for the Houthi administration, which holds much of northern Yemen, said on Twitter.

Houthi-run Al Masirah TV said strikes had damaged houses, killed at least a dozen people and wounded about a dozen.

The UAE has armed and trained Yemeni forces that recently joined fighting against the Houthis in Yemen's energy-producing regions of Shabwa and Marib.

Monday's Houthi-claimed attack on two sites in the UAE set off explosions in fuel trucks, killed three people and ignited a blaze near Abu Dhabi airport.

In response, the UAE said it reserved the right to respond to "terrorist attacks and criminal escalation".

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# SPORT



Coastal Union FC's keeper, Musa Mbisa. PHOTO: COURTESY OF COASTAL UNION FC

## Coastal Union keeper eager to step up showing

By Isack Yohana, TUDarco

TANGA's Coastal Union's goalkeeper, Mussa Mbisa, has promised to perform well for the club in the 2021/22 NBC Premier League, and see to it the squad notches good results in the showdown.

Mbisa is now regarded as one of the best keepers in the domestic top-flight, given the shot-stopper boasts of having kept three clean sheets.

The shot-stopper disclosed to The Guardian in an interview that despite the league being tough, it has helped him become a good footballer.

Mbisa mentioned Simba SC keeper, Aishi Salum Manula, as one of the best keepers in the NBC Premier League and the former has been learning a lot from the latter.

According to Mbisa, discipline, dedication to practice, and treating each of the top-flight clashes seriously are the aspects that have improved his efficiency.

Coastal Union, as a result, has moved

into a good position in the NBC Premier League and is regarded as one of the serious contenders for the trophy.

Mbisa stated: "We expect to battle for the trophy as we put spirited displays in each of the fixtures, despite failing to fully exploit scoring chances that we get in the fixtures."

"We have been doing all we can to score especially in home fixtures. All clubs in Premier League are good, we are also in good form, that is why we are occupying the position we are in."

Coastal Union now sits fifth in the NBC Premier League standings after recording a victory in four matches, five draws, and three defeats.

The Tanga club has netted eight goals and leaked as many to stay with 0 goal difference.

It should be noted that until the top-flight's fifth-round concluded, Mbisa was placed third in the list of the showdown's keepers with clean sheets.

Mbisa was trailing second-placed Djigui Diarra of Yanga, boasting of posting four clean sheets, and

Manula leads with five clean sheets.

## Bongo Flava singer set to release new tracks

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

AFTER a long silence, prominent female Bongo Flava musician, Pamela Daffa, popularly known as 'Pam D', has said she is now preparing to release songs that will constitute the singer's new album.

The artist said she has been silent for more than five months due to various reasons including the ones that are beyond her control.

"The reasons include the death of my mother-in-law, which has kept me quiet, but now I am preparing so that I can, from next month, start recording my songs in a row," Pam D noted.

The singer noted that since she released her song titled 'Mambeza', which has been sung in the Kisambaa language, she has never released another track.

"I will be recording one of the songs next month, it is titled 'Lopolopo', so music fans should be prepared for it."

"Music enthusiasts should prepare for good songs that I have composed."

She stated the songs she hopes to record will consist of various styles, including 'Singeli', to make sure her fans get different flavours.

The singer noted that she once composed a song in 'Singeli', titled 'Umepenyā'.

According to her, she collaborated with famous 'Singeli' singer, Selemani Jabir, alias 'Msaga Sumu', in the track and the move made her more famous.



New generation music singer, Pamela Daffa, alias 'Pam D'.

## SPORTS

## Azam FC interim head coach in no rush to get new contract



Azam FC's interim head coach, Abdihamid Moalin. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

AZAM FC's interim head coach, Abdihamid Moalin, has said he does not want to be directly confirmed as the side's head of technical bench but wants to make the squad competitive and move to one of the NBC Premier League top three positions.

Currently, the outfit sits seventh in the domestic top-flight's table.

Moalin said taking over as the side's head coach will be decided by the outfit's leaders.

The trainer was adamant his current focus is to make Azam FC a threat and respectable and if he is offered a new contract as a head coach, he will not hesitate to accept it.

The tactician almost guided the outfit

to a sixth Mapinduzi Cup tournament title, helping the squad qualify for this year's tournament final and conceding a loss to Simba SC.

"These are questions that many have always asked me, but suffice it to say that I am satisfied with the opportunity I have been given," Moalin disclosed.

"I have a lot of faith in the youngsters and I will continue to use them because a good foundation starts with them, so I hope with the talent they have, we will achieve the club's

goals."

Azam FC seems to have transformed a lot in its style of play under the interim coach, who lost his first quest for a trophy on Tanzanian soil after losing to Simba SC in the 2022 Mapinduzi Cup tournament final.

Primarily, Moalin was hired as Technical Director of the club's academy but was presented with the opportunity to take charge of the senior team after the resignation of the former head coach, George Lwandamina, and his assistant, Burundian Vivier Bahati.

Moalin is a football tactician holding US citizenship but originally comes from Somalia.

Before joining Azam FC, he was the head coach of Horseed FC.

The gaffer was previously an assistant coach at USA Major League Soccer (MLS) outfit, DC United, and thereafter operated as Somalia's Horseed FC tactician.

Before yesterday's match, Azam FC was placed seventh in the league standings with 15 points from 10 matches.

## LeBron scores 25 as Lakers end three-game skid, beat Jazz

LOS ANGELES

LEBRON James scored 25 points and Stanley Johnson had 10 of his 15 points in the fourth quarter to lead the Los Angeles Lakers to a 101-95 win over the Utah Jazz on Monday night.

Russell Westbrook added 15 points and the Lakers snapped a three-game losing streak, rebounding after an ugly 37-point loss to the Denver Nuggets two days earlier.

Mike Conley had 20 points and Rudy Gobert had a double double with 19 points and 16 rebounds for the Jazz.

Johnson, who was just re-signed to another 10-day contract earlier in the day, scored six consecutive points in the fourth quarter. He tied the game at 83 with a 15-foot pull-up jumper, and he later scored a layup with a nice move around Rudy Gobert to give the Lakers a 89-87 lead.

James had suggested the smaller Lakers lineup attack Gobert and the basket. It worked.

"I'm just trying to put everyone in position to be successful and reading the game while the game was going on and I knew the way we could be successful offensively," James said. "The guys responded well to what I saw and Stanley had a big-time game."

Austin Reaves had a tip-in basket off his own miss to put the Lakers ahead by four and Avery Bradley made a key 3-pointer in the corner, off an assist from Johnson, for a 95-89 lead. Johnson made 7 of 9 shots and also had seven rebounds.

The Lakers got 44 points from their bench. None bigger than the 15 from Johnson, who grew up in Anaheim, starred at Mater Dei in California and felt the love of Southern California.

"It feels good doing what I came here to do," Johnson said. "I came here to bring energy and affect the game in different ways. Today was the day I was able to do it within the scheme and get deflections and be active. It resulted in positive plays. It feels good. We all put a lot into this. It's not just a wake up and do it."

James also had seven rebounds and seven assists, after tweeting an apology to Lakers Nation after that loss to the Nuggets.

"Our effort and energy wasn't where it needed to be in the Denver game, second half of Memphis game and the other game," James said. "We weren't playing to our capabilities. As the leader of this team I was taking onus of that and letting Laker Nation know."

With Anthony Davis still out, the Jazz had a marked size advantage in the frontcourt with 7-foot-1 Gobert.

Gobert was playing his second game back after missing five games because he tested positive for COVID-19. He didn't attempt his first shot until the 10:51 mark of the second quarter and yet had a double double. One day earlier, Gobert had 18 points and 19 rebounds in a 125-102 Utah win over Denver.

Utah scored just 17 points in the fourth quarter and shot only 36.9 percent from the field.

"I thought we had too many really tough shots," Jazz coach Quin Snyder said. "I think some of the shots are makable but we made it harder on ourselves than it needed to be as far as making better reads and moving the ball quicker and generating some better shots. I think that showed."

Westbrook dunked over Gobert late in the second quarter. Then he had some words for Gobert. Westbrook was assessed a technical foul.

When told that some people might not think he still had it in him, Westbrook said laughing: "That's people's problem. That's their problem"

Davis, who is recovering from an MCL sprain of his left knee, was examined by doctors Monday and was cleared to practice fullcourt with contact, Frank Vogel said. There is still no timetable for his return.

During the first quarter, Westbrook grabbed a mop and helped clean up a wet spot on the courtside floor after a fan spilled a

drink. He did so with a smile, too.

"I felt I can do anything," Westbrook said. "I don't see why not."

Meanwhile, in Miami, the final rebound of the game fell into Jimmy Butler's hands just a moment or two before the final buzzer, and Bam Adebayo started celebrating for two reasons.

One, he knew Butler had just gotten a triple-double.

Two, the Miami Heat had just won his comeback game.

Tyler Herro scored 23 points, Adebayo scored 14 in his first game coming off a six-week absence following thumb surgery and the Miami Heat held off the Toronto Raptors 104-99 on Monday night.

"We're just blessed to have a team like this," Adebayo said. "Everybody buys in. Everybody wants to compete. And everybody wants to get the job done."

Adebayo played 32 minutes, shooting 4 for 12 and grabbing nine rebounds.

"You can see his energy out there," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said after his team pulled into a virtual tie with Chicago for first in the Eastern Conference. "He makes us different."

Butler finished with 19 points, 10 assists and 10 rebounds – the last of those coming as time was expiring, when Fred VanVleet's 3-point try missed. It was Butler's ninth triple-double with the Heat, tying LeBron James for the most in team regular-season history.

Chris Boucher scored 23 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for Toronto. VanVleet finished with 22, and Pascal Siakam added 18 points and 10 assists for the Raptors. Scottie Barnes scored 16 points, OG Anunoby scored 14 and former Heat forward Precious Achiuwa grabbed 15 rebounds for Toronto.

Siakam scored off a turnover with 1:48 left to get Toronto within 99-96, but PJ Tucker made a corner 3 with 20 seconds left – off Butler's 10th assist – to help Miami hold on.

Toronto basically used a six-man rotation, with those players getting between 34 and 42 minutes. The only other Raptor who got minutes was Justin Champagnie, who played 9:07 before leaving with a dislocated finger.

"We played as tough as we could," Raptors coach Nick Nurse said. "I didn't see anything that was changing. We were battling from start to finish. ... That one could have went either way. It was a hell of an effort by our guys."

The game was expected to be the first time that Heat guard Kyle Lowry faced the Raptors since leaving Toronto for Miami this past season. Lowry helped Toronto win the 2019 NBA title on his way to claiming to the unofficial moniker of GROAT – the Greatest Raptor Of All-Time.

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## Aboubakar scores again as Cameroon joined by Burkina Faso in last 16

YAOUNDE

CAMEROON captain Vincent Aboubakar scored his fifth goal of the Africa Cup of Nations and his already-qualified side were joined by Burkina Faso on Monday in the second round.

The Saudi Arabia-based forward, who turns 30 on Saturday, put Cameroon ahead and substitute Garry Rodrigues equalised for Cape Verde after half-time in a 1-1 draw in Yaounde.

Cyrille Bayala put Burkina Faso in front and Getaneh Kebede levelled for Ethiopia from a penalty in Bafoussam in another 1-1 draw that was enough to take the west Africans through.

Cameroon topped the final group table with seven points. Burkina Faso edged Cape Verde on head-to-head records for second place after both accumulated four points. Ethiopia were eliminated with just one point.

While Cameroon and Burkina Faso are assured of last-16 places, Cape Verde must wait to see if they go through as one of the best four third-placed teams from the six groups.

Cameroon will remain in Yaounde to play a third-placed team on January 24, a day after Burkina Faso meet the Group C runners-up in Limbe.

Should Cape Verde survive, they will play the winners of Group B or Group C in Bafoussam or Yaounde on January 25.

"We won the group, which was our goal, although we wanted to win all our matches. We will continue to play here in Olembe," said Cameroon coach Toni Conceicao.

"We had many chances. The Cameroonian team was not brilliant but still played a good game. We can do better, but if we take an overall reading, we were superior to our opponents in the group."

Aboubakar is the first Cameroonian to score in all three group matches at a Cup of Nations since Samuel Eto'o achieved the feat with five goals at the 2008 finals in Ghana.

- Nine-goal record -

Ndaye Mulamba holds the record for the most goals by an in-

dividual in the flagship African tournament with nine for Zaire (now the Democratic Republic of Congo) in Egypt 48 years ago.

Aboubakar has a clear lead in the Golden Boot competition with his closest rivals, compatriot Karl Toko-Ekambi, Tunisian Wahbi Khazri, Malian Ibrahima Kone and Malawian Frank Mhango, scoring two each.

In Yaounde, Cameroon broke the deadlock on 39 minutes in a cagey opening half dominated by the two defences.

A free-kick from the Indomitable Lions was partially cleared and Aboubakar rifled a low, left-foot shot through a crowd of players and past goalkeeper Josimar 'Vozinha' Dias into the corner of the net.

Cape Verde reacted to falling behind by becoming more adventurous and troubled the Cameroon rearguard several times before half-time without managing an equaliser.

The island nation introduced Rodrigues for the second half and he equalised within eight minutes through an exquisite back-heel off a low cross that beat goalkeeper Andre Onana.

Aboubakar should have put Cameroon ahead again midway through the second half but blazed over when the ball ran loose inside the box.

In Bafoussam, a city 300 kilometres (185 miles) north west of Yaounde, Burkina Faso went ahead on 25 minutes through Bayala.

After a superb long pass from the centre circle by Adama Guira, Bayala outmuscled two Ethiopian defenders and chipped the ball over advancing goalkeeper Teklemariam Shanko and into the net.

But instead of building their lead, the Burkinabe Stallions conceded on 52 minutes when Ethiopia captain Kebede levelled from a penalty awarded after a VAR review.

Burkina Faso welcomed back captain Bertrand Traore, the Aston Villa forward, after his recovery from Covid-19, but a positive test ruled out goalkeeper Herve Koffi.

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## Lewandowski wins FIFA best player vote ahead of Messi, Salah

ZURICH

ROBERT Lewandowski was voted the best men's player in the world on Monday, retaining the FIFA award he won last year despite being left off the ballot paper filed by runner-up Lionel Messi.

The Bayern Munich forward overturned the result last month of the Ballon d'Or prize where he placed second behind Messi, who finally led Argentina to a senior title at the 2021 Copa América. Mohamed Salah of Liverpool placed third.

"I am very honored to win this trophy," Lewandowski said on a video link from Munich. The trophy was presented by club officials during the online ceremony hosted at FIFA headquarters in Zurich.

Lewandowski was the overwhelming choice of national team captains and coaches plus selected media in more than 200 countries, yet was almost caught by Messi, who got more than double the number of votes from fans worldwide than the Poland captain. All three candidates voted as captains of their national teams, and Lewandowski ranked Messi second of his three choices. Salah had Lewandowski and Messi in his top three.

Messi did not pick either of his closest rivals in the voting. His top two choices were Neymar and Kylian Mbappé, now his teammates since joining Paris Saint-Germain in August.

Lewandowski broke two Bundesliga records by scoring 41 goals for Bayern in its title-winning 2020-21 season and 43 in the calendar year of 2021. Both marks were held since 1972 by another Bayern great, Gerd Müller.

"If you ask me that a few years ago if it was possible, I would have told you, no, it's impossible to score so many goals in the Bundesliga," said Lewandowski, who has scored four more in two games this year.

In the women's award, Alexia Putellas added the FIFA trophy to her Ballon d'Or victory. Putellas captained Barcelona to its first Women's Cham-

pions League title and teammate Jennifer Hermoso placed third in the FIFA vote. The runner-up was Sam Kerr of beaten finalist Chelsea.

Chelsea swept the coaching awards in a year when its men's and women's teams led by Thomas Tuchel and Emma Hayes reached their Champions League finals.

Tuchel again finished ahead of Manchester City's Pep Guardiola to repeat the result of their European title game. Guardiola placed third having led City to the English Premier League title, and into a runaway lead this season after beating Chelsea on Saturday.

Roberto Mancini was second in the FIFA voting after leading Italy to win the European Championship.

Hayes seemed surprised to win the coaching award for women's soccer ahead of Lluís Cortes. His Barcelona team beat Chelsea 4-0 in the Champions League final.

Sarina Wiegman, who moved from 2017 European champion Netherlands to take over at England, was third. On an evening of surprises and quirky choices, a global vote of players to choose their World XI lineups were curious.

None of the three candidates for the women's individual prize was voted on to the best women's team, which also lacked any players from Barcelona.

Salah was also missing from the men's team lineup which had an unusual 3-3-4 formation that allowed a forward line of Messi, Lewandowski, Erling Haaland and Cristiano Ronaldo.

Ronaldo was also the star guest with FIFA in Zurich. The Portugal star appeared in person to close the show and collect a special award for breaking the all-time scoring record in men's national team soccer.

A long-established tradition at FIFA awards was extended for another year. Six-time winner Messi and five-time winner Ronaldo both ignored each other on the ballots they submitted. Ronaldo did vote for Lewandowski as his No. 1.

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# Sevilla can't afford to lose focus in LaLiga after Copa del Rey chaos

By Graham Hunter, ESPN Spain writer

THE two leading contenders to win LaLiga had wildly contrasting weekends. Real Madrid elegantly won the Supercopa de Espana, lifting the trophy while Athletic's captain, Iker Muniain, swallowed the bitter pill of defeat and, equally elegantly, stood by and applauded the victors. (Side note: when Inaki Williams saw his little brother, Nico, wrenching off his runners-up medal as soon as it was around his neck, he chastised his talented sibling, seemingly ordering him to show a little more dignity.)

Barcelona, beaten in the semifinal, sent a tweet of congratulations to Madrid on Sunday night; so did Athletic, the entire event full of grace notes. Meanwhile Sevilla, initially through no fault of their own, became involved in an ugly, debilitating, boorish and exhausting tit-for-tat, two-day confrontation with their cross-town neighbours, Betis, while being knocked out of the Copa Del Rey by los Verdiblancos.

There was aggression, accusations of cheating, mean-spiritedness, boiling tempers and taunting: it was high entertainment for those who like to rubber-neck, but debilitating to be part of. And frankly, if Julen Lopetegui's players (and the manager himself) mismanage the fallout from Saturday and Sunday, when the city of Sevilla's good football reputation was badly besmirched, it could seriously damage their real and vibrant shot at winning a first Liga title since 1946.

The hard facts are simple. Betis were significantly outplaying Sevilla on Saturday afternoon (though the score was 1-1) when an idiotic fan threw a section of a hand-held flagpole towards the pitch and struck Sevilla midfielder Joan Jordan on the top of his head. The Catalan player stumbled and then fell.

At that stage, the mindless fan was the only villain, something (just about the only thing) upon which all of those at both clubs still agree. There has been an arrest following Saturday's incident, but sadly, that fact – and the way in which the offender is treated and punished – have been totally obscured. Such has been the self-indulgent and mean-spirited fight between the two clubs from that minute onwards. (Monchi, Sevilla's sporting director, being a notable exception from this war of words.)

The facts continue: Jordan appeared to recover sufficiently so he could deploy a very Mediterranean gesture, tapping his face just below the cheekbone with the tips of his fingers and an open palm, which means "you've got some nerve!" or even "you're a disgrace!" Minutes later, with the thrown object recovered by the referee and handed to the Spanish FA officials, who were governing the game's procedures, Jordan was in close conversation with his manager, Lopetegui, and then, seated on the pitch being examined, apparently for concussion, by club medics.

As Jordan was escorted down the tunnel stairs, apparently groggy, there was mayhem at the side of the pitch. Poor old Ricardo De Burgos Bengoetxea had what all referees dread: a situation where everyone was yelling, posturing and demanding clarity while tens of thousands of ultra-excitable fans didn't know what was happening, except he was required to wait for the Spanish FA disciplinary committee to decide what must happen next. Meanwhile Jordan was sent to hospital for proper examination, the only correct course of action.

Sevilla struck the first note of common sense, releasing a statement that included the phrases "Sevilla FC would like to convey all its affection to Joan Jordán, who fortunately, and this is undoubtedly the only important thing, is at home after being hit by an object thrown from the home stand during the derby." Joan left the Benito Villamarín in a daze and was taken to hospital, where he was examined (as) required by the protocol due to the concussion. "The final diagnosis is cranio-encephalic trauma and the player will be kept under home observation until a minimum period of 24 hours has passed without any alarming symptoms."

We live in an age where football is trying to treat such head-knocks suffered by its players with the same seriousness as other, more advanced,



Sevilla head coach Julen Lopetegui

contact sports already do. This was exemplary behaviour from Jordan's club. The match, meanwhile, was postponed until the remainder could be played the following day – without fans. Sevilla protested, as they didn't want to play the remaining minutes immediately. The Spanish FA rejected their petition.

More facts: Several Betis player immediately ran to social media to suggest that Jordan – allegedly capable of gesturing to the Betis fans one minute, but dizzy and dazed the next – might have been under instructions from Lopetegui to "make the most" of the incident and "act" as if he were unable to continue.

Three of them – defender Juan Miranda, midfielder Victor Camarasa and forward Cristian Tello – directly stated that Sevilla, mainly in the shape of Lopetegui, wanted to manipulate the developing situation to postpone the match, presumably in the hope that some of their absent players would, by then, be available. They claim to have heard Sevilla's coach encouraging Jordan to "feel more dizzy" and to "sit down on the grass" – words that, if said, could equally have been a coach's rightful concern with the threat of concussion to his player.

Another fact here is that Sevilla were without some serious players. Bono, Youssef En-Nesyri and Munir are on duty at the African Cup of Nations, while Jesus Navas, Erik Lamela, Suso, Thomas Delaney, Fernando and Marko Dmitrovic are absent with injury and/or illness. (It meant that the 21-year-old third-choice keeper, Alfonso Pastor, was in goal on Saturday, having previously played just one first-team match.) Koude was only fit to perform in Sunday's part of the match while, by then, Jordan was of course absent.

This list might add to Betis' suspicions, but it in no way proves that Sevilla were "up to no good." Nor should it, under any circumstances, obscure the fact that a mindless fan in the Betis section behind Pastor's goal caused all of this – absolutely all of it. In the end Betis won, deservedly, but for both Verdiblanco goals – Fekir direct from a corner just before the flagpole was launched at Jordan, and Sergio Canales late in the fan-free restarted match – young Pastor in the Sevilla

goal was at fault. The absences of Bono and Dmitrovic ended up being definitive.

If you wanted to find motive behind Sevilla looking to postpone the match for longer than 24 hours, you could. (Lopetegui slammed claims of exaggerating the attack for Sevilla's gain.) But traditionally, that requires proof, not unproven conspiracy accusations.

When the tie was finally over on Sunday, Andres Guardado added unnecessary spite to the whole affair by celebrating victory with a mock bang on his head with a plastic water bottle, and a dramatic collapse of his own on the pitch, all the while wearing a malicious smile. Mocking the event that had sparked all this nonsense. He claims that wasn't what he was doing: I don't believe him.

After the match, neither Betis coach Manuel Pellegrini nor Lopetegui applied sufficient dignity or calm to the heated, angry and accusatory atmosphere that, as Sevilla midfielder Ivan Rakitic pointed out, sent a "bad image around the world."

Only Monchi stood out. Sevilla's exemplary sporting director – a man whose blood boils at injustices and who walked away from the club in March 2017 specifically because he said that he cared "too much" to the point that it was beginning to affect his everyday life – is someone capable of entering the fray and defending los Rojiblancos in a bellicose manner. But he chose not to. In fact, not only did he turn the other cheek; he actively encouraged his staff, Sevilla's fans and media to introduce some "sanity" to the situation.

His exact words: "This is a difficult defeat to digest because it is a derby in a knockout tournament, but congratulations to Real Betis for going through. These have been 20 complicated hours: too many things have happened. We don't know what will happen in the Europa League [Editor's Note: it's feasible the two sides play each other there, perhaps even in the final that will be in Sevilla's stadium on May 18] or on Feb. 28, the day of the next derby: there is time for that. Derbies should be enjoyed and should be an example for the whole world. We now have an historic opportunity to present an image of sanity and normality, and to recover the importance the Sevilla derby."

It was dignified and much-needed; it also perhaps it brought temperatures down in the city, too. But there was another, shrewder, side to Monchi's words.

Sevilla play Valencia at Mestalla on Wednesday. If they can win they'd go to within two points of Real Madrid at the top of the table. For their title challenge it's utterly essential that they do so.

Yes there are many months, 17 more matches and 51 more points in play, but this is a club not used to winning the league. This is a set-up still learning the ropes of a long, tiring, obstacle-strewn championship campaign.

Habitual title winners get used to coping with tough circumstances: they handle whatever is thrown at them. Sevilla are out of the Champions League and out of the cup. They're badly depleted in terms of their squad, and are coping with intense interest from Newcastle in signing their defensive leader, Diego Carlos, and there's mystery surrounding the absence of back-up keeper, Dimitrovic. Is it injury? Is it the coronavirus? A row with the coach? Sevilla won't say.

If they drag the baggage of fury at Betis and that pain at elimination up the road with them to Valencia; if they are distracted, dispirited, wounded and fail to press the very "reset button" that Monchi was encouraging them to find, then this can go from being a vexatious and "sore" week to a semi-disastrous one. Sevilla don't need that, Spanish football won't benefit from that, and LaLiga will be less competitive for it; Monchi knew that very well when he spoke with wisdom and restraint.

What a week this is for Lopetegui and his resentful, wounded but still very capable squad. It's time to write off all the bile and spleen-venting of the weekend and, to use Alex Ferguson's tactics, privately tell his 11 angry men that "they're all against us, we'll show them, circle the wagons... everyone outside the club's an enemy... our only option is sheer, naked defiance!" It's time to surf the anger, turn the tide of "injustice" in their favour.

Can he do it? Will his players show they're made of the right stuff? Valencia vs. Sevilla on Wednesday is a date with destiny. Don't miss it.

## Gwiji by David Chikoko





# SPORT

Sevilla can't afford to lose focus in LaLiga after Copa del Rey chaos



Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC) vice-president, Henry Tandau.

## TOC hopefully of getting government support

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC) says it hopes for government support to fully realize its dream of seeing to it the country's athletes win medals in international events.

Henry Tandau, TOC vice-president, stated so in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

Tandau pointed out the committee has started discussions with the government.

He said the discussions are a response to President Samia Suluhu Hassan, who promised that the government will support athletes so that they can perform well in international events.

"When we presented the Queen's Baton to President late last year, we raised several issues which we believe can help the country compete and win medals in international events."

"The good thing is, President Samia advised officials from the Ministry of Culture, Arts, and Sports to work with us."

"So far, we have had two meetings which are very successful and, up to now, all sports associations which will have competitors in Commonwealth Games presented their budgets and other needs to the government."

"We hope that soon they will start preparations for the Commonwealth Games which are slated to take place in Birmingham in the United Kingdom."

He said the aim is to start with the Commonwealth Games which will be held from late July to early August, then the next year's All-Africa Games in Ghana, and lastly the 2024 Paris Olympic Games.

"Our plan to get support from the government gears to see to it that we perform well at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games but it's a process which will start this year with the Commonwealth Games, then next year's All-Africa Games in Ghana and finally the Olympics," he said.

He disclosed that the country's quota at the Commonwealth Games is 29 which will include coaches, officials, and athletes.

The athletes and coaches come from sports disciplines of athletics, boxing, judo, swimming, and Paralympic sports.

Meanwhile, Tandau said the International Olympic Committee (IOC) through Olympic Solidarity (OS) is offering scholarships to athletes from the sporting codes which will make the 2024 Paris Olympics.

He said the scholarships are aimed at preparing athletes for the Paris Olympics.

"For those who want to be offered the scholarships this year, the closing date is January 24 but for next year and coming years the IOC will communicate to us."

"TOC has communicated to all national sports associations on this opportunity," he said.

In a related development, Tandau said the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) has named Ireen Mwansanga in the association's Women's Commission.

Filbert Bayi is in the association's Athletes Commission, Tandau is on the association's Marketing,

Communication Committee, and Technical Committee.

## Athletes Commission's secretary-general fired

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA Olympic Committee (TOC) has fired the Tanzania Athletes Commission's secretary-general, Faustine Saleh, due to misconduct.

Gulam Rashid, TOC president, yesterday announced the firing of Saleh, saying the decision was reached after it was discovered that he was acting contrary to his duties.

He said Saleh has been using social media to attack and accuse TOC leaders, posting false information.

The TOC official noted: "The fired Athletes Commission's secretary-general had been using the social media to make a lot of allegations against TOC and the committee's leaders."

"At our recent annual general meeting, members of Athletes Commission and TOC had met and, among other issues, we wanted to reason with him but he was not ready to listen to us."

"Members of the Athletes Commission distanced themselves from his allegations and TOC tried to educate him on the allegations he has been making but it proved futile, so, we reached the decision to fire him," he said.

Gulam asked the sports fraternity to consult TOC when they feel unsatisfied with anything associated with the committee, insisting it is open to criticism.

"Imagine a leader like Saleh failing to differentiate between athletics and athletes, he complains about issues which he does not know, some of the allegations are based on personal vendetta... they are not healthy for sports development in the country, TOC is always ready to educate the sports fraternity on its actions," he said.

Athletes Commission's Chairman, Khalid Rushaka, confirmed the development, saying they support it.

"Athletes Commission is under TOC and the decision to fire him has our blessings, we have been trying to reason with him but to no avail, soon his post will be filled," he said.

Saleh could not be reached for his comment yesterday.

## Geita Gold FC all out to defeat Biashara United FC in NBC Premier League



Geita Gold FC players, fullback Amos Charles (R) and midfielder Kelvin Nashon (L) keep Mtwiba Sugar's attacker, Jafary Salum, in check when the clubs met in this season's NBC Premier League match which took place in Geita last year. PHOTO: COURTESY OF MTWIBA SUGAR

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THIS season's NBC Premier League side, Geita Gold FC, has said it has shifted its focus to its fixture against Biashara United, which will take place in Musoma at the end of this week.

Geita Gold FC information officer, Hemed Kivuyo, said they have intensified preparations for the encounter which will take place at Karume Stadium.

Kivuyo said his outfit's results in a league game against Dodoma Jiji FC are water under the bridge and now they are looking forward to the next game.

The Geita-based outfit is coming from a 1-1 draw with Dodoma Jiji FC in the tie that took place at Jamhuri Stadium.

The visitors' attacker, Daniel Lyanga, scored the opener while the hosts equalized through

striker, Waziri Junior, in the last minute of the game.

The Geita Gold FC official said the coming of Juma Mahadhi and Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) striker, Erick Yema, has boosted morale in the squad's camp.

Mahadhi missed the last league game due to injury, Yema failed to turn out for his new club because of International Transfer Certificate (ITC).

Before joining Geita Gold FC, Yema was playing for Zesco United of Zambia.

The official noted: "We have intensified preparations for our next game against Biashara United, it will not be an easy game."

"We are well prepared for the match and the coming in of our two players, Mahadhi and Yema, has boosted morale in

the camp," he said.

Geita Gold FC is positioned 10th in Premier League standings with 13 points while Biashara United, which recently announced former Azam FC assistant coach Vivier Bahati as its new head coach, occupies 15th position with 10 points. Both teams have played 12 games.

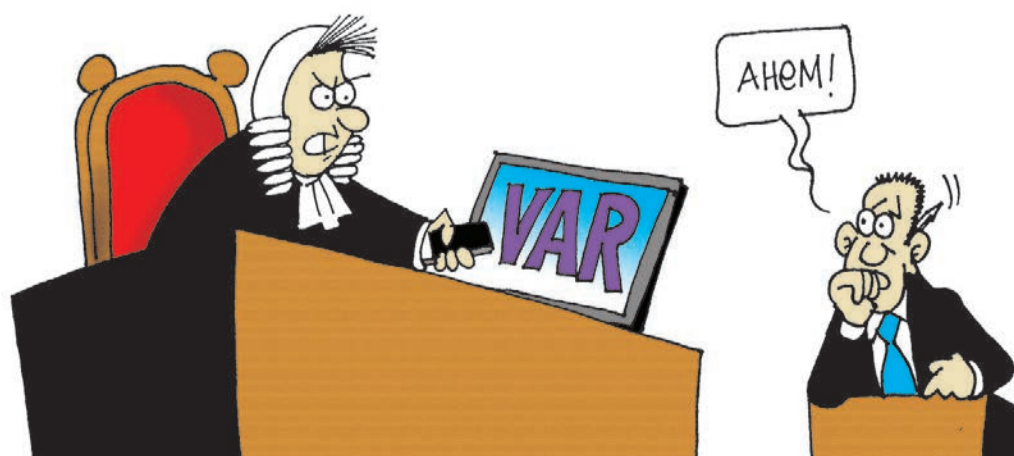
Biashara United will come into the game after notching a 3-3 draw with Kagera Sugar in Musoma.

Biashara United goals were scored by Collins Opare, Baron Oketch, and Ambrose Awio.

Bahati is reported to have said he will work hard to see the team back to its winning ways.

"It is a huge task, but with support and unity in the team we can turn things around," he disclosed.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko



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17:00 5SELEKT  
17:55 Kurasa  
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