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Samia now presses democracy button



President Samia Suluhu Hassan addresses Members of Parliament - and the nation - from the National Assembly in Dodoma city yesterday. Right is Speaker Job Ndogai. Photo courtesy of National Assembly



Dar es Salaam residents follow President Samia Suluhu Hassan's televised address in the National Assembly in Dodoma city yesterday from a kiosk. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

● **Wants education to be skills-oriented**

By Guardian Reporters

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday indicated that she will make major changes aimed at expanding democratic space, improving diplomatic relations and sacking lax government officials.

In her maiden address to the National Assembly, the president said she is expecting to meet leaders of political parties for discussions on how to make the country's democracy vibrant again, underlining that democracy is a key component of development.

"We'll review laws, policies and regulations to make the private sector vibrant so that investors can smoothly start new ventures," she said, nodding to MPs to do their work freely in law making, representing their constituents and conducting oversight of the government.

"Criticise us as much as you can; criticise my ministers if they come here with petty issues," she said.

"The government is ready to accept your positions, stand with you. However, when you do so, use parliamentary language."

President Samia said she intends to review the country's foreign policy of the past two decades to match with current trends of economic diplomacy, including working on deployment of officers in foreign missions in line with one's area of specialization.

Another area where the president said will make changes was the education sector where she said the government shall review the sector's 2014 policy to make it skills oriented.

"We want to make our education provide skills to learners to match with current market needs which require skilled people in each area," the president underlined.

She pointedly issued notice of a shake-up in the water sector especially by reshuffling

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TARI calls on districts to pick up quality oil seeds

● **Stock adequate for self-reliance in edible oil countrywide, says director**

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu, Mtwara

IMPROVED oilseeds can be collected from centres of the Tanzania Agriculture Research Institute (TARI), in which case farmers, farm input vendors, cooperative unions and district councils need to collect the seeds as stocks are in abundance.

TARI Director General Dr Geoffrey

Govt set for 44,000 civil servants hiring

By Guardian Reporter

THE government is set to employ 44,096 civil servants in the 2021/2022 financial year, the National Assembly heard yesterday.

A total of 10,297 employees will join the education sector, with health taking up 11,215, agriculture 1,383, livestock 1,250, fisheries 733, police 1,782, prisons 843, fire and rescue 512 - as 1,240 others will be deployed to hospitals run by faith-based organisations.

Mohamed Mchengerwa, Minister of State in the President's Office

“I want Tanzanians must enjoy good services from their servants”

(Public Service Management and Good Governance), said this when tabling Budget estimates for the coming financial year.

He said the government will also employ 14,841 staff for different cadres, including lecturers for public universities, adding that 92,619 will be promoted and 2,360 civil service job titles will be changed in line with amendments to public service regulations.

The minister said pending payments for 17,699 civil servants claiming 37.47bn/- will be evaluated, with efforts being directed at improving data systems used in evaluating salary arrears.

"I call upon officers at all levels to immediately work on the challenges facing civil servants. We will take stringent measures against officials failing to find solutions to workers' challenges," the

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TARI calls on districts to pick up quality oil seeds

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Mkamilo made this observation at a board meeting held at the TARI Naliendele centre in Mtwara region yesterday, underlining that its research centres have released various new improved varieties of high quality oilseeds enough.

The stocks are adequate for Tanzanian market with a surplus, with available seeds intended to enable cultivation of high yielding varieties of sesame, groundnuts, sunflower, oil palm as well as cashew.

He said that improved technologies are being developed continually, and so far in the 2021/22 season, the government has allocated 2.5bn/- for research activities on oil palm and 500m/ for sunflower, as better seeds will boost production and address the shortage of edible oil in the country.

At the Naliendele centre, researchers have produced surplus oil seeds for groundnuts, sesame and cashew nuts crop, whose seeds are similarly available in abundance.

The director was explaining to board members the real demand situation for improved oil seeds and the TARI production capacity, elaborating that

TARI has greater capacity to produce all oil seeds needed.

The problem is slow uptake by farmers, district councils and other stakeholders.

"If these stakeholders will accelerate the rate of adoption and grow the seeds under the right agricultural practices, oil importation would soon be history," he said.

The national coordinator of the oil seeds research program, Joseph Nzunda said that for the year 2020/21 TARI Naliendele produced 35 metric tonnes of high quality LINDI 02 variety of sesame but until now about 17 metric tonnes have been taken by farmers and the district councils, even after writing to the various districts to go and pick up the oil seeds.

"These LINDI 02 sesame variety are of high quality most preferred by farmers and companies. They are white in colour and have more than 55 percent of oil content," he said.

Research continues and until now this technology has been transferred and promoted to almost twelve regions in the country for the farmers to understand its management," he added.



Catholic bishops and other faithful participate in the release of 'peace doves' ahead of the commemoration of the golden jubilee of the Church's Diocese of Singida to be held next year. Photo: Correspondent Dotto Mwaibale

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regional water engineers for failure to implement water projects in time. Scores of projects have taken a long time and billions of taxpayers' money has been embezzled, she lamented.

The government will also increase funding to the water fund to ensure the goal of providing water to 85 percent of rural areas and 95 percent for urban areas by 2025 is attained as indicated in the election manifesto.

The government has been pumping a lot of funds into the area but there has been no tangible results, she said, noting further that the government will look for new sources of water like harvesting rain water and constructing water reservoirs to make water available all round.

Samia now presses democracy button

President Samia sounded out that the government will not tolerate negligence, corruption and laxity, pointing out that many now believe it is time to relax.

"Let me tell you that those who think, seriousness in management of public funds has gone with the departed president should think twice because this is just a copy and paste of the previous government in this area," she asserted.

As to the livestock sector, the government will increase grazing areas but also introduce technology in modern livestock husbandry, she said.

The government will finalize talks on the stalled Liquefied

Natural Gas (LNG) plant in Lindi Region, which has made little progress since it was mooted nearly a decade ago.

President Samia said that the government will also conduct a comprehensive review of Air Tanzania Corporation (ATCL) so as to further beef up the national carrier's fleet and bring it to profitable operations.

The government will invest heavily in the rehabilitation and expansion of airports, and conduct a deep analysis on ATCL to find the right bearings, hire competent people to carry out the new direction, she stated.

In agriculture, the focus will be on the production of quality seeds,

farming inputs and supportive services like storage facilities in villages to stem excessive post-harvest crop wastage.

The president urged systematic technological change in agro-livestock practices, pointing out the use of low yield seeds making crop cultivation, livestock rearing as leaving the farmers and herders poor.

The government will empower the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) and the Agricultural Seed Agency (ASA) by providing more funds to produce more improved seeds and reduce importation.

She said the government has been spending lots of money to

import seeds while the country has enough breeders who can produce quality seeds to boost crop production.

Citing examples, Samia said one acre of cotton in Tanzania produces just 200kg but in other countries more than 1000kg of cotton is harvested per acre.

"That's why it is important for our institutions to venture into hefty production of improved seeds," she emphasised, pointing out a growing problem of markets for agricultural produce.

The government will facilitate agro-processing industries to widen the market for locally grown agricultural crops.

"We will also empower the Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) so as to enable it to issue loans to more small-holder farmers," she said.

The government will also purchase eight fishing ships to work in Zanzibar and the Mainland so as to improve the fishery industry.

"If we want to grow economically, we have to invest in industrial parks so as to attract investors from various parts" she said: "These will create more employment opportunities for our people."

The government will continue strengthening markets for minerals by setting up more selling centres and processing units, she added.



And all were in Dodoma city yesterday to hear President Samia Suluhu Hassan address the nation from the National Assembly... Front row (from-L): former President Ali Hassan Mwinyi, former President Jakaya Kikwete, former Zanzibar President Amani Abeid Karume, and former Prime Minister John Malecela. Back row (from-L): former Zanzibar President Dr Ali Mohamed Shein, former Prime Minister Frederick Sumaye, former Zanzibar Chief Minister Shamsi Uvaidi Nahodha, former Zanzibar Second Vice President Seif Ali Uddi and CCM Vice Chairman (Mainland) Philip Mangula. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

Government set to equip ASA to produce 5,000 tonnes of quality sunflower seeds

By Guardian Reporter

THE government is planning to equip the Agriculture Seed Agency (ASA) with a 10.6bn/- budget so as to enable it produce 5,000 tonnes of quality sunflower seeds and thus stimulate production of the crop in the country.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture Hussein Bashe said this in the Parliament yesterday when responding to a question by Mariam Ditopile (Special Seats, CCM).

In his basic question, the lawmaker sought to know the

government's strategy to support and enable more farmers in the country to invest in the cultivation of sunflower, palm oil and groundnuts so as to, among others, cut down costs of importing edible oil.

The deputy minister said in the next fiscal year, the government will put more efforts in the production of quality seeds through 'block farming' in some of the regions especially for producing sunflower, cotton and oil palm seeds.

"The demand for edible oil in the country is estimated at 570,000 tonnes per year while

the production of essential good estimated to reach an average of 205,000 tonnes thus making an annual deficit of 365,000 tonnes," he said.

"This situation prompts the country to spend 474bn/- per year to import edible oil," he said.

In her supplementary question, Ditopile asked if the government was planning to suspend the 'Warehouses Receipt System' for some regions including Dodoma as it carries several grievances.

Responding, Bashe said that the government will suspend the system for at least one year in

five regions due to lack of strong cooperative unions.

He named the regions as Dodoma, Morogoro, Singida, Katavi and Songwe.

The deputy minister directed authorities in the regions to start registering buyers of crops who will purchase the crops at fair prices.

On produce's market, Bashe said the government is also prepared to link farmers with various markets inside and outside the country which include furnishing farmers and traders with enough market information to enable them to decide.

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minister said.

He also urged MPs to directly submit to his office complaints by civil servants from their respective constituencies, saying the government was determined to end challenges facing civil servants.

"I want Tanzanians must enjoy good services from their servants," he further stated.

In the 2021/2022 financial year, the government will conduct an assessment to identify new employees deserving to be in the government payroll, noting further that the ministry will

also issue permits for new employment and filling vacancies in public agencies and institutions.

To ensure better management of human resources, the government will enhance the use of the Human Capital Management Information System, an integrated human resource and payroll management system.

In the coming financial year, the government will empower ministries, institutions, agencies and over 20 parastatals to prepare list of their employees and their job descriptions to be able to exactly identify institutions that require more workers, he added.

Tanzania secures soya beans market in China

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

SOYA beans farmers in the country have been informed of the availability of reliable market for the crop in China where it is in great demand.

Speaking to this paper in his office here on Wednesday, the Director of the Uyole Centre of Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI-Uyole) Dr Tulole Bucheyeki said already Tanzania has entered into agreement with China for export of the crop to the Asian country.

Dr Bucheyeki said in order to satisfy the Chinese market demand, his Institute has begun producing the crops' seeds in ample quantities for distribution to farmers to be grown in their farms.

"We at TARI also have the responsibility to mobilise for

the cultivation of the crop which our government has located in China," said the TARI-Uyole Director.

He said the market needs ample quantities of the soya crop hence from now, in order not to lose it the government has decided that even farmers from neighbouring countries to sell their crop to Tanzania for onward export to China.

"We know that as for now our farmers cannot meet the demand of the huge market we have located in China, hence the strategy we will employ is to also get the crop from neighbouring countries, said Dr Bucheyeki.

He said TARI has put for itself strategies to ensure the crop is vastly grown beginning next farming season and farmers have been assured of good prices for their crop.



NMB Bank Plc chief finance officer Juma Kimori pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday presenting a prize to Ally Abubakar (2nd-L), winner of the grand finale of the bank's 'Mastabata Siyo Kikawaida Promotion, who walked away with a new Samsung TV (55"), a fridge, a laptop, a decoder, a mobile phone and a microwave worth 7m/- in total. Looking on are NMB Bank Plc head of card business Philbert Casmir (L), Dar es Salaam zonal manager Donatus Richard, and senior manager for card business Manfred Kayala (R). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Finance minister clarifies on scrutiny fee on TADB loans

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE government has clarified that the fee for loans valuation charged by Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) is for paying for costs in analyzing and scrutinise loans applications that include registration, verification of projects and the loans' collateral.

The clarification was given in Parliament currently sitting in Dodoma by the Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba when responding to a question from special seats member of Parliament Halima Mdee who had queried for the criteria for the one per cent fee charged on loan applicants by TADB whereby 50 per cent of the fee is payable before evaluation and the rest after the loan is finally approved.

Dr Nchemba said the criteria used for charging the fee for analyzing loan applications was the actual cost for scrutiny of the application following market demands at the material time, adding that

the procedure was normal in financial institutions.

"In case the loan is not approved, the initial 50 per cent fee paid is not returned to the applicant because it has been used to meet the cost for loan's scrutiny, the minister said.

He also said the agriculture sector receives little amounts of loans due to challenges of being 'bad loans' as classified by in the Controller and Auditor General report, in which it said over 129bn/- in loans was recorded as issued but only 2.1bn/- was repaid.

He said the government has plans to transform the agriculture sector to be dependable by enabling farmers to repay loans through the use of quality seeds, irrigation and protection of markets to instill faith in banks to issue loans.

Dr Nchemba said the government will continue to monitor TADB to see how it can be facilitated with capital to enable it spur industrial development and increase people's incomes.

Govt permits MAMCU to purchase farm inputs on behalf of other cooperatives

By Guardian Correspondent, Mtwara

DEPUTY Agriculture Minister Hussein Bashe has said the Masasi Mtwara Cooperative Union (MAMCU) has been provided with an opportunity to procure farm inputs on behalf of other cooperatives in the country.

The Deputy Minister revealed this here early this week as he was addressing the MAMCU's 21st general meeting, and added that beginning this farming season cashew nuts farmers will not purchase pesticides and instead the government will provide it for free while crop buyers will be called upon to contribute to the cost.

Bashe also conveyed his remarks by phone to the Nanyumbu District Commissioner, Moses Machali and directed him to air them to all MAMCU members in the meeting.

"We have changed the system through various meetings with your leaders and as for now you will not procure loans from banks for buying pesticides instead the burden will be borne by the government in collaboration with cashew nuts buyers," he said.

He said chemicals for spraying cashew nuts trees is sold at 200/- per kg and the only time for farmers to contribute towards the cost will be after the sell of their crops.

In addition, the deputy minister said that as for now the government will purchase 100 sprayers and distribute them to few AMCOs that will be selected for trial purposes.

"Today you are conducting an election of Union officials and we do not expect you to wade into conflicts as you are the ones we are depending upon and you must understand that conflicts are not needed, as no bank would be ready to guarantee the government that provides service to conflict entities," Bashe added.

He said the chemicals to be distributed by the government will bear special emblems to prevent embezzlement by unfaithful people and called on MAMCU members to desist from cashew nuts politics.

Earlier, the Mtwara Regional Commissioner Gelasius Byakanwa called on cashew nuts farmers in the region to concentrate on modern farming practices to increase production.

He said many farmers have inherited cashew nuts trees from their parents, the situation that made them not seeing the importance of professional farming, they were waiting for the farm burning seasons.

He said with professional farming, one cashew nuts tree is supposed to produce 100 kgs of the crop, but

he said many farmers do not know that because they do not follow professional guidelines.

He said from a small research he did in Nanyumbu District, he discovered that there were about four million cashew nuts trees and that if each tree produces at least 20 kgs, the district could have the capacity to produce 80,000 tonnes of the crop each year to become the largest producer of the crop in the region.

In regard to the election for new MAMCU office bearers, Byakanwa called on delegates to pray to God for the votes to go to the right people to make the union become more beneficial to its members.

“We have changed the system through various meetings with your leaders and as for now you will not procure loans from banks for buying pesticides instead the burden will be borne by the government in collaboration with cashew nuts buyers”

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

AGRICULTURE Minister Prof Adolf Mkenda yesterday appealed to Tanzanian maize farmers to take advantage of current rains to produce enough export maize for the Congolese market.

He said here after attending a function of fertiliser experts that if maize farmers will produce surplus maize, their efforts will not be in vain because DRC has a ready market for their maize.

"I appeal to everybody; I appeal to all stakeholders in the agriculture sector to help farmers as much as they can so that our farmers can annually improve their livelihoods. Maize is a staple for us and our neighbours. If our farmers produce surplus maize it will be exported to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) where our maize is badly needed and farmers' livelihoods will improve," Professor Mkenda explained. Tanzania also exports

DR Congo has ready market for Tanzanian maize, says Mkenda

maize to other neighbouring countries.

The minister's appeal is relevant because DRC is a traditional importer of Tanzania's fish, legumes and cereals, particularly maize and Tanzania has invested 11bn/- in expanding Kabwe and Kasanga ports and Kirando quay to facilitate exports to DRC from Songwe, Rukwa, Katavi, Mbeya and Kigoma Regions. Similar efforts are made by DRC by improving Nkolusha port which received imports from Tanzania.

Tanzania's southern highlands regions are biggest producers of maize.

In 2019/2020 fiscal year Tanzania produced 16,293,637 tonnes of food crops, registered a surplus of 2,473,774 because national requirements stand at

13,819,863 tonnes. During the 2016/2017 fiscal year Tanzania harvested 6,680,758 tonnes of maize but the government battles to increase the harvests to 8,800,000 tonnes during the 2012/2022 fiscal year.

Prof Mkenda said while a Tanzanian farmer harvests 12 bags of maize from an acre, a South African counterpart harvests 40 bags. He called on stakeholders to help maize growers increase harvests per acre by helping them adopt proper maize husbandry, use of fertiliser and remaining keen on soil health.

He said because of low productivity, the agriculture sector contributes less than one third to the national income while the sector employs two thirds of Tanzania's economically active population.



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PRESS RELEASE

EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION ON BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Dar es Salaam, April 2021

The Business Registrations and Licensing Agency (BRELA) cordially informs Company owners and the general Public that, the Minister for Industry and Trade through Government Notice No. 189 of 12th February, 2021 extended the time for submission of information on Beneficial Owners for a period of twelve months from 1st January, 2021 to the Companies registered before 1st July, 2020.

The requirement to submit beneficial ownership information arises from the amendments of the Companies Act, Cap. 212 which were done through the Finance Act, 2020.

This extension of time has been granted in accordance with section 459A of the Companies Act, Cap 212 which empowers the Minister to extend the time for submission of Beneficial Ownership information.

BRELA in collaboration with the Ministry of Industry and Trade is in the last stages of completing The Companies (Beneficial Ownership) Regulations that will specify the modality of submission and keeping of beneficial ownership information. Once the Regulations are published, BRELA shall start receiving the said information.

For more details, kindly contact us through email address usajili@brela.go.tz, phone number +255 (0) 22 221 2800 or visit our office located at The Tanzania Federation of Co-operatives Building, 6th floor, Lumumba Street, Dar es Salaam.

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ADDENDUM TENDER NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID (ITB)

ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL FRAME AGREEMENTS FOR SUPPLY OF VARIOUS ITEMS

- 1. Background:**

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Representation Office in Dar es Salaam had initially advertised in various newspapers the invitation of reputable and qualified suppliers to submit firm offers for the establishment of multiple Frame Agreements for the supply of any or all the below-listed Items. Additionally, UNHCR now is inviting eligible suppliers to attend the Pre-bid conference.
- 2. Requirement:**

TENDER REFERENCE NUMBER	TENDER ITEM DESCRIPTION
ITB/2021/SUP/003	Supply of Assorted Spare Parts
ITB/2021/SUP/005	Supply of Tires
ITB/2021/SUP/007	Supply of Uniforms and Shoes
- 3. Pre-bid Conference:**

The Pre-bid conference will be via Microsoft Teams, in order to participate in these meetings.

 - Please confirm your attendance via email to ndassa@unhcr.org copy ishobeza@unhcr.org and ndibalem@unhcr.org
 - State the tender you will be willing to participate in.

Below are the dates set for each tender's Pre-bid Conference

ITB/2021/SUP/003 - Supply of Assorted Spare Parts	Tuesday 27 th April 2021 at 1000hrs EAT
ITB/2021/SUP/003 - Supply of Tires	Wednesday 28 th April 2021 at 1000hrs EAT
ITB/2021/SUP/007 - Supply of Uniforms and Shoes	Thursday 29 th April 2021 at 1000hrs EAT

THE COMPANIES ACT (ACT 2002)
COMPANY NO: 34586
ASCO GENERAL TRADING LIMITED

Extra Ordinary General Meeting of the Member of Ascog General Trading Limited held at Dar es Salaam City on 30th day of July, 2020 at 14:00 hrs. An extra ordinary General Meeting of the Members of the company held at its registered office on 30th July, 2019 the following was resolved:

- That the Members do not intend to continue with operations of the company, therefore, it is hereby resolved that the company should be wound up voluntarily subject to complying with necessary procedures provided under the law.
- That it is hereby resolved that Charles Adolph a managing partner (Adolph Associates of Plot No. 67 Ghana Avenue P.O. Box 19580 Ilahe Municipality Dar es Salaam be and is hereby appointed to be the liquidator of this company.

That the resolution should be filed with the Registrar of Companies.

ASCO GENERAL TRADING LIMITED
New July 20, 2020

THE COMPANIES ACT (ACT 2002)
COMPANY NO: 127151
ROOSTERS GROUP LIMITED

Extra Ordinary General Meeting of the Member of Roosters Group Limited held at Dar es Salaam City on 30th day of July, 2020 at 14:00 hrs. An extra ordinary General Meeting of the Members of the company held at its registered office on 30th December, 2020 the following was resolved:

- That the Members do not intend to continue with operations of the company, therefore, it is hereby resolved that the company should be wound up voluntarily subject to complying with necessary procedures provided under the law.
- That it is hereby resolved that Charles Adolph a managing partner (Adolph Associates of Plot No. 67 Ghana Avenue 127151 P.O. Box 19580 Ilahe Municipality Dar es Salaam be and is hereby appointed to be the liquidator of this company.

That the resolution should be filed with the Registrar of Companies.

ROOSTERS GROUP LIMITED
Date: December 30, 2020

Solution to minimise aflatoxin contaminations in offing - IITA

By Correspondent Crispin Gerald

THE International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) in collaboration with national, regional and international partners has developed a scientifically proven bio-control solution to minimize aflatoxin contaminations in maize and groundnuts.

The bio-control solution—'Aflasafe' helps to produce aflatoxin-safe food for consumers and traders can sell to lucrative regional and international markets with guaranteed higher returns.

The all-natural, safe, easy-to-use, and environmentally friendly product reduces aflatoxin contamination by more than 80 percent in maize and groundnut.

"It uses native non-toxin producing (atoxicogenic) strains of *Aspergillus flavus* to naturally out-compete their aflatoxin-producing cousins; the product prevents contamination before, during, and after harvest. Country-specific products are developed with locally sourced atoxicogenic strains," said Dr George Mahuku, Plant Pathologist for IITA.

Dr Mahuku said there is an urgent need to scale up the use of Aflasafe in Tanzania by creating awareness about aflatoxin contamination, the health effects associated with contamination, and how to minimize contamination using an integrated approach centered on the use of Aflasafe.

He said there is low awareness of the problem, technology and its benefits, hence the need for creating awareness among high levels of policy and decision-makers and the private sector for institutionalization and increased investments in development, deployment and scaling out of the technology.

"We need to implement mechanisms for smallholder farmers to adopt the new aflatoxin control technology and

ensure that farmers adopting technologies and producing aflatoxin-compliant crops receive incentives," he added.

Aflatoxin is a poison produced predominantly by the fungus *Aspergillus flavus* in several staples, including maize. The word aflatoxin comes from afla (contracted from the term *Aspergillus flavus*) and toxin (poison).

Aflatoxin is invisible to the naked eye, colorless, odorless, and tasteless; this means it is hard to detect even at high levels, which can be lethal.

It can only be definitively detected through testing in the laboratory or in the field using portable devices and accompanying reagents, kits, and other materials.

In Tanzania, Aflasafe TZ01 has been fully registered by the relevant regulatory bodies and is being manufactured and marketed by A to Z Textiles Mills Limited in Arusha.

Maize farmers in the country have access to Aflasafe TZ01 to protect their crops right from the field through storage.

Policy engagement is also needed on the option of introducing targeted subsidies to offset the cost of Aflasafe and associated labor costs for applications.

Strengthening engagement with the private sector and local producers to build consensus on control measures, which include good agricultural practices to complement Aflasafe, is crucial.

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Innocent Chegenda (R), Tanzania Forest Services Agency conservator for Siha District in Kilimanjaro Region, presents one of 10,000 tree seedlings to Tigo Tanzania north zone manager Daniel Mainoya yesterday in support of a tree planting initiative called 'Tigo Green for Kili Project' meant to conserve Mount Kilimanjaro. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Correspondent James Lanka,

Moshi

THE Tanzania Revenue Authority in Kilimanjaro has launched a ten-day door-to-door and shop-to-shop campaign in the region to crackdown on smuggled products with fake Electronic Tax Stamps (ETS).

Speaking at the launching ceremony, acting Senior Manager for Taxpayer Education at TRA headquarters Rose Maendeka said the campaign which is aimed at providing education on tax will go hand in hand with inspecting and pursuing untrusted traders who fake electronic stamps.

"Let me warn traders who smuggle goods into the country and evade tax by using fake tax stamps, we will go shop by shop

TRA cracks down on fake ET stamps in Kilimanjaro

because this is a serious problem in the region," she said.

During the launching event which was attended by Kilimanjaro Regional Commissioner Dr Anna Mghwira, the TRA official said the campaign will be done in all the districts of the regions namely Hai, Siha, Mwanga, Moshi Municipal, Moshi Rural, Same, Mwanga and Rombo.

"During the campaign, we will also be patrolling borders to identify unofficial routes used to smuggle products which are sold in the market having fake tax

stamps," she said.

According to her, those who will be identified as dodging tax payments through the use of fake tax stamps, said Maendeka, will be dealt with in accordance with the law.

According to Maendeka, the campaign started in regions of Dar-es-Salaam, Mbeya, Singida, Dodoma.

TRA Regional Assistant Manager (Debts) in Kilimanjaro, Tilson Chipimbilo Kabuje said on Monday that the ongoing education that scheduled from

April 19 to April 29 2021 will be conducted in a friendly manner and called upon members of the business community in the area to cooperate.

For her part, RC Mghwira appealed to residents of her region to cooperate with TRA officials in the ongoing education campaign.

She added that, the 10-days campaign will be conducted in a friendly manner and called upon members of the business community in the area to cooperate.



Equity Bank (Tanzania) official Isabella Maganga (C) speaks at yesterday's launch of 'Jijenge Account', a saving plan that allows the bank's customers to benefit from loans of up to three times the amount saved. She is with colleagues Godwin Semuny (L) and Happiness Munisi. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Babati

Babati police hunting for motorcyclist alleged to have raped school girl (15)

POLICE in Manyara Region are hunting for a motor-cycle taxi operator, Paskali Fissoo, resident of sola Village in Babati District for allegedly raping a Form III student (15) name withheld, from Kwang' Secondary School.

Manyara Regional Police Commander Paaul Kasabago confirmed the incident saying it happened at around 11:45am in Makatanini area near the Babati Main Bus Stand.

Kasabago said the suspect asked

to give a lift to girl students and reaching the main Bus Stand after about a kilometre ride, he made a turn towards nearby bushes he stopped and allegedly drew a knife whereupon one girl ran away to report to policemen at the Bus Stand.

"After reporting, the police, with the help of other citizens hurried to the spot, but when the suspect

saw a huge group of people including fellow motor cycle drivers approaching, he ran away after abandoning his bike to other people," the RPC said.

The RPC said they seized the motorcycle with Reg No. MC254 CBV and were still hunting for the suspect.

RPC Kasabago called on motorcycle drivers to stop desires

that have no basis else they might draw long jail sentences over rape.

Babati Hospital Doctor-in-charge Dr Frank Mchuno confirmed to have received the girl student saying that she was indeed raped.

Dr Mchuno said she had bruises in her private parts and at the shoulders and that her skirt was torn.

Give us priority on tendering, Tanzanian contractors appeal

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole, Mbeya

LOCAL contractors yesterday asked the government to prioritise them in the tendering process of various construction projects so as to enable them increase capital and competence.

They made the call yesterday here during the two-day consultative meeting organised by Contractors Registration Board (CRB), for southern zone contractors.

The meeting which attracted more than 300 local contractors, is expected to be officially opened today by the Minister of Works and Transportation Dr Leonard Chamurihio.

Director of Mabondi Electrical Contractors, Anania Mwakibete claimed that the current trend by the government to implement construction projects by using 'force account' has killed many local contractors companies.

He said in recent years, the government has been using public institutions like SUMA JKT and others to implement construction projects because of what is called the high cost by the local contractors.

Mabondi said even the public institutions which implement the construction projects sometimes use the same cost as local contractors, so denying tenders to contractors wasn't fair.

"We humbly request the government to give us construction tenders because if we don't have project to implement it goes further to kill our expertise, and if you look to many of us are going through a very hard situation, our incomes have been shaken and we still loans in financial institutions to pay," he explained.

Vitisi Mushi, director of Videfea

Construction said the government decided to use force account in the implementation of its projects, something which leaves many local contractors out of it as they don't complete projects within agreed time.

He said sometimes delays happen because there are a lot of procedures that local contractors follow so as to complete the project which is different to the public institutions that use the force account system.

"There are many criteria when the project is delayed, example we local contractors are inspected several times and every stage of the implementation of the projects....But those public institution which practice force account don't undergoes all this long procedures," he said.

He added that sometimes you may find that the local contractor is awarded a certain tender but he is not paid on time, something which causes the delay of the projects which is not the case when it comes to force account.

"For example there are complaints that most water projects are delayed but the problem behind is not contractors but the clients who don't pay on time," he said.

He added: "You may find that the leader visiting a certain construction site and questions why the project is delayed without asking the reason behind, this hurts us a lot."

Edna Kajiba who is the director of Shakazuru said it is her expectation that the new government will work on all their grievances and give them construction tenders so that they can boost their capital.

Another local contractor, Ali Mpendo from Rukwa cried about nepotism in some tenders, a move which has been barring other companies to win tenders.

By Getrude Mbagu

ATE launches seventh cohort of Female Future Programme

THE Association of Tanzania Employers (ATE) has launched a seventh cohort of the "Female Future Programme" which is aimed to get more women into management positions, decision-making processes and on corporate boards.

The programme which will take 14 days in class and nine months of practical assignments, will see over 30 women from various public and private organisations being equipped with essential leadership skills to enable them deliver well in their organisations.

Speaking during the launch in Dar es Salaam yesterday, ATE's executive director Dr Aggrey Mlimuka said that the training programme will be provided in partnership with the Eastern and Southern Africa Management Institute (ESAMI).

"This programme is going to be beneficial and will connect the ladies strategically to improve their performance, personal and organisational success and we believe

this will enhance productivity at workplaces and an organisation will feel the importance of grooming talents they wish to motivate."

He said that the programme also grills women to become more potential leaders capable of overcoming fear and managing fright when negotiating in various issues.

"ATE and ESAMI are ready to make sure that we train more ladies each year and we will make sure that each lady gets the best out of the programme. In total we have 35 Female Future Cohort 7 ladies from 19 organisations of different sectors, this will create a challenging learning environment and develop exposed leaders for business development," he added.

Prof Mlimuka further said that the training is further meant to enhance the inclusion of women in leadership positions in the corporate world, putting in place a knowledge base for

best practices.

"We also have the Female Future Alumni Network which brings together ladies from all cohorts of the Female Future Programme. The aim for having the alumni is to establish a powerful network of female leaders that they can use to advance their careers, receive professional advice and opinions, hold meetings and discussions as well as create a referral system where they can assist each other as they aim for the glass ceiling," he added.

Pro Apollonia Kerenge from ESAMI said that women representation in various sectors was still low, something which needs more efforts to address the gap.

She noted that various studies have proved that having more women in top leadership positions, speeds up the pace of development, so investing in them should be reemphasized.

Government to register all food, cosmetics premises countrywide

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

Officials of Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) have been continuing with the exercise of registration of food and cosmetics premises in Mlimba and Ulanga district councils, Morogoro Region whereby a total of 140 buildings have been registered within the area.

Registration of the premises which deals with food and cosmetics have been conducted in the area parallel with inspection of goods and educating traders on the importance of standards and quality.

Speaking during the exercise the Quality Assurance Officer at TBS, Daniel Kahabi, said that the Bureau has directed its efforts to reach all areas countrywide and register the buildings and educate traders on good preservation of their goods and ensure that the premises meet required standards.

"Apart from registration and inspection of premises and food and cosmetics, we urge shop owners to inspect their goods every

time to ensure that they sell products which did not expire, and preserve them in a good hygiene and safe place, said Kahabi.

For her part, the TBS Marketing Officer Deborah Haule, urged food and cosmetic traders to register their premises in a system to avoid unnecessary disturbances once inspectors will visit their areas.

"Registration is done electronically through the TBS website, you can do so anytime, anywhere, what you are required to have is a Taxpayer identification Number (TIN) and business license in order to complete the procedure," she said.

She also insisted citizens to continue to report to the authorities in case they see expired goods being sold in the market. Haule asked the public to visit any nearby TBS offices or make a free call at their center.

The roles of food and cosmetics premises registration was assumed to TBS in June 2019, the activity which was earlier conducted by the former Tanzania Food and Drugs Authority (TFDA).



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

FHI 360 is a nonprofit human development organization dedicated to improving lives in lasting ways by advancing integrated, locally driven solutions. Our staff include experts in Health, Education, Nutrition, Environment, Economic Development, Civil Society, Gender, Youth, Research and Technology; creating a unique mix of capabilities to address today's interrelated development challenges. FHI 360 serves more than 70 countries. FHI 360 is seeking applications for various positions for an **anticipated USAID project Comprehensive Client-Centered Health Program For Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child And Adolescent Health (C3hp-RMNCAH)**

The project is focused on improving reproductive, maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health (RMNCAH) outcomes by increasing demand for and utilization of high-quality facility and community services.

1. Chief of Party

Position Main Responsibilities: The Chief of Party will be the primary liaison with the funder and will manage project staff and implementing partners to ensure proper reporting, financial management, and compliance. The COP is expected to coordinate with government and other stakeholders to ensure that activities complement ongoing initiatives and adhere to country and global standards. The position will be based in Tanzania and will report to the FHI 360 Southern Africa Regional Director. **Recruitment is contingent upon successful award of the project and the selection of the final applicant is subject to USAID approval.**

Position Requirements- Qualifications, Skills and Experience: • Master's Degree or higher in medicine, public health, health management, social science, or a related field required • 15+ years' experience designing, implementing, and managing large, complex health service delivery projects involving multiple partners in or for developing countries • At minimum, must have at least eight years of progressively more responsible supervisory work experience that involved direct leadership of professional and support staff, oversight and evaluation of staff performance and deliverables • Management experience with a USG contract required • Familiarity with FAR and other USG requirements • Strong management skills, strategic vision, leadership qualities, professional reputation, ability to create synergies where applicable, interpersonal skills, and written and oral presentation skills to fulfill the diverse technical and managerial requirements of the project description • At least two years of experience living or working in East Africa; Tanzanian nationals are strongly encouraged to apply • Demonstrated ability to create and maintain effective working relations with host country government personnel, stakeholders, NGO partners, and international donor agencies • Strong interpersonal, writing, and oral presentation skills in English; Swahili language fluency highly desired • Ability to work independently and manage a high-volume work flow • Relevant computer software skills, including at a minimum MS Office

2. Deputy Chief of Party

Position Main Responsibilities: The Deputy Chief of Party will lead government and key stakeholder relations for the project, with special attention to capacity development initiatives. The DCOP is expected to coordinate with government and other stakeholders to ensure that activities complement ongoing initiatives and adhere to country and global standards. The position will be based in Tanzania and will report to the Chief of Party. **Recruitment is contingent upon successful award of the project and the selection of the final applicant is subject to USAID approval.**

Position Requirements- Qualifications, Skills and Experience: • Master's Degree or higher in medicine, public health, health management, social science, or a related field required • 10+ years' experience designing, implementing, and managing large, complex health service delivery projects involving multiple partners in or for developing countries • 5+ years' experience designing, implementing, and managing large, complex health service delivery projects involving multiple partners in or for developing countries • At minimum, must have at least five years of progressively more responsible supervisory work experience that involved direct leadership of professional and support staff, oversight and evaluation of staff performance and deliverables • Demonstrated leadership qualities, with accompanying depth and breadth of technical and management expertise • Tanzanian national • Management experience with a USG award and familiarity with USAID agreement regulations preferred • Demonstrated ability to create and maintain effective working relations with host country government personnel, stakeholders, NGO partners, and international donor agencies • Strong interpersonal, writing, and oral presentation skills in English; Swahili language fluency highly desired • Ability to work independently and manage a high-volume work flow • Relevant computer software skills, including at a minimum MS Office

3. Associate Director, SBC and Community Health

Position Main Responsibilities: The Associate Director, SBC and Community Health will be an FHI 360 employee working in and placed at the C3hp-Rmncah office in Dar es Salaam. Under the guidance of the Deputy Chief of Party, the Associate Director, SBC and Community Health will lead and manage coordination, mentorship, and implementation of community-based engagement and SBC activities and ensuring linkages between SBC and service delivery activities across national consortium partners and Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MOHCDEC) and PO-RALG partners. S/he will also monitor consortium partner supportive supervision quality and provide focused SBC and community engagement technical assistance as needed to MOHCDEC, PO-RALG, and consortium partner teams. **Recruitment is contingent upon successful award of the project and the selection of the final applicant is subject to USAID approval.**

Position Requirements- Qualifications, Skills and Experience: • Master's degree in health communications, public health, social sciences, international development, public policy, or a related field • 8-10 years of

experience in relevant field. • A minimum of 5 years experience in a program supervisory or management position • Experience in designing and implementing in projects that include strong community-level health or SBC component is required • Experience in providing technical assistance to project/government staff working on community-based health or SBC projects desired • Demonstrated proficiency with using Microsoft Office Suite required • Able to analyze and interpret data, identify errors, and prepare reports • Able to problem solve and develop and implement corrective action as needed • Familiarity with implementation science and application of program evidence to providing guided technical assistance and mentorship • Familiarity with SBC research and appropriate methodologies for behavior change program evaluation • Excellent oral and written communication skills in English and Swahili • Qualified female candidates particularly encouraged to apply • Ability to work effectively, both independently and in a team unit

4. Associate Director, Government Engagement & Capacity Development

Position Main Responsibilities: The Associate Director, Government Engagement & Capacity Development will be an FHI 360 employee working in and placed at the C3hp-Rmncah office in Dar es Salaam. Under the guidance of the Deputy Chief of Party, the Associate Director, Government Engagement & Capacity Development will lead and manage coordination, planning, and implementation of capacity development activities for consortium, government and civil society partners and ensure linkages and close collaboration with Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MOHCDEC) and PO-RALG partners. S/he will also monitor consortium and government partner operational capacity and facilitate focused technical assistance as needed to MOHCDEC, PO-RALG, and consortium partner teams. **Recruitment is contingent upon successful award of the project and the selection of the final applicant is subject to USAID approval.**

Position Requirements- Qualifications, Skills and Experience: • Master's degree in health systems management, organizational management, international development, public policy, or a related field and 7-9 years of experience in relevant field in a capacity development role; OR Bachelor's Degree in similar field with 9-11 yrs of experience in relevant field in a capacity development role • A minimum of 7 years' experience in a program supervisory or management position • Experience in high-level government engagement, particularly around government program transition or contracting, is required • Experience in providing technical assistance to project/government staff working on program budgeting is desired • Demonstrated proficiency with using Microsoft Office Suite required • Able to analyze and interpret data, identify errors, and prepare reports • Able to problem solve and develop and implement corrective action as needed • Familiarity with implementation and management science and application of program evidence to providing guided technical assistance and mentorship • Familiarity with organizational capacity development and appropriate methodologies for improving finance and operational systems • Excellent oral and written communication skills in English and Swahili • Qualified female candidates particularly encouraged to apply • Ability to work effectively, both independently and in a team unit.

5. Compliance Manager

Position Main Responsibilities: The Compliance Manager will be responsible for supporting global compliance standards and procedures within the C3HP RMNCAH project by providing project management oversight for compliance related tasks and activities. Specifically, will lead the process for compliance among functional areas and implementing compliance initiatives including developing recommendations for improving internal controls, operating efficiency, and the adequacy of records and recordkeeping. The position holder will review and evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of operations, reliability of financial reporting, compliance with applicable funder regulations and laws and the safeguard of assets. The position will plan, perform and report back on internal audits to ensure that financial control, financial guidelines of funder organizations and other control procedures in purchasing, procurement and contracting are in place and are being properly implemented and managed within the project. **Recruitment is contingent upon successful award of the project and the selection of the final applicant is subject to USAID approval.**

Position Requirements- Qualifications, Skills and Experience: • Master's Degree in Accounting, Business Administration, Finance or Related Field and 5-7 years' experience in ethics and compliance according to regulatory standards, contracts; OR Bachelor's Degree in similar field with 7-9 yrs related experience. Typically, experience in managing an internal fraud investigation or compliance department • Certified Public Accountant (CPA) designation; Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) and Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) designations strongly preferred • Strong knowledge of quality management systems, regulatory standards and procedures • Must be able to provide accurate, expert level advice to reach outcomes that will enable achievement of project and overall organization goals • Familiar with general principles and process involved in conducting an internal process review or internal audit engagement • Experience in accounting and business principles sufficient to prepare complex and detailed financial and budgetary analyses • Good understanding of risk and control needs/requirements of international nonprofit development entities • Well-versed in internal investigation and corporate compliance standards • Ability to gather, analyze, and synthesize information from many sources • Experience in performing activities associated with compliance and internal controls • Strong familiarity with USG contracts, regulatory agencies and reporting requirements • Must have excellent communication, diplomatic and negotiation skills. Ability to influence, motivate and negotiate to ensure compliance objectives are met • Ability to multi-task, meet deadlines, and accomplish goals • Excellent organizational and project management skills • Ability to work independently and well with others • Strong analytical and problem-solving skills • Ability to analyze and interpret data, identify errors and prepare reports • Demonstrated ability to create and manage work plans and timelines • Excellent oral and written communication.

How to Apply:

FHI 360 has a competitive compensation package. Interested candidates may apply online through www.fhi360.org/careers by uploading his/her Application Letter, Curriculum Vitae (CV)/Resume, Photocopies of Certificates and Names and Addresses of three (3) referees

FHI 360 is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Only short listed candidates will be contacted. **Closing Date: May 05, 2021**



REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

RFQ Title: Supply of OVC Start up kits & education subsidies
RFQ number: 2021-K04/01
Date of Solicitation: 23rd April 2021
Closing Date: Tuesday 6th May 2021, 11:00am (Dar es Salaam, Tanzania)
Submission Date and time: 6th May 2021
Questions and Clarifications Due by 3rd May 2021
Estimated Delivery/ Performance Date: 30th June 2021.

Pact Inc. is an international non-profit organization with its headquarters in Washington, DC. Pact serves communities challenged by poverty and marginalization because we envision a world where everyone owns their future. To do this, we build systemic solutions in partnership with local organizations, businesses, and government. Our goal is thriving, resilient communities where those we serve are heard, capable, and vibrant.

The Kizazi Kipya project is a five-year USAID/PEPFAR funded project implemented by Pact Tanzania in collaboration with Elizabeth Glaser Paediatric AIDS Foundation, Railway Children Africa and the Ifakara Health Institute working to transform lives of vulnerable children and youth. The overall goal of USAID Kizazi Kipya is to ensure children and youth thrive and survive through sustainable improvement and social wellbeing. The project is dedicated to improving lives of OVC and families, alongside communities affected with HIV.

Pact Tanzania under USAID Kizazi Kipya project will provide Vocational start-up kits to 277 out of school OVC age 14-17 who, with the support of project, have completed vocational training.

Pact Tanzania now invites quotes from eligible, registered companies to supply startup kits and Education subsidies for OVCs in targeted councils. Below is list of lots to be supplied and distributed.

Lot1.
(Plumbing kits, carpentry and joinery kit, Tile fixing kit, Domestic electrical installation kit, Shoe making kit, welding and fabrication kit, Motor vehicle mechanics kit, motorcycle mechanics kits)

Lot2.
(Tailoring and Dress making kit, Decorations (venue) kit, Hair dressing and Beauty, Embroidery kit)

Lot3.
(Catering and Food production, Baking and Decoration)

Lot4.
Educational subsidies (Pen, pencil, exercises book, and mathematical sets)

Lot5.
Educational subsidies (shoes)

Interested vendors should request for the full Terms of Reference through email to procurementTZ@pactworld.org by **Monday 29th April 2021**.

Interested, eligible vendor should deliver their quotation to:

The Tender Committee
Pact Tanzania
74 Uporoto Street, Victoria
P. O. Box 6348, Dar es salaam, Tanzania

All quotes must be in Tanzanian Shillings and enclosed in a plain sealed envelope. The deadline is 11am **EAT Thursday 6th May 2021**. PACT will open all bids on **Tuesday 6th April 2021 at 11.30am** in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend. The Bidders' representatives who are present shall sign a register evidencing their attendance.

Please note:

- Late or incomplete bids will not be accepted.
- The quote that complies with all the specifications/requirements and offers value for money, as well as all other evaluation criteria indicated in the TOR, shall be selected.
- Pact may cancel solicitation and not award.
- Pact may reject any or all responses received.
- Issuance of request for quotes does not constitute a contract commitment by Pact.
- Pact reserves the right to disqualify any offer based on offeror failure to follow the solicitation instructions.
- Pact reserves the right to waive minor proposal deficiencies that can be corrected prior to award determination to promote competition.
- Pact will be contacting all offerors to confirm contact person, address and that the proposal was submitted for this solicitation.

Legislator says CAG's report 'shielded' some top officials behind financial wrongdoing

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

KISESA Member of Parliament Luhaga Mpina, has advised the Parliamentary Accounts Committee (PAC) to look in depth all audit queries raised in the CAG Report to ensure all those involved in embezzlement of public funds are dealt with in accordance with the laws and regulations and financial laws governing budgeting and procurement.

"My problem here is - why are other officials involved are being shielded by the CAG Report why they are very well known?" asks Mpina.

Speaking in Dodoma mid this week, Mpina suggested that all audit queries submitted by CAG, after scrutiny by PAC should be prepared in a consolidated document (matrix) that will show how the query was brought about and its authenticity after scrutiny to know the truth.

Mpina said CAG Report talks about inadequate supervision on Tourist Development Levy Fund for FY 2019/20 and 2017/2018 reaching 34.9bn/-.

He said the CAG Report also says 5.4bn/-, 2.8bn/- and 100m/- was transferred by the Director of Tourism to the Tanzania Tourist Board, the National Tourism College and the National Museum respectively without the permission of the Accounting Officer of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism.

Mpina said the CAG Report says 6.9bn/- was paid by the Tourist Development Levy Fund without the endorsement of the ministry's Accounting Officer.

He added that 16.36bn/- was paid out without accompanying receipts, and 11.156bn/- was deficient of supporting documents and that such kind of payment was in violation of Regulation 88 (1) of

the 2001 Financial Regulations and Regulation 9(2) and 11 of 2013 Tourist Development Levy Fund Regulations.

However, Mpina said the CAG recommends that the Director of Tourism and the Accounting Officer to be responsible for bad financial management in regard to Tourist Development Levy while disregarding the Ministry's permanent Secretary in the embezzlement allegations.

Mpina queried how was the funds paid out without the permission of the accounting officer? So, where his real supervisory job?

The government has improved the system for collecting government revenue electronically, then how can all this amount of money been paid without being permitted by the appropriate authority?

"My problem here is - why are other officials involved are being shielded by the CAG Report why they are very well known?" asks Mpina.

Hence the MP advised PAC to look into depth the issue and to ensure that all those involved are included in facing the wrath of the laws.

He also said all audit queries was submitted by CAG after PAC and LAAC scrutiny should be prepared in a matrix that will show how the query was submitted and their authenticity after scrutiny.



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Nzinga Construction Company engineer Jordan Mbaga (L) pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday briefing Luca Neghesti (2nd-R), councillor of the city's Msasani ward, on the implementation of a sewage project in the Bonde la Mpunga suburb. Photo: Correspondent. Photo: Correspondent

12,500 pregnant women benefit from Momcare Project in Manyara Region

By Guardian Correspondent, Babati

OVER 12,500 pregnant women in Manyara Region have benefitted from Momcare Project equivalent to more than 90 per cent through PharmAccess International by accessing to various maternity services to fight maternal deaths.

This was revealed on Tuesday this week by Momcare Project Manager from PharmAccess International, Liberatha Shija at the launch of the maternity wing of Babati Mrara hospital which PharmAccess have revamped aimed at improving maternity

services at the hospital.

"We started with eight health centres among which Manyara Region had five and Kilimanjaro Region three," she said.

She said in the second year the number increased to 15 and this year they have increased 25 centres to reach 40 out of which 37 are in Manyara Region and three in Kilimanjaro Region.

She said the project was engaged in revamping the infrastructures where needed, to facilitate the centres with basic needs including essential drugs and medical equipment and maternity services from

funds the centres receive as service fees.

She said another aim was facilitating project beneficiaries and their families with the improved Community Health Insurance (iCHF) by meeting the cost.

Liberatha also said through the issuance of free iCHF to the project beneficiaries, the project has contributed to the iCHF Fund for more than 300m/-.

She explained that the project aims to work in about 40 centres in three years and reach about 25,100 women.

For her part a worker providing

maternity service at Babati Mrara, Magreth Isaya said earlier, before PharmaAccess made improvements to the infrastructures there was no privacy in the rooms they used to provide maternity service, there was also congestion in the examination room for pregnant women.

Magreth said after revamping the maternity wing, there was now privacy when providing maternity service and claimed that the number of pregnant women had increased every month serving between 300 and 500 pregnant women.

By Guardian Reporter, Mwanza

TIC to process investment permits within three days

TANZANIA Investment Centre (TIC) says permits for investors needing to invest in the country's various sectors are issued within three days and called upon business people to grab the opportunity.

Speaking to this paper in his office on Wednesday, Lake Zone TIC Manager Pendo Gondwe said the step will help the would be investors to be attracted to invest in various sectors in the country.

Pendo said various institutions involved in issuing investment permits are now operating from 'one stop centre.'

She added that red tape was among the reasons for the delay of investors' plans, those from within and outside the country.

In regard to investment in the Lake Zone regions at the moment,

Pendo said four industrial investors have created 7,829 jobs to Tanzanians.

He said due to conducive environment by the government, the factories have continued to produce and have been paying government taxes.

Pendo further said Alliance Cotton Ginnery in Simiyu Region produces 30,000 tonnes of cotton per year, adding that this production was low as the ginnery was capable to produce over 100,00 tonnes had enough raw cotton was available.

She also said other factories which TIC visited and inspected in the Lake Zone include the Kagera Sugar factory.

Pendo said by 2030 the factory

will have the capacity to produce 250,000 tonnes that will be sold inside the country thereby saving USD 100 million used by the government to import the commodity every year.

She explained that the investment at the factory has cost USD 320 million and has employed more than 7,000 people.

In regard to Jambo Food Products factory in Shinyanga Region, she said it processes 1,000 tonnes of honey bought from beekeepers.

In regard to Amir Hamza Coffee factory in Kagera Region, Pendo said it expects to purchase 50 per cent of the crop cultivated in the country.



Contractors Registration Board registrar Rhoben Nkori (C) has a word with CRB chairperson Consolatha Ngimbwa (L) and vice chairperson Joseph Tango in Mbeya city yesterday shortly before the start of a consultative meeting with more than 300 local contractors in the country's southern zone. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole



VACANCY

FUNDRAISING AND PRIVATE SECTOR MOBILISATION SPECIALIST

WWF is seeking to hire a fundraising expert with existing donor relationships and a knack for large-volume grants from bilateral and multilateral sources including governments, development institutions, the private sector and impact investors for its office in Tanzania, based in Dar es salaam.

I. Major Functions:

- Lead the Initiative fundraising efforts and donor care including planning, managing and ensuring the delivery of agreed targets. The success of this role is measured on: income raised, income growth year on year, number of donors maintained, number of new donors recruited, number of fundraising proposals submitted, number of successful proposals (awarded proposal), number of FLR allied small-medium enterprises and number of private sector companies attracted to support FLR with communities.
- Work with Initiative leader to support Program and Fundraising staff in participating countries to aggressively raise funds and engage private sector in bankable FLR solutions to upscale impacts.
- Works closely with Finance and Market Practice, Public Sector Partnerships, Impact Investing and, Bankable Solution and Landscape Finance Lab teams at WWF for unlocking FLR funds.
- Work with the Initiative Leader and countries to develop FLR pitches and package FLR as a bankable investment
- Work with Initiative leader to engage IUCN and Afr100 Secretariat and others, to redevelop/strengthen private sector and large-scale funding platforms for upscaling restoration in the implementing WWF country offices.
- Undertake research and donor intelligence gathering identify opportunities and donors and build and maintain satisfactory relationships at all levels- national and regional in support of the WWF offices fundraising efforts.

II. Specific Required Functional Skills

- University degree in Business Management, Development Studies or related fields;
- Proven track record in successfully fundraising for large grants from the Public Sector, Multilateral institutions (World Bank, AfDB, GEF, GCF, Dutch Climate fund etc), Foundations, Impact Investors and businesses.
- Proven track record in private sector mobilisation to participate in natural resources management.
- At least 7 years professional experience in inter-institutional relationship management, donor relations and private sector participation.
- Highly competent strategist with capacity to develop strategy documents, grant winning proposals and excellent reports.
- Excellent project management skills including impact and budget tracking skills with focus on delivery of large-scale impacts,
- Knowledge and experience the realities of development sector, donor institutions, and the not-for-profit organizations;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English and French

Additional information, including Terms of Reference, can be obtained through web address: http://wwf.panda.org/who_we_are/jobs/. Applications must include a complete Cover Letter & CV with full contact details of three referees and should be addressed to the People & Culture Manager, via email to: hresources@wwftz.org by Friday, 07th May 2021 at 4:30 pm. Only the shortlisted candidates will be contacted and the interviews will take place in Dar es Salaam or via zoom video conferencing. WWF is an equal opportunity organization.



AFRICAN BANKING CORPORATION TANZANIA LIMITED

PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF BANK PURSUANT TO SECTION 7 AND 8 OF THE BANKING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT 2014

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

(Amounts in Million Shillings)

	Current Quarter 31-Mar-21	Previous Quarter 31-Dec-20
A ASSETS		
1 Cash	3,013	3,289
2 Balances with Bank of Tanzania	11,430	7,028
3 Investment in Government Securities	44,150	43,178
4 Balances with other banks and financial institutions	3,830	3,915
5 Cheques and Items for Clearing	-	-
6 Interbranch float items	-	-
7 Bills Negotiated	-	-
8 Customers Liabilities on Acceptances	104,467	108,008
9 Interbank Loans Receivables	-	-
10 Investment in Other Securities	130,214	133,952
11 Loans, Advances and Overdrafts (Net of Allowances for Probable Losses)	-	-
12 Other Assets	26,874	27,803
13 Equity Investments	1,000	1,000
14 Underwriting accounts	-	-
15 Property, Plant and Equipment	6,231	6,583
16 TOTAL ASSETS	331,310	334,756
B LIABILITIES		
17 Deposits From Other Banks and financial institutions	104,164	106,624
18 Customer Deposits	111,016	111,082
19 Cash letters of credit	-	-
20 Special deposits	-	-
21 Payment Orders/ transfers payable	-	-
22 Bankers Cheques and Drafts Issued	-	-
23 Accrued Taxes and Expenses payable	-	-
24 Acceptances Outstanding	-	-
25 Interbranch float items	-	-
26 Unearned income and other deferred charges	-	-
27 Other Liabilities	1,842	3,014
28 Borrowings	75,705	74,640
29 TOTAL LIABILITIES	292,727	295,360
30 NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	38,584	39,396
C CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
31 Paid - up Share Capital	122,954	122,954
32 Capital reserves	2,705	2,705
33 Retained Earnings	(86,263)	(82,111)
34 Profit (Loss) Account	(812)	(4,152)
35 Other capital accounts	-	-
36 Minority Interest	-	-
37 TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS	38,584	39,396
38 Contingent Liabilities	2,618	2,866
39 Non performing loans and advances	21,126	19,585
40 Allowances for probable losses	15,127	15,128
41 Other non performing assets	-	-
D PERFORMANCE INDICATORS		
(i) Shareholders Funds to Total Assets	11.65%	11.77%
(ii) Non performing Loans & Advances to total gross loans	14.54%	13.14%
(iii) Gross Loans and Advances to Total Deposits	67.54%	68.48%
(iv) Loans and Advances to Total Assets	39.30%	44.53%
(v) Earning Assets to Total Assets	47.89%	48.30%
(vi) Deposit Growth	-1.16%	12.18%
(vii) Assets growth	-1.03%	-3.56%

INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

(Amounts in Million Shillings)

	Current Quarter 31-Mar-21	Comparative Quarter 31-Mar-20	Current Year Cumulative Profits/Losses 31-Mar-21	Previous Year Cumulative Profits/Losses 31-Mar-20
1 Interest Income	10,133	10,245	10,133	10,245
2 Interest Expense	(4,822)	(4,751)	(4,822)	(4,751)
3 Net Interest Income (1 minus 2)	5,311	5,494	5,311	5,494
4 Bad Debts Written Off	-	-	-	-
5 Impairment losses on Loans and Advances	77	182	77	182
6 Non Interest Income	1,251	1,073	1,251	1,073
6.1. Foreign Currency Dealings and Translation Gains/(Loss)	292	479	292	479
6.2. Fees and Commissions	200	180	200	180
6.3. Dividend Income	-	-	-	-
6.4. Other Operating Income	760	413	760	413
7 Non Interest Expense	(7,349)	(7,348)	(7,349)	(7,348)
7.1.1 Salaries and benefits	(2,575)	(2,536)	(2,575)	(2,536)
7.1.2 Fees and Commission	-	-	-	-
7.3. Other Operating Expenses	(4,775)	(4,812)	(4,775)	(4,812)
8 Operating Income/(Loss)	(179)	(599)	(179)	(599)
9 Income Tax Provision	(93)	(34)	(93)	(34)
10 Net Income/(Loss) After Income Tax	(812)	(633)	(812)	(633)
11 Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
12 Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	(812)	(633)	(812)	(633)
13 Number of Employees	142	151	142	151
14 Basic Earnings Per Share	-0.33%	-0.26%	-0.33%	-0.26%
15 Diluted Earnings Per Share	-	-	-	-
16 Number of Branches	6	7	6	7
SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS				
(i) Return on Average Total Assets	-0.98%	-0.81%	-0.98%	-0.81%
(ii) Return on Ordinary Shareholders' Funds	-0.33%	-0.26%	-0.33%	-0.26%
(iii) Non Interest Expense to Gross Income	112.15%	111.90%	112.15%	111.90%
(iv) Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets	2.95%	3.37%	2.95%	3.37%

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

(Amounts in Million Shillings)

	Current Quarter 31-Mar-21	Previous Quarter 31-Dec-20
I Cash flow from operating activities:		
Net income (loss)	(719)	(4,006)
Adjustment for:		
- Impairment/amortization	886	5,380
- net change in loans and advances	3,738	(8,017)
- gain/loss on sale of assets	-	-
- net change in deposits	(2,527)	26,044
- net change in short term negotiable securities	(972)	(10,127)
- net change in other liabilities	(1,171)	(1,395)
- net change in other assets	829	(748)
- tax paid	(93)	(135)
- Net change in SMR	-	-
Net cash provided/(used) by operating activities	(30)	6,998
II Cash flow from investing activities:		
Dividend received	(54)	(4,046)
Purchase of fixed assets	-	-
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-
Purchase of non-dealing securities	-	-
Proceeds from sale of non-dealing securities	-	-
Others (specify)	-	-
Net cash provided/(used) by investing activities	(534)	(4,046)
III Cash flow from financing activities:		
Repayment of long-term debt	-	-
Proceeds from issuance of long term debt	-	-
Proceeds from issuance of share capital	-	-
Payment of cash dividends	-	-
Net change in other borrowings	1,065	5,088
Issue of preference shares	-	-
Net cash provided (used) by financing activities	1,065	5,088
IV Cash and cash equivalents:		
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	501	8,040
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the quarter	122,240	114,200
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the quarter	122,741	122,240

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 31st MARCH 2021

(Amounts in million shillings)

	Share Capital	Share Premium	Retained Earnings	Non-Distributable Reserve	General Provision Reserve	Others	Total
Current Year 2021							
Balance as at the beginning of the year	122,954	-	(86,263)	1,716	0	989	39,396
Profit for the year	-	-	(812)	-	-	-	(812)
Issue of share	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
General Provision Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at the end of the current period	122,954	-	(87,075)	1,716	0	989	38,584
Previous Year 2020							
Balance as at the beginning of the year	122,954	-	(80,529)	130	0	1,065	43,620
Profit for the year	-	-	(4,152)	-	-	-	(4,152)
Issue of share	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
General Provision Reserve	-	-	(1,586)	1,586	-	(76)	(76)
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at the end of the previous period	122,954	-	(86,262)	1,716	0	989	39,396

	Name	Signature	Date
Managing Director	I. John		22nd April 2021
Head of Finance	H. Kharbush		22nd April 2021
Head of Internal Audit	J. Kilato		22nd April 2021

We, the under- named, non executive members of the board of directors, attest to the correctness of the We declare that the above statements have been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and prepared in conformance with the instructions and are true and correct.

	Name	Signature	Date
1 Director	P. Ishengoma		22nd April 2021
2 Director	Mr.R. Dave		22nd April 2021

MINIMUM DISCLOSURES OF BANK CHARGES AND FEES

	PRICING (TZS)	PRICING (US \$ / EUR)	PRICING (GBP)
PERSONAL BANKING			
SAVINGS ACCOUNT			
FAHARI			
Account Opening Fee	Free	Free	Free
Opening balance	TZS 10,000.00	\$ 50.00	£ 50.00
Minimum Operating Balance	TZS 10,000.00	\$ 50.00	£ 50.00
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	TZS 50,000.00	\$ 100.00	£ 100.00
Monthly Service Fee	Free	Free	Free
MWANGAZA JUNIOR ACCOUNT			
Account Opening Fee	Free	Free	Free
Opening balance	TZS 20,000.00	\$ 50.00	£ 50.00
Minimum Operating Balance	TZS 20,000.00	\$ 50.00	£ 50.00
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	TZS 20,000.00	\$ 500.00	£ 500.00
Monthly Service Fee (1 free w/drawal per quarter)	Free	Free	Free
Extra fee for more than 1 w/drawal per quarter	TZS 1,500.00	\$ 2.00	£ 2.00
WEKEZA SAVINGS ACCOUNT (BALANCE BUILD UP)			
Account Opening Fee	Free	Free	N/A
Opening balance	Free	Free	N/A
Minimum Operating Balance	NIL	NIL	N/A
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	TZS 50,000.00	\$ 25.00	N/A
Monthly Service Fee*	Free	Free	N/A
CURRENT ACCOUNT			
AMANA			
Account Opening Fee	Free	N/A	N/A
Opening balance	TZS 20,000.00	N/A	N/A
Minimum Operating Balance	TZS 3,000.00	N/A	N/A
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	N/A	N/A	N/A
Monthly Service Fee*	TZS 2,000.00	N/A	N/A
MARIDHAWA			
Account Opening Fee	Free	Free	N/A
Opening balance	TZS 25,000.00	\$ 25.00	N/A
Minimum Operating Balance	TZS 6,000.00	\$ 5.00	N/A
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	TZS 2,000,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	N/A
Monthly Service Fee*	TZS 5,000.00	\$ 10.00	N/A
PREMIUM			
Account Opening Fee	Free	Free	Free
Opening balance	TZS 35,000.00	\$ 30.00	£ 30.00
Minimum Operating Balance	NIL	NIL	NIL
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	TZS 3,000,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	£ 3,000.00
Monthly Service Fee*	TZS 10,000.00	\$ 10.00	£ 10.00
SME BANKING			
AMANA BIZ ACCOUNTS			
Account Opening Fee	Free	Free	Free
Opening balance	TZS 100,000.00	\$ 100.00	£ 100.00
Minimum Operating Balance	TZS 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	TZS 5,000,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	£ 5,000.00
Monthly Service Fee*	TZS 20,000.00	\$ 15.00	£ 15.00
CORPORATE BANKING			
CORPORATE CURRENT ACCOUNTS			
Account Opening Fee	Free	Free	Free
Opening balance	TZS 500,000.00	\$ 250.00	£ 250.00
Minimum Operating Balance	NIL	NIL	NIL
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	NIL	NIL	NIL
Monthly Service Fee*	TZS 25,000.00	\$ 20.00	£ 15.00
CORPORATE CALL ACCOUNTS			
Account Opening Fee	Free	Free	Free
Opening balance	TZS 10,000,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	£ 10,000.00
Minimum Operating Balance	TZS 10,000,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	£ 10,000.00
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	NIL	NIL	NIL
Monthly Service Fee*	TZS 25,000.00	\$ 20.00	£ 15.00

GENERAL CHARGES				
Bankers Cheque	TZS	50,000.00	\$	25.00
				N/A
DISHONORED/UNPAID CHEQUE				
Fund related	TZS	120,000.00	\$	120.00
Technical	TZS	60,000.00	\$	60.00
				N/A
Cheque book Processing Fee:				
25 leaves	TZS	15,000.00	\$	15.00
50 leaves	TZS	30,000.00	\$	30.00
100 leaves	TZS	60,000.00	\$	60.00
Uncollected cheque book after 3 months	TZS	15,000.00	\$	15.00
				£ 15.00
3rd party encashment (with 3rd party indemnity)	TZS	25,000.00	10% Per Cheque	10% Per Cheque
Stop Payment Charges	TZS	60,000.00	\$	60.00
				£ 50.00
TRANSACTIONAL SERVICE FEES				
With banks via Standing Orders				
Standing Order - internal same customer (set up fee - once off)	TZS	10,000.00	\$	5.00
Standing Order - internal other customers (per transaction)	TZS	4,000.00	\$	3.00
Standing Order - Other local bank	TZS	40,000.00	\$	30.00
Amendment	TZS	5,000.00	\$	5.00
				£ 5.00
DEPOSIT/WITHDRAWAL TRANSACTIONS:				
- Cash Deposit at Branch		Free	Free	Free
- Cash Deposit at Branch small denominations 500 above 500		0.3% Min 1,000	3% On Small denominations	N/A
- Cash Deposit at Branch small denominations (2,000 and below)		0.3% Min 1,000	3% On Small denominations	N/A
- Cash Deposit at Branch coins above 100,000				

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**Taking A New Look
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Talks with Chinese companies, new conditions, promise plenty

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has lately held talks with a delegation of the chamber of commerce of Chinese businesses in the country, where it was noticeably aired that more than 800 Chinese firms wish to invest in all sorts of industries and processing units in Tanzania.

The list was definitely not exhaustive but it was elaborate in the range in what can be expected if these propositions bear fruit, and there is every reason to believe it will be the case.

Some of those projects were heard in the past from local industrial entrepreneurs but were still on the drawing board, and it appears they will see the light of day differently.

A key feature in these developments is the changing regulatory environment to make it easier for business start ups, both small and large scale businesses, where a friendly tax environment is pivotal to pulling in more investors.

This enables the country to obtain similar or even higher revenue levels and maintain the growth pattern and even ameliorate collections when there is a real or visible expansion in the number of investors being attracted each year, and other business start ups at the local level.

Once a business has put itself on the ground it is likely to pay all reasonable or non-burdensome taxes, not adopt prickly outlooks.

Many of the areas the Chinese firms wish to invest - and there are similar firms from medium to higher developed countries also in economic expansion and investment efforts, like Brazil or India among quite a few others - who have similar plans or have expressed interest in investing in Tanzania.

For instance, Brazil for years

pursued a Rufiji hydroelectric power dam with the Rufiji Basin Development Authority (RUBADA) but could scarcely have collected the finances required at the right conditions. It had to be shifted to a state project per se, not involving joint ventures with middle level foreign groups.

There is another dimension that doesn't rapidly come to mind when expressions of investment intention are made, that the world market is changing from a situation where budding economies expect to make strides by exporting to developed markets.

This used to be a usable model with most of Africa, Asia and South America were crop exporters as well as minerals, but later many in Asia started exporting massive amounts of goods from light industries.

Oil price quadrupling in 1973/1974 led to a structural change in world economy, while starting from the year 2000 labour costs in different continents is driving change.

It is for this reason that Tanzania is attracting scores of foreign investors as internal markets are the key to setting foot in a country rather than envisioning export markets.

These come in as opportunities which change with dynamics in surrounding economies and global markets as a whole, in which case the whole idea of simplified taxation and reliance on local markets to attract industries is essential to make progress in industrial development.

Widening the local market relies on creating more regular incomes, and this can only be done with lower taxation levels so that more investors can set foot and also prosper.

The Chinese firms thus know that they will set foot to compete with imports in areas like motor vehicle assembly and mobile phones. Let's hope it works well.

Waiving taxes on foreign support funds will regenerate confidence

REFORM is apace in economic policy as the Treasury is now working to restore the tax waiver on foreign aided projects, on the basis of a briefing by Finance and Planning minister Mwigulu Nchemba with a top Japanese diplomat.

The minister said the Finance and Planning ministry was working on a directive by President Samia Suluhu Hassan to reinstate the tax waiver on foreign aid to facilitate implementation of strategic projects.

The position was already indicated by President Samia when swearing in permanent secretaries and some heads of major government agencies, which was closely followed by foreign missions. They must be awaiting results.

Change being worked upon will shore up foreign aid hindered by the proviso on the tax deducted from the same aid amount.

The progress that the minister affirmed in the briefing was quite substantial, including that the Treasury has already prepared a circular on the issue and are only waiting for approval from the cabinet.

What will be checked there is for other members of the cabinet to satisfy themselves that a number of safeguards are embedded in the new format, which is basically a reporting or supervisory matter,

not one involving taxes.

This position was satisfactory for the Japanese diplomat inquiring on progress on the issue, in which case he said his country will continue supporting Tanzania in its development endeavours.

It was clear in the envoy's remarks that resolving the issue of taxing foreign aid was the premise for progress in discussions on funding other projects so that they can be resumed, implying a blockade was already operating on a number of projects.

Obviously, in a good number of areas the government coughed up its own funds for some key projects, but this was also pegged on intensive methods of tax collection, whose drawbacks the president was explaining not so long ago. A new understanding had to be cultivated.

This change of direction is similar to what happened in the transition from the first phase presidency to the second phase, where attachment to national prerogatives led to government overexposure in being self-reliant on projects.

This situation drove out business while reliance on export earnings was failing, and a wide opening for importers and investors started, creating a new framework of the country's economy in due course.

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New public-private coalition out to protect tropical forests

WASHINGTON, DC

AT the Leaders Summit on Climate here yesterday, a group of governments and companies announced the LEAF Coalition.

This is an ambitious new public-private initiative designed to accelerate climate action by providing results-based finance to countries committed to protecting their tropical forests.

This initiative aims to mobilise at least US\$1 billion in financing, kicking off what is expected to become one of the largest ever public-private efforts to help protect tropical forests, to the benefit of billions of people depending on them, and to support sustainable development.

"The LEAF Coalition is a groundbreaking example of the scale and type of collaboration that is needed to fight the climate crisis and achieve net-zero emissions globally by 2050.

"Bringing together government and private-sector resources is a necessary step in supporting the large-scale efforts that must be mobilized to halt deforestation and begin to restore tropical and subtropical forests," said Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry.

The Lowering Emissions by Accelerating Forest finance (LEAF) Coalition is an initiative with initial participation from the governments of Norway, the United Kingdom, the United States, and leading companies including Amazon, Airbnb, Bayer, Boston Consulting Group, GSK, McKinsey, Nestlé, Salesforce, and Unilever.

Participants in the Coalition will support high-quality emissions reductions from tropical and subtropical forest countries, enabling efforts to reduce and end deforestation.

Emergent, a US non-profit organisation, will provide a platform to facilitate transactions and serve as the administrative coordinator of LEAF. LEAF aims to expand to include support from additional countries and companies in the months ahead. The final list of governments and companies participating in this initiative, and the total financial support mobilised through the Coalition, will be announced when emissions reduction purchase agreements are signed with tropical forest countries by the end of the year.

UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson said: "The world's tropical forests are the lungs of our planet and yet we are losing these great, teeming ecosystems at an unconscionable rate. This is having a devastating impact on the billions of people who rely on forests for their livelihoods and sustenance and is setting back our efforts to tackle climate change.

"Time is running out to protect our tropical forests from irreversible loss and limit global warming to 1.5°C. That is why the UK is proud to have joined our partners in the hugely exciting LEAF Coalition, galvanising business investment and working hand-in-hand with forest countries to stop deforestation, cut global greenhouse gas emissions and put nature on the path to recovery."

"Tropical forests are indispensable to fight climate change and biodiversity loss, and have received far less attention and finance than they deserve. Today, the LEAF Coalition takes a first, crucial step to change that", said Norwegian Prime Minister Erna Solberg. "Finally, tropical forest countries can be assured that financial rewards are available if they can demonstrate reduced deforestation. I am delighted that big companies are now stepping up to provide this finance in addition to cutting their own emissions."

Ending tropical deforestation by 2030 is a crucial part of meeting global climate, biodiversity and sustainable development goals. Tropical forests have an invaluable role to play by absorbing carbon from the atmosphere.

Protecting tropical forests offers one of the biggest opportunities for climate action in the coming decade - providing almost a quarter of cost-effective mitigation by 2030.2

The motivation behind LEAF is to raise global climate ambition and contribute to tropical forest protection. Tropical forests around the world are under threat.

The destruction of primary rainforests increased by 12 percent from 2019 to 2020. Overall, the world lost more than 4.4 million hectares of primary tropical forest cover last year, an area larger than the size of Switzerland.

Participating companies are already committed to deep voluntary cuts in their own greenhouse gas emissions in line with science-based targets and consistent with the long-term temperature goals of the Paris Agreement. Their contributions to the LEAF Coalition come in addition to, and not as a substitute for, internal emissions reductions.

The LEAF Coalition is an avenue for companies to support additional and urgently needed climate action in tropical forest countries, supporting them to achieve increasingly ambitious national climate targets, known under the Paris Agreement as nationally determined contributions (NDCs).

Bharrat Jagdeo, Vice President of Guyana, said: "The Government of Guyana welcomes the launch of LEAF. Tropical forest countries have long called for the ecosystem services provided by the world's standing tropical forests to be properly valued, through both public and private finance.

"This will enable people who live in forests and forest countries to create jobs and economic opportunity from an economy that works with nature, instead of today's reality where forests are often worth more dead than alive.

"If this new economy is to be more attractive than the old economy, LEAF must also catalyse funds that flow quickly and efficiently. The systems to enable this can only be successful if forest countries are involved in their design - and we stand ready to work with the LEAF Coalition to achieve the innovation required."

Andrea Meza, Minister of Environment and Energy of Costa Rica, said: "Costa Rica is deeply committed to leveraging nature-based solutions as a key component of our efforts to build a future that is just, decarbonised, adapted and resilient.

"We welcome the launch of the LEAF Coalition and especially its timely results-based finance windows which provide necessary support for countries with high-ambition NDCs such as ours. We look forward to collaborating in this new effort, in the spirit of the San Jose Principles, focused on environmental integrity and high ambition."

Ensuring the full and effective participation of relevant stakeholders - in particular, Indigenous Peoples and local communities - is a key principle for the LEAF Coalition.

LEAF participants and forest country partners will work together to ensure forest protection plans will respect the rights of Indigenous Peoples and members of local communities.

Emergent, along with Coalition participants, will be seeking views and input from Indigenous Peoples and other stakeholders over the next few months prior to the conclusion of any purchase agreements.

"The power of this Coalition is the example it sets, in particular for companies, whose participation is needed to mobilise the funding needed to protect tropical forests. The LEAF Coalition sets a high standard for how companies can supplement deep cuts in their own emissions by investing in additional emission reductions from tropical and subtropical forests and also by ensuring that the rights of indigenous peoples who have and who continue to protect these forests are respected and fulfilled.

"These emissions reductions are not a substitute - but come in addition to - deep cuts in emissions from their own value chains in line with science-based reduction targets," said Victoria TauliCorpuz, former UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Executive Director of Tebtebba (Indigenous Peoples' International Centre for Policy

Research and Education).

Christiana Figueres, the UN's former climate chief and founding partner of Global Optimism said: "Now is the time for leaders in both the public and private sector to incentivise the protection and restoration of nature, for a better chance of limiting temperature increase to 1.5°C. "Today's Coalition announcement delivers new finance flows toward eliminating tropical deforestation at scale, improving community resilience and governance, increasing biodiversity - all necessary to thrive beyond the climate crisis."

"Ending forest loss by 2030 is critical to addressing every environmental challenge we face, from climate change and biodiversity loss, to the pollution crisis. But for this to happen we need to put the right price on carbon because we know that when pollution is taxed, industries shift. I welcome the establishment of the LEAF Coalition - an ambitious initiative that will make available on a large-scale - the finance we need to conserve and sustainably use our forests, in a way that sees it as an addition to, and not a substitute, for deep cuts in emissions. Financing our forests is financing the sustainable development goals," said Inger Andersen, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme.

Before funding is provided to any country, an independent third-party will verify that deforestation - and the associated greenhouse gas emissions - has been reduced across entire countries, states or provinces, known collectively as "jurisdictions." If a jurisdiction has protected forests in one part of its territory, while significant deforestation occurs in another part, that jurisdiction will not qualify for LEAF financing.

"Climate change is the greatest threat to our planet, and the LEAF Coalition offers us an opportunity to bring together governments and companies to fight it," said Jeff Bezos, Amazon founder and CEO. "In uniting behind a common cause, the countries and companies of the coalition have a chance to end deforestation by 2030. As founders of The Climate Pledge - a commitment to reach the goals of the Paris Agreement 10 years early - we're excited to support this important initiative and encourage others to do the same."

"Airbnb is proud to participate in the LEAF Coalition and work to protect our planet's tropical forests and biodiversity.

Protecting tropical forests is a vital step in reducing global carbon emissions and the LEAF Coalition is a great example of how governments and businesses can work together to tackle the climate crisis," said Brian Chesky, co-founder and CEO, Airbnb.

SUGAR BOARD OF TANZANIA



PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATIONS FOR IMPORTATION OF SUGAR FOR INDUSTRIAL USE FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 2021 TO JUNE 2022

- 1.0 The Sugar Board of Tanzania (SBT) invites registered users of industrial sugar to submit their applications of importation of industrial sugar for the period 2021/2022.
- 2.0 All applications should be channeled through Agricultural Trade Management System (ATMIS). Before submitting the application, applicants must either register or update registration details online, via the link <https://atmis.kilimo.go.tz/>, and selection season year 2021-2022.
- 3.0 The application should be attached with Form SBT-05 provided herein, and be submitted to SBT not later than 30th April, 2021. Should items 8 and 9 in Form SBT-05 show significant variance, detailed explanation and supporting evidence will be required to support the application
- 4.0 Moreover, applicants should provide details on the sugar usage for 2020/2021 separately, and the historical data on imports up to April, 2021 plus stocks and realistic projections of consumption to June 2021.
- 5.0 For more information and support please contact to the address below.

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SBT – 05

THE SUGAR BOARD OF TANZANIA			
B	APPLICATION FOR SUGAR IMPORT LICENCE: (Sugar for Industrial use)		Sr. No
1. I/We (Name and address of Applicant) _____ _____			
Hereby apply for a sugar Import Licence Category B to import sugar for Industrial use as stated hereunder.			
2. Registration Certificate No. _____ dated _____			
3. Quantity of sugar to be imported _____ metric tons			
4. Period (month & year), from _____ 20 ____ to _____ 20 ____			
5. Single or multiple entry _____			
6. Port (s) of entry _____			
7. Last Import License was No. _____ for _____ tons			
8. Production from the last imported sugar (item 7) is as shown overleaf.			
9. Fill in the type and quantities of products to be produced from the sugar to be imported (item 3).			
Product	Quantity	Product	Quantity
(i)		(v)	
(ii)		(vi)	
(iii)		(vii)	
(iv)		(viii)	
(Give details) _____			
Signature: _____		Designation: _____ Date: _____	
For official use			

PRODUCTION (previous licence(s))

1. Last Import Licence No(s). _____
2. Tons sugar imported _____
3. Total tons sugar used _____

1.0	Products produced	QNTY – Tons/Kg/Ltrs/ Cases	Sugar used Ton or Kg
(i)	PRODUCT		Kg/ton
(ii)			Kg/ton
(iii)			Kg/ton
(iv)			Kg/ton
(v)			Kg/ton
(vi)			Kg/ton

CONDITIONS FOR APPLICATIONS OF IMPORT LICENCE
(Industrial Sugar)

1. By signing and submitting this application to the Board the applicant declares that if granted licence the sugar he will import will be solely for industrial use and shall not be sold or disposed of in any other manner.
2. Licence granted under this application shall import Refined Sugar, Liquid Glucose, Dextrose Monohydrate, Molasses, Fructose and any form or type of sugar indented for industrial use.
3. This application and any licence arising there-from is governed by the Sugar Import Regulations, 2010 as amended.



BID NOTICE

23rd April, 2021

BACKGROUND

Relief to Development Society (REDESOS) is a national NGO registered in Tanzania with registration number S.O. 9459 with its Headquarters in Dar-es Salaam and field offices in Kibondo and Kasulu Districts in North Western Tanzania and Kishapu District in Shinyanga Region.

REDESOS strives to bring both relief and development to the disadvantaged communities in Tanzania with an emphasis on effectiveness and efficiency in producing positive outputs.

REDESOS in collaboration with UNHCR intends to implement a project titled "Assistance to Refugees and Asylum Seekers (Environment & Urban Refugees, Assistance)" in Nyarugusu Refugee Camp. Part of the funds from the project are allocated to procure Biomass Charcoal Briquettes for PSN in the camp. The objective of this intervention is to synergy the alternative cooking energy for People of Concerns (PoC) who are currently using firewood as source of cooking energy coupled with the use of energy efficient cooking practices. In this light, REDESOS invites qualified and competent bidders to bid for the following tender.

A: TENDER NO: RDS/UNHCR/G/2021/05

TENDER ID NUMBER: RDS/CB/KAS/2021/1

"SUPPLY OF 35.68 METRIC TONS OF BIOMASS BRIQUETTES AT NYARUGUSU REFUGEE CAMP IN KASULU DISTRICT, KIGOMA REGION"

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Managing media companies in uncertain times challenging

MEDIA industry leaders recently shared how they are powering the transition to new business models, reframing organisational culture and making the case for more diversity, equity and inclusion during a panel session at our recent Asian Media Leaders eSummit.

By Alysha Chandra

“When you are handling a company in a time of crisis, the positive way to look at it is that you actually have a carte blanche on doing anything that needs to be done to change,” said Meidyatama Suryodiningrat, President Director of Antara Indonesia, framing the issues to be discussed in this session of the Asian Media Leaders eSummit 2021.

Antara, a state-owned US\$30 million media company, has 32 bureaus across Indonesia and is the country's largest distributor of news content. Suryodiningrat said that media leaders should embrace the crisis the industry is facing under Covid-19 and use it as an opportunity to accelerate change.

Victoria Svanberg, President of NWT Media in Sweden, meanwhile added that the digital transformation spurred by the pandemic is resource-heavy, but worth the effort.

Building digital subscriptions

“We have increased our digital reach during the pandemic by 50 per cent,” said Svanberg, adding: “And we are now the largest media group outside the metropolitan area in Sweden.”

NWT Media comprises 14 local media houses and partially owns Norway's Polaris Media, which is one of Scandinavia's largest media groups with 59 local media houses. NWT uses a premium subscription model across their brands, with 70 per cent of articles behind a paywall.

Svanberg went on to discuss the group's subscription retention strategy. First, an automated “welcome feed” sends emails with the latest news to registered readers who have been inactive on their platforms for a few days.

If users unsubscribe, NWT's “win-back flow” is activated to encourage them to re-activate their subscription by showing them what news is on the site and sending them an exclusive subscription package with NWT's e-magazines.

If they do not take up these offers, they are eventually contacted again during larger campaigns that are carried out a couple of times a year, said Svanberg.

Meanwhile Sophie Gourmelen, Managing Director and Publisher of newsbrand Le Parisien - Aujourd'hui en France (Today in France), shared that the paper saw a 63 per cent increase in digital subscriptions in 2020 alone.

A division of LVMH Group, Le Parisien is the largest local newspaper in France covering Paris and its suburbs. Its recent increase in digital subscriptions builds on a trend from the last few years, growing from just over 8,000 in 2016 to 35,000 in 2020.

“The Covid-19 crisis dramatically accelerated our number of subscribers, but also accelerated our digital transformation, because we had to take some decisions in that period to put more content on the website than we would have done in a normal period,” Gourmelen said.

Le Parisien implemented a metered freemium paywall, moving from

putting just 1 per cent of its articles behind a paywall to 30 per cent.

Launching digital products

The Covid-19 pandemic has also resulted in Le Parisien becoming more agile in launching digital products, said Gourmelen.

The publication now sends out 19 unique newsletters, which Gourmelen says are key to their digital transformation, comprising 1 per cent of audiences but 10 per cent of subscribers.

In May 2019, Le Parisien launched Code Source, a daily podcast that now has 800,000 listeners a month. This has also been key to subscriber retention, with Gourmelen sharing that subscribers who frequently listen to the podcast are three times more likely to remain subscribers.

“Of course, we've been inspired by The New York Times' Daily, and Code Source is in a very modest way trying to follow what they are doing,” said Gourmelen.

Le Parisien also produces video content on Snapchat and Facebook that brings in 50 million views a month. These products have been key to Le Parisien reaching new audiences.

“Now when I ask young people what products they know from Le Parisien, they know the Snapchat food series, the Facebook cycling videos and the podcast. They don't know anything about the website or the newspapers. Those people will hopefully come to us and pay for content on the website,” said Gourmelen.

Editorial transformation

She also explained how Le Parisien has overhauled its editorial strategy. A special online project called #LeParisien200000, which has the goal of reaching 200,000 digital subscribers in five years, seeks to gain new audiences with a refreshed editorial content strat-



egy.

This revised strategy has seen the paper move from small local news to long reads, investigations, profiles and opinion pieces.

“We decided to increase the value of local news and give up small commodity news you could find everywhere to local news that have more impact and interest for digital audiences,” Gourmelen said.

The paper has also begun creating new web-only content for niche audiences - like people interested in the environment or Parisian football clubs - and subscriber-only categories called “Obsessions” - for example, “SentinELLE” for feminist struggles, “Intimacy” for sexuality and “Biclou” for cycling.

During the pandemic, NWT Media in Sweden found that readers wanted to see more local news and responded accordingly. “The closer to our readers we can be the better, because they want to see: How is the hospital in my area affected? How are the schools? How is the local shopping affected?” said Svengen.

Talent development

The organisations also realised that they had to invest in their staff, as well as change how work got done.

For example, in the past year, Le Parisien has launched 100 new positions in the newsroom, with 70 per cent of the positions being internal transfers. Forty-eight per cent of the new positions went to women, with 52 per cent of the management roles filled by women, said Gourmelen. Also, instead of the old siloed model of IT management and product management being in separate departments, Le Parisien introduced multi-disciplinary “squads”, with these staff sorted into teams dealing with key issues of revenue, mobile apps, thematic channels and editorial.

“This is helping us to deliver digital products more rapidly to the market,” she said. Gourmelen also spoke about

the challenges of changing the mindset of existing staff to adapt to new newsroom priorities, saying: “Things which helped us were we did not just have a digital project; we had a new editorial strategy and project, so it was a journalist's project and not just a digital project coming from the geeks somewhere in the newsroom.”

Regarding staff management and change, NWT's Svanberg explained: “It is not so much to do with age but the mindset, the curiosity and the willingness to do new things. Some of our older journalists are very enthusiastic about digital content. We have to be precise and clear from the management to be able to let them know what is important and give them the tools to do a good job.”

Revenue diversification

The panelists also discussed how to generate revenue from a greater variety of sources.

For example, state-owned Antara has 32 bureaus across Indonesia, and the group's reach across the archipelago has been essential to revenue diversification, said President Director Suryodiningrat.

He said revenue from traditional news-wire subscriptions account for less than 9 per cent of Antara's overall annual income, elaborating: “Our strengths are actually outside the greater Jakarta area. That is where we excel, and that is where we should be focusing on, not the greater Jakarta area where we will be competing with the biggest players in the country.”

Collaboration has been key for Antara, with the group leveraging their extensive national circulation network and working with major news agencies like Reuters, AFP and Bloomberg on distribution.

Suryodiningrat also said publishers should not dismiss the value of public spaces, sharing that Antara has capitalised on their 500 indoor media locations in public spaces like airports, hospitals and local government offices.

“I'm not going to go into the malls; I'm not going to compete with the private advertising agencies and so on. But you can imagine the value of having those things in the hospital over the last year,” he said.

Suryodiningrat said that 10-15 per cent of the content in Indonesia's 100-150 local papers comes from Antara. Last year, Antara co-operated with 99 local newspapers to publish one-page weekly supplements.

“Content is all important but what you actually monetise is the distribution network,” said Suryodiningrat.

Svanberg said that NWT is exploring possibilities of diversifying their distribution network, adding: “We are also seeing new revenue opportunities from distribution, not least now due to the pandemic as more and more people choose to shop digitally, and have the goods delivered to their homes. Since we pass a large part of the households in our places of publication, it is convenient for us to carry packages and also mail at the same time,” she said.

Working from home

Like all news organisations, the outlets also had to wrestle with the reality of people working remotely.

Antara, which provides mass Covid-19 testing for their 1,100 staff members, has shut down one floor in the building they were at and is renovating their office space to reduce occupancy.

Suryodiningrat sees this as a positive. In addition to reduced overheads, working from home has revealed how to define work by productivity and not process, he said.

NWT, meanwhile, surveyed their staff and found no difference in self-reported rates of satisfaction between those working from their regular workplace and those who were not.

NWT's management staff has been just as productive working from home. “Post-pandemic, a majority of NWT's staff wants to alternate between working from their regular workplaces and their home,” said Svanberg.

“We believe we have developed more flexible ways of working, depending on which situation you're in your life. If you have small kids at home, for example, you might want to work from home more than in the office and so on,” she noted. Panelists agreed that their organisations have had to become more agile in dealing with the challenges brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic.

“We had no choice but to jump, so we jumped. I don't regret that at all. We are in a much better position now with new content and a new, fresh organisation to face new challenges,” said Le Parisien's Gourmelen.

World Association of News Publishers (WAN-IFRA) dispatch. Alysha Chandra is a Yale-NUS College student.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF TANZANIA

COMMERCIAL DIVISION

AT DAR ES SALAAM

COMMERCIAL CASE NO.94 OF 2020

ALIOS FINANCE TANZANIA LIMITED.....PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

QUALITY LEASING LIMITED COMPANY1ST DEFENDANT

QUALITY GROUP LIMITED.....2ND DEFENDANT

DECREE

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff humbly prays for the following reliefs:

- A declaration that the 1st and 2nd Defendants are in breach of the Vehicle Lease Agreement dated 22nd July 2020 and the Letter of Corporate Guarantee dated 22nd July 2020.
- Payment of USD 44,618.06/= equivalent to TZS 103,510,995.10/= being the outstanding amount that the 1st and the 2nd Defendants failed to remit to the Plaintiff for goods "Rover Range Autobiography 4.41 SDV8" delivered in accordance with the Vehicle Leasing dated 22nd July 2020.
- Payment of interest at the commercial rate prevailing at the date of judgment or such rate as the Honourable Court may deem fit and just accruing and computed from the date of judgment of this suit.
- Payment of general damages amounting 50,000,000/= as general compensation of any cost, loss or liability incurred by Plaintiff due to Defendant's actions and in pursuit to recover the goods.
- Payment of the cost this suit and
- Any other relief(s) that the Honourable Court may deem fit and just to grant.

This case is coming up for Judgment on 29th day of March, 2021 before Hon. S. M. Magoiga Judge in the absence with notice of Plaintiff and in absence of Defendants.

THIS COURT DOETH HEREBY ORDERED THAT

The Judgment entered for the Plaintiff and Decree as follows:

- I declare that the 1st and 2nd defendants are in breach of the Vehicle Lease Agreement dated 22nd July, 2016 and the Letter of Corporate Guarantee dated 22nd July 2016.
- The defendants are jointly and severally ordered to pay the plaintiff USD 43,195.33 equivalent to TZS. 100,229,375.54 being an outstanding amount due and late fee as 21.08.2020.
- The defendants to pay the plaintiff prevailing commercial interest at the date of Judgment or 18% from the date of this judgment.
- Payment of General damages to the tune of TZS. 5,000,000.00.
- The defendant to pay the costs of this suit.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this 29th March, 2021.

S.M. MAGOIGA
JUDGE
29/3/2021

Extracted on 29/3/2021

US\$176m invested in fighting malaria in the last four years

By Guardian Reporter

THE COVID-19 pandemic created an unprecedented global crisis last year, but yet malaria has still been a crisis in the country with the government working to strengthen health systems to reinforce and amplify efforts to end the preventable disease.

The efforts taken by the government has sustained essential malaria services, thus saving many lives.

The United States through the President's Malaria Initiative has continued to support Tanzania in its fight against malaria. The US President's Malaria Initiative has partnered with Tanzania to fight malaria since 2006, contributing \$176 million in the last four years.

Through the funding, insecticide treated bed nets have

been delivered as well as life-saving medicines, high quality diagnostic testing and training to more than 4,700 health workers.

Sleeping under treated bed nets physically blocks mosquitoes at night, when they are most likely to bite and kills mosquitoes that land on them.

During a recent interview to commemorate the World Malaria Day on every April 25, US-AID Mission Director, Andrew Karas said: "The President's Malaria Initiative investments support and build on efforts made by the government. Our support aligns with Tanzania's priorities outlined in its Vision 2025 by focusing on developing human capital, as well as institutions and systems which the government sees as critical



Ownership of insecticide treated bed nets has increased to 78 percent (up from 23 percent in 2005) as a result of the US President's Malaria Initiative. Sleeping under treated bed nets physically blocks and kills mosquitoes that land on them thus reducing the spread of malaria.

to achieving and sustaining its long-term vision."

He added that through close collaboration with the people, institutions and the govern-

ment, the US government also strengthens health systems to reinforce and amplify the country's efforts towards ending the deadly, yet entirely pre-

ventable disease.

"Despite incredible progress, too many people still lack the malaria interventions we know save lives. We must reach the unreached", he said.

According to him, too many nurses, midwives, community health workers and others are delivering essential malaria services with insufficient training, equipment, and pay.

"We must make health systems safer for health workers and better for the people they serve. The milestone of eliminating malaria is still too far away for many countries. We must strive to end malaria faster," added Karas.

US Global Malaria Coordinator, Raj Panjabi who was appointed by President Joe Biden to lead the US President's Malaria Initiative said: "Science

shows that we can beat malaria and we can beat it in our lifetime. Yet we need bold action to stop COVID-19 from holding us back. The United States is proud to partner with Tanzania to continue the fight."

Tanzania's significant progress against malaria is highlighted in the US President's Malaria Initiative's 15th annual report which indicates that ownership of insecticide treated bed nets has increased to 78 percent, up from 23 percent in 2005. According to the 2017 Tanzania Malaria Indicator Survey (TMIS) by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), Tanzania has made significant gains in the fight against malaria with the prevalence decreasing to 7.3 per cent in 2017 from 14.4 per cent in 2015.

Latest data from the World

Health Organization (WHO) shows that of the 87 countries with malaria, 46 reported fewer than 10,000 cases of the disease in 2019 compared to 26 countries in 2000.

By the end of 2020, 24 countries had reported interrupting malaria transmission for 3 years or more. Of the countries, 11 were certified malaria-free by WHO. However, the number of countries that are approaching, and achieving zero cases of malaria is growing.

WHO data shows that in 2019 there were an estimated 229 million cases of malaria and 409 000 malaria-related deaths in 87 countries. Children under the age of 5 years in sub-Saharan Africa continued to account for approximately two thirds of global deaths from malaria.



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- Working with the Country Representative, lead the development, coordination and management of BRAC Tanzania's strategic partnerships, with stakeholders such as donors and development agencies
- Creatively provide a platform for engaging potential donors and ensure BRAC Maendeleo is well marketed among donors and partners as a credible development partner for purposes of securing funding for Projects;
- Collaborate with the community of practice at wider BRAC International and at the Africa Regional Office, BRAC International and its Affiliates to ensure alignments with BRAC's invest strategy in the most relevant, strategic and likely to win opportunities;
- Explore and identify funding opportunities at national and international level

Fundraising and Proposal Development:

- Lead on strengthening needs identification, concept and proposal development capacity across among program and Fundraising staff in BRAC Maendeleo;
- With support from Country Representative, lead in pro-active engagement with key stakeholders, including government, private sector and donors, on resource mobilization.
- Lead in review and strengthening of the Country Fundraising Strategy, specifically ensuring BRAC in Tanzania has a clear donor map for purposes of understanding of the donor landscape, including donors, stakeholders, INGOs, and programmes that work in BRAC's thematic areas
- Lead in the proposal development process, including design, writing, submission, as well as strategic pre-positioning and post-submission negotiations; Work collaboratively with BRAC International focal persons at HQ and Africa Region to manage existing tools and develop others to ensure high quality business development practices in BRAC Tanzania Programs;
- Ensure that all proposals are approved through BRAC's Programme Development Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)
- Research and Maintain detailed information about all BRAC's current and potential donors including their funding priorities,

history with the organization, proposal documents, milestones and upcoming deadlines to support the organization 's overall strategy

- Access, organize, and synthesize information to create accurate and well written documents. Maintain a current database of donors and partners for easy access when need arise.

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- Provide quality controls/reviews on all Project reports and ensure alignment to donor needs
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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF VARIOUS SERVICES TO BE PROCURED BY GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of procuring various Services and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible service providers to submit Expression of Interest for the below listed services.

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01190	COLLECTION OF WASTEWATER AND SEWAGE
GGME01191	REMOVAL OF WASTE OIL AND CLEANING OF SUMPS

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	10%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.25%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.25%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.25%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.25%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.25%
Company Shareholding Structure/Share structure of the company (ownership of shares in percentage (%))	1.25%
List of Directors	1.25%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.25%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	
Audited & certified financial statements (2018-2019)	2.5%
At least 1 references from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Environment Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Safety and Environmental Policies	1.25%
PAST EXPERIENCE	
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered into with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.25%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.25%
Acceptance certificates/completion certificates (proof of the above) where applicable	1.25%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.25%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01190)	
Two roadworthy trucks with capacity to carry between 15,000 and 20,000L each	30
A valid license to operate in wastewater management from Geita Council Environmental office	15
A proof of experience to this work will be an added advantage	15
Wastewater and hydrocarbon management plan based on previous experience	15
Total	100%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01191)	
Two roadworthy trucks with capacity to carry between 12,000 and 15,000L	30
An approval from the Geita town council to work on wastewater	15
Wastewater management plan and procedure	15
Hydrocarbon spill management plan	15
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER of the services they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than 0830 A.M 07 May 2021 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email, documents should be submitted in PDF format (documents should NOT be submitted via a link). In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email. In case the applicant does not comply with the EOI Submission Requirements, GGML shall not be liable for not considering the applications that have been compromised.

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When you are the opportunity

A FRIEND calls to ask if I recommended her for this 'opportunity' she'd been called to attend, which I did not, and then calls again the following day, ecstatic, to tell me how it went. Her voice was higher-pitched than normal and she was elated. She tells me she'd have to explain in full detail for me to understand the eye-opening experience she just had.

On a fateful day, a group of late-teens to early twenty-somethings were gathered in a hall at that day and became recipients to a speech so powerful that when they left, some of them concluded, it was the most impactful and perhaps most important speech they were ever going to hear in their life. A turning point to how they would forever view their finances.

They walked out empowered, believing the world was theirs for the taking and that they didn't need credentials or anyone's permission for that matter, to go chasing what they want.

Been in college is a critical age where we can be impressionable, and the more this friend spoke, the more apparent it became, she had just had the wrong kind of brainwashing. She had been initiated into a cult, that would stop at nothing until they've recruited everyone. Their speaker in his mighty eloquence had just introduced them to the world of Multi-level marketing (MLM).

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They were two possibilities here. One, the guy who risked it all and jumped on that 'opportunity,' and isn't that what life is all about, risking. How they wouldn't have to work hard or be part of the rat race; they'll just 'work smart,' their earnings compounding, and in a few years, they would be unrecognizable. They'd be driving the most luxurious cars, taking vacations abroad, and most importantly, they'd be doing all that while they were young. Who wants to be old to enjoy their money? The opportunity presented the opportunity



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huge network of referrals under them. It was repeated that you might walk out of that room and want to mention what got discussed there to family. You were advised against that for family would discourage you. Family won't get it. That they don't even understand the life that you want. That they're already enslaved to the system and here you are trying to go unscripted. So, they urged them to make a commitment and put up even if it's just Tshs.400,000 as you look for the rest. And don't listen to naysayers who won't understand, they'd conclude. There are people who will tell you that this is a scam. But wait till they see you in your car!

By the time my friend

left that room, she already had coughed a portion of the amount, but unfortunately for her, she made the same mistake she was told not to make. She talked to me THE naysayer.

The thing about being young is that you live in a state of urgency. You always feel that you're running against a clock. You have to have everything figured out by a certain age. You watch some of your friends get ahead in life and feel left behind. If it was up to you, you'd want to be the one with the head start and everyone holding you as the blueprint of what they should have achieved by now. But it's not up to you, so you're the one comparing yourself, and it hits you again and again how inadequate you are. You haven't made anything out of yourself. You're not there where you wanted where you should be. And anyone who throws you a lifejacket to get you out, you'll regard them your savior. But sometimes you are the opportunity and you aren't aware of it yet.

The way out of this is to decide that it ends with you. No matter your losses. The moment we all embody that mentality, there is no business. I'd like to think my friend did understand that as I explained it to her, and that she didn't let the idea of the sunk cost get to her.

We all have to beware that not everything presented to you as an opportunity is. Any good orator can be enticing and end up having you believe what isn't. It's witchcraft

I call it, the ways of the tongue. But to be formidable for a speaker's spell not to work on you, you must carry with you an awareness. Knowledge is the filter that can have you separate what's right from what just feels right.

The first thing anyone presenting this business to you, they'll tell you it's not a pyramid scheme. Why? Because pyramid schemes have a bad rep. But if I may be bold, it often is a pyramid. Businesses are about people. About making things better for your customers, employees, shareholders and your community. As a rule of thumb, anything sold to you to profiteer at the expense of someone else, a basic self-centeredness, you must say no to from the start.

Moments after my phone call ended, I received a text inviting me for this 'opportunity' happening the following day for which I declined as I was to be presented an opportunity while I was one.



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Why journalists should read media laws

By Correspondent David Mbulumi

ON April 20, 2021 I attended a training session on access to information and press freedom in Tanzania for about 20 journalists drawn from several regions organised by the Media Council of Tanzania (MCT). The training followed a survey on access to information and press freedom situation in the country, aimed at getting lessons and challenges from the ground.

The research was conducted in six regions - Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Mwanza and Mtwara, as a representative sample of different zones in Tanzania (North, East, Central, West and South). Opening the training for journalists from Dar es Salaam, Lindi, Mtwara, Tanga and Coast regions, the first in a series of similar trainings, the Executive Secretary of the Media Council of Tanzania, Kajubi Mukajanga said researchers were sent to the six regions to find out on the performance of journalists in Tanzania on areas of access to information based on the Access to Information Act and press freedom.

Mukajanga urged the participants of the training to actively discuss the challenges they face and opportunities for improvements. He also appealed to journalists to report to the council all incidents that amount to press freedom violation to enable it to pursue them further for solutions.

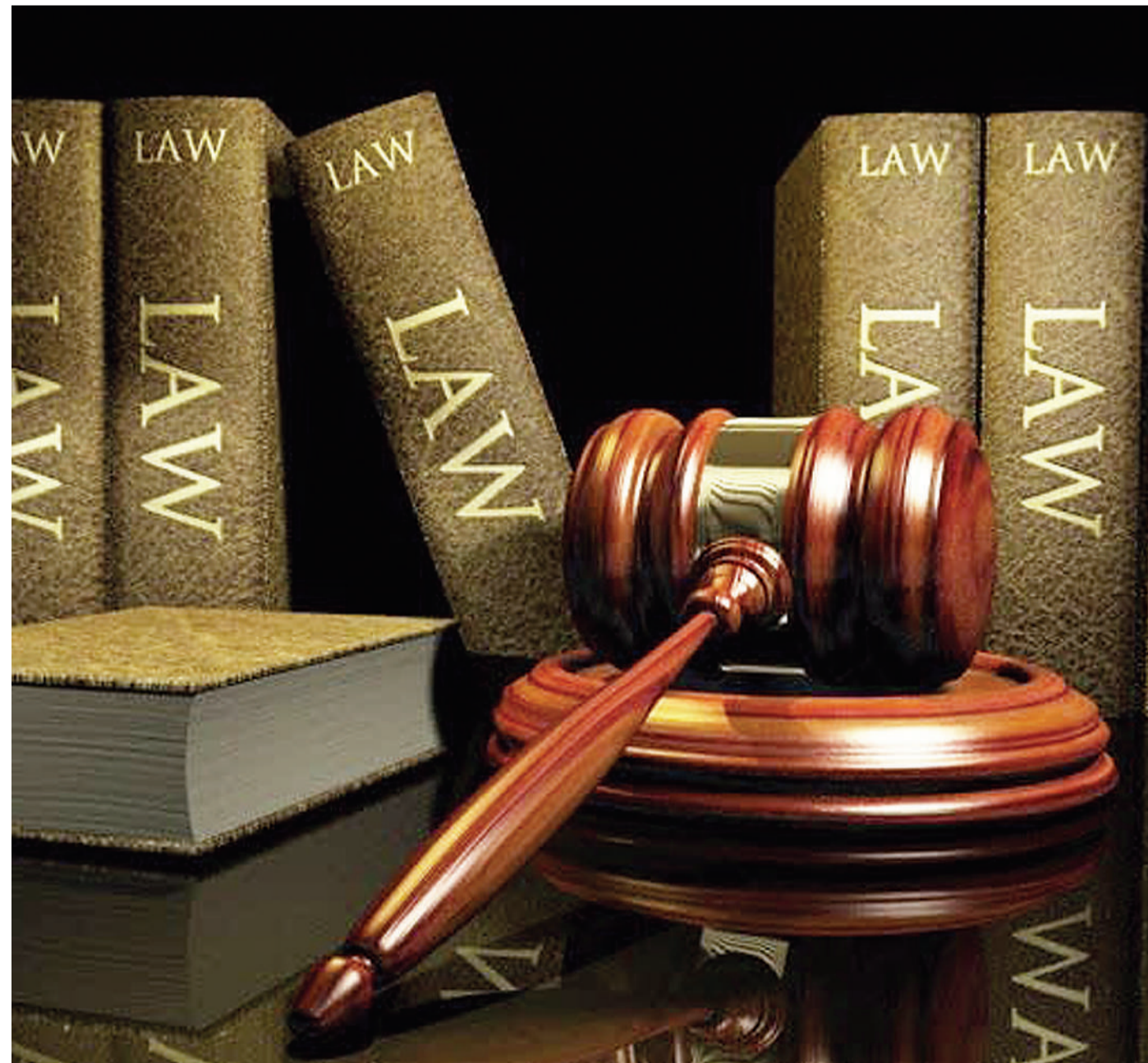
However, one thing that was evident during the training was that very few of the participants had substantial awareness of the existence of a law guaranteeing them the right to seek and get information, the Access to Information Act: That Tanzanian citizens have legal right to request and access government-held information. Before this, one could not cite any legal instrument for accessing similar information, save for under Clause 18 of the national Constitution of Tanzania (1977).

What transpired at the training session in Dar es Salaam echoed what most of the journalists interviewed during the survey by MCT said about the Access to Information Act (ATI) enacted in 2016.

Findings from the MCT survey report Fact-Finding Mission Report on Press Freedom and Access to Information Situation in Tanzania indicate, about two thirds (67%) of the respondents said that they were aware of the existence of Access to Information Act, 2016 (ATI). However, a very small number (20%) appeared to know some of the ATI regulations, while some said they understood ATI to be part of the Media Services Act (MSA), an Act that controls freedom and regulation of media in Tanzania.

As more evidence on the ignorance of the law, in the survey that most of the respondents (85%), said they still contact sources through traditional means - visiting their offices, telephone calls, emailing or sending them short or WhatsApp messages and are not aware that the ATI law regulations provide for a specific information request form.

Among those who know some of the ATI regulations, 15 said they were not comfortable with the regulation



that gives an information holder up to 30-days within which to respond to requests, saying the information received after that long period may most likely not be newsworthy, unless it is for preparing features or other special programs.

One of the respondents described the process that one has to undergo in order to get information from the District Council: "We are told to write a letter to the District Executive Director (DED) and submit questions before the DED can give permission to a journalist to interview ward executive officers, information officers or other officials in the district. And the responses are never given in writing."

Another respondent mentioned incidents where

after receiving questions, instead of responding to the respective journalist seeking information, a news source organises a press conference or issues a press release on the same issue.

On what the respondents liked, about the ATI, one mentioned the fact that it provided for availability of information free of charge. However, some complained that information officers were biased as to which news outlets they gave preference when providing information, and in most cases it was the big news organisations that were favoured.

There was a major concern about penalties for those who act in contravention of the Act for instance that for wrongly publishing information, saying is severe (three to five years) imprisonment. While this needs to be reconsidered, the respondents also called for penalties

to information holders who "wrongly" withhold information.

Most of the respondents (82%) said they are queried by information holders as to why they needed specific information, a practice that is against the Access to Information law. Respondents mentioned various institutions that are notorious for not providing information. While courts, police, education authorities, TRA and banks were also cited by respondents, local government authorities (city, municipal, district councils) appeared at the top. They said while city, municipal and district councils are major sources of information regarding the common mwananchi's everyday life, they are very bureaucratic and do not have proper communication arrangements.

Respondents suggested that information holders including RCs, DCs, DEDs should be sensitized on the ATI law and the role of information officers so that they could give them authority to respond to information requests from journalists. There was a general feeling among media practitioners interviewed that information officers were not doing their job properly mainly because their institutions do not allow them to.

Journalists have for many years complained about challenges they face when they request for information from various institutions particularly from the government. So this law, despite some shortcomings, is a very positive and useful legislation and anyone would have expected that journalists would make effort to understand well and use it to facilitate their work. Illiteracy of the law on their part, is "good news" to information holders who take advantage of this kind of ignorance to either delay or deny them information. Same effort should be in understanding other legislations relevant to the media industry like Media Services Act, 2016; Cybercrimes Act, 2015, Statistics Act and others.

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MIKOCHENI STEEL MANUFACTURERS PUT ON NOTICE OVER POLLUTION

By Francis Kajubi

IRON and steel makers at Mikocheni Light Industrial area in Dar es Salaam who are notorious for environmental pollution have been put on notice to clean up in October and pay 30m/- as penalty in 14 days.

National Environment Management Council (NEMC)'s Director General, Samuel Gwamaka said in Dar es Salaam yesterday after visiting the factories that since August last year, the council had ordered them to invest in an effluent treatment plant to treat waste water instead of discharging into the neighbourhood.

Gwamakasa said much as the government wants to encourage industrialization and job creation, environmental pollution will not be tolerated because it threatens lives of both people and other creatures.

"Basically we are supposed to suspend operations of this factory today but since they have shown us documents on importation of materials for building a new smoke emission controlling system, we allow them to continue," Gwamaka charged while adding that as for waste water treatment, NEMC has issued an October deadline.

"But with that, we are imposing a penalty of 30m/- against the factory which should be paid in 14 days from today," the NEMC DG added.



Steel bars inside a factory at Mikocheni in Dar es Salaam.

According to him, the iron bars and steel manufacturers have failed to abide by environmental regulations as agreed at their meeting in August last year where NEMC also ordered management to renovate infrastructures within the factories especially the sewage treatment plant.

He said NEMC inspectors made follow up visits to the factory in September 2020 and January this year and found out that management was yet to abide by the council's directives.

"They told us that because of the Covid-19 outbreak, shipment of equipment from China had delayed but until now, the situation is the same which points to defiance," Gwamaka noted.

Responding to the allegations, Iron and Steel Industries Limited's Assistant Director, Laurence Manyama apologized for negligence and admitted that the sewage control system and emission plants need major repairs.

"We are going to make sure that all directives are observed before October as instructed by the council. In positioning ourselves to a safe direction, we will be updating the council with progress made through the course of work," Manyama promised saying closing the factory will affect more than 164 directly employed locals.

Brewer investing in industrialisation through agri-scholarships

By Property Watch Reporter

TWO years since the inception of Serengeti Breweries Limited's 'Kilimo-Viwanda' scholarships, 71 students are already pursuing diploma in agriculture related courses at four colleges in the country.

SBL's Managing Director, Mark Ocitti said the scholarships have given the students who come from under-privileged families in farming communities have given a bright future to both the students and the farmers across the country.

Ocitti made the remarks at a ceremony to award 17 students from Saint Maria Goretti Agriculture Training Institute in Iringa with new scholarships held in Dar es Salaam this week. He said the program supports bright students from low-income families to study agri-related diploma courses in local colleges.

The other 43 students under the program are studying at Kaole Wazazi College of Agriculture (Bagamoyo), Kilacha Agriculture and Livestock Training Institute (Moshi) and Igabiro Training Institute of Agriculture (Bukoba).

"The scholarship covers school fees and other academic-related expenses for the student's entire period of study," Ocitti said adding that the 'Kilimo-Viwanda' program

is focused to compliment the government's effort to strengthen the existing pool of agricultural experts in the country as an important step towards agrarian revolution and eventually industrial revolution.

"Through this program, students get an opportunity to enhance their experience through field studies and visits to SBL breweries located in Dar, Moshi and Mwanza to appreciate the interdependence between farming and manufacturing," he said.

As a brewer, SBL is heavily dependent on local cereals including maize, sorghum and barley. Last year the company sourced 17,000 tonnes of local cereals from a network of 400 farmers found across the country, an equivalent to 70 per cent of its annual raw materials requirement. The company is set increase sourcing raw materials locally for up to 85 percent by 2025.

Principal of Saint Maria Goretti Agriculture Training Institute, Isaya Kigava applauded SBL for supporting the students in their quest for a better future. "SBL has been remarkable to ensure our youth acquire critical knowledge to jump-start into successful agribusiness in the nearest future," he said.



Serengeti Breweries Limited plant in Dar es Salaam.

Mall of Africa owner to roll out retail app across shopping mall portfolio

JOHANNESBURG

ATTACQ Limited, the developer of Waterfall City and Logistics Hub, has launched an online retail app called Shōping. According to the JSE-listed Reit, which owns the Mall of Africa, the Shōping app will curate unique experiences for mall visitors, in line with Attacq's mission to put the customer "back at the centre of the retail experience."

Given the rise of e-commerce across the globe, prioritising digital touchpoints is the most effective way to ensure relevance for

a brand, or retail destination, on today's cluttered customer journey, says Attacq in a statement. This involves making malls more vibrant and modern, with a digital layer of experiences that complement the tangible value-adds and atmosphere of the physical, lifestyle and entertainment proposition that is the mall experience.

Since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, traditional brick-and-mortar retail centres have struggled to maintain footfall and relevance, especially in the face of an online shopping environment that has accelerated in response to restrictions on mobility,

public spaces and social gatherings. Shopping centres that averted disaster were those able to pivot to omnichannel strategies that prioritised user experience and convenience.

"Shopping centres are by their very nature, physical entities. However, in era in which we are all required to physically distance, we believed it important to bridge the divide between bricks and mortar and online, by facilitating a curated experience attuned to the needs and wants of each mall visitor," says Michael Clampett, head of asset and property management: retail at Attacq.

Knight Frank says Dar among top 10 innovative cities in Africa

By Property Watch Reporter

THE country's commercial capital, Dar es Salaam is among Africa top 10 innovative cities coming third only to Kampala and Nairobi in East Africa while beating Addis Ababa, Accra, Dakar and Lagos.

A Knight Frank Horizons Report 2021/22 released this week ranked Dar on number six behind Nairobi which occupied pole position followed by Cape Town, Kampala, Cairo and Johannesburg. "The ability of African cities to emerge resilient from the pandemic will depend on their ability to innovate, providing long-term social solutions to their residents, attracting funding and generating new demand for space," the report said.

It further stated that research interrogated over 100 data points applied to 29 capital cities from a long list of over 500 cities in Africa to arrive at a unique innovation score. The three components looked at where innovation activity concentrated, such as the total number of startups; level of innovation funding and innovation infrastructure, such as the number of research institutions, leading to Nairobi being the standout performer.

Commenting on the report, Knight Frank researcher for Africa, Tilda Mwai said innovation,



The headquarters of Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology where innovation is managed and promoted in the country.

coupled with economic growth, will drive the next decade of investment in Africa. "Lower risk investors will likely favour cities with above-average innovation scores and a robust economy. These include Cairo, Egypt - the stand-out performer - and Johannesburg, South Africa," he said.

He added, "These cities have the greatest potential to remain economically resilient in the long term, despite undergoing short-term shocks. Cities that score higher for innovation but have less robust economies will attract those willing to take more risk, such as private equity investors. These cities include Nairobi, Kenya; Cape Town in South Africa; and Kampala, Uganda."

Further, the Africa Horizons Report 2021/2022 stated that

the move towards innovation has been amplified in the resultant opportunities in asset classes. Data centres in particular are anticipated to grow. While the markets remain underserved, the main drivers towards the growth of this asset class is the move towards localisation of data, rising demographics and the influx in capital focused on data centres.

In terms of data centres capacity, leading markets such as Johannesburg and Nairobi have a total live IT power of 54.9MW and 19.04MW respectively, compared to data centre hubs such as Dublin and London whose live IT power stands at 795.8MW and 728.25MW respectively.

The report noted that Africa's data centre markets can be categorised into three distinct tiers. Tier one markets include Johannesburg, Cape Town and Nairobi as already becoming Africa's leading data centre markets.

Tier two markets, such as Addis Ababa, Dar es Salaam and Kampala, are essentially cities in the most populous of countries or those with strategic positioning, while tier three markets are categorised as low population centres with relatively low ease of doing business.

TFS DONATES 10K TREE SEEDLINGS TO BACK TIGO'S GREENING MT KILIMANJARO PROJECT

By Property Watch Reporter

In supporting Tigo Tanzania campaign to make Mount Kilimanjaro green, Tanzania Forestry Services has donated 10,000 tree seedlings for planting.

Dubbed, 'Tigo Green for Kili' Project, the tree planting campaign is aimed to restore forest cover at Africa's rooftop which scientists fear may lose its glacier cup because of global warming blamed on deforestation, among other factors.

The initiative which kicked off in February this year targets to plant 28,000 trees and so far the telco and its partners have already contributed over 2,000 tree seedlings. Speaking in Hai District earlier this week during a handover ceremony of the seedlings, Tigo Tanzania's Northern Zone Territory Manager, Daniel Mainoya said the telco has embarked on the exercise to plant trees that will help in restoring the lush environment around Mt Kilimanjaro. "Africa's snow cap has been decreasing for the past four years due to global warming, cutting down of trees for firewood, illegal logging and forest fires," Mainoya said adding that TFS' donation will boost the project.

"As I applaud this gesture from TFS, let me also inform other stakeholders that we continue to receive tree seedlings, which we plan to plant on the world environment day set to be held on the 5th of June, 2021," he added.

In remarks at the ceremony, TFS Northern Zone Manager, Edward Shilogile commended Tigo for coming



Mount Kilimanjaro's snow cap is said to be dwindling due to global warming caused largely by deforestation.

up with the noble project to conserve the trees around Mt Kilimanjaro. "As the agency given the mandate to protect natural forests in Tanzania, we were really moved by Tigo's

Green for Kili project hence decided to donate 10,000 tree seedlings," Shilogile said.

He said the afforestation of the whole Kilimanjaro Region is TFS' objective hence

Tigo's support simply aligns well with the agency. "I believe we are a step closer to reaching our target of contributing to a greener Kilimanjaro for future generations. I urge all

stakeholders to join forces and donate tree seedlings so that the great Mount Kilimanjaro can continue to maintain its snow cap," Shilogile stressed.

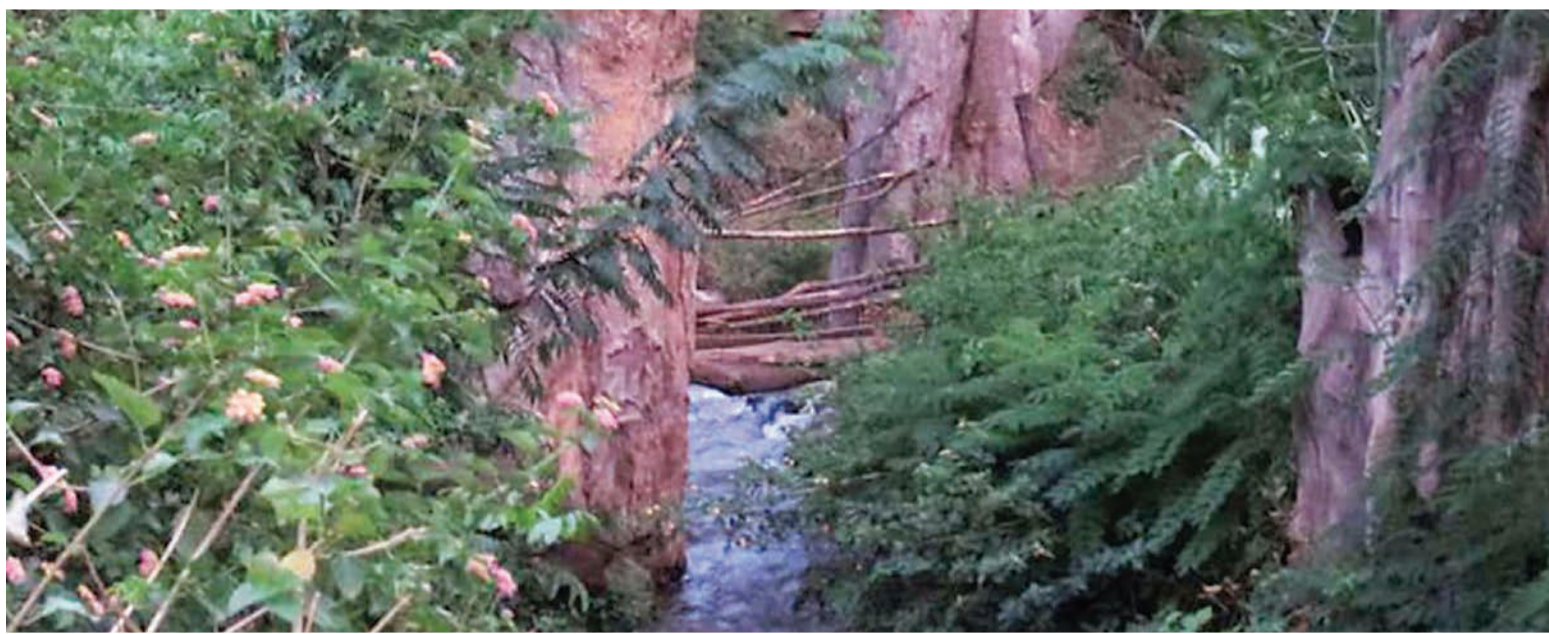
Italian firms demand Sh11bn for cancelled Arror, Kimwarer dams projects

NAIROBI

THREE Italian firms at the centre of the Sh63 billion Kimwarer and Arror dams scandal have sued Kenya at the International Court of Arbitration, demanding more than Sh11 billion over the cancellation of the projects.

Court documents show that Cooperativa Muratori & Cementisti -CMC Di Ravenna Societa Cooperativa (Italy), Itinera S.P.A and CMC Di Ravenna- Itinera JV S.C.P.A. filed the case against the Kerio Valley Development Authority (KVDA) on December 15, asking for \$114.1million plus costs of the case and expenses to be incurred by its lawyers during the hearing.

The firms also want the court to declare that the cancellation of the con-



A stream that drains into Arror River, Elgeyo Marakwet.

tracts for the construction of the two dams in Elgeyo Marakwet County irregular and unlawful. It wants KVDA to be held liable for the delays in the construction and completion of the projects.

"Accordingly, order KVDA to pay the claimants all the amounts provisionally indicated as US\$114,177,645, or any other different sum that will result due to claimants in the course of the proceedings, plus interest as applicable," say the court papers. In a letter to El-

geyo Marakwet Governor Alex Tolgos, Solicitor-General Kennedy Ogeto has requested all documentation and correspondence regarding the projects.

Mr Ogeto also appointed senior state counsel Charles Wamwayi and Sheila Mammet to liaise with Governor Tolgos' office as the government defends the case. Former Treasury Cabinet Secretary Henry Rotich and a number of senior Treasury and KVDA officials have been charged with economic crimes re-

lated to the construction of the two dams.

The Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) has accused Mr Rotich of hiding behind government-to-government procurement to single source privately owned Italian Insurance company SACE (an Italian export credit agency offering insurance) policy valued at Sh11 billion, an amount that was allegedly inflated by more than 400 percent.

Evidence presented in court by the pros-

ecution allege that CMC Di Ravenna- Itinera JV was paid Sh4.3 billion on September 27, 2018 as advance payment for Arror dam. For Kimwarer dam, an advance payment of Sh3.5 billion was allegedly approved on July 2, 2018.

The payments in two tranches were made to a web of associated companies in Kenya, South Africa and Italy that were not on tender documents, according to the DPP. The bidder, according to court documents, was Cooperativa Muratori & Cementisti CMC Ravenna- Societa Cooperativa.

They declared a joint venture known as Aecom South Africa PTY Ltd but the company that was issued with the letter of award was CMC Di Ravenna South Africa while payments were made to CMC Di Ravenna/ Itinera JV Kenya Branch.

Mr Rotich has challenged his prosecution, questioning why former Environment and Regional Development Authorities Cabinet Secretary Judi Wakhungu and experts from the ministry were left out. He said he signed the agreements at the tail end as part of his statutory responsibilities

Rusumo power plant could start operations by end of 2021

KIGALI

BY The end of this year, one unit of the 80MW Regional Rusumo Hydroelectric Power Project will be operational, an engineer at Nile Equatorial Lakes Subsidiary Action Program (NELSAP) has disclosed.

NELSAP is one of the investment programs under the Nile Basin Initiative (NBI) with a mandate to facilitate jointly agreed transformative regional trans-boundary cooperative projects or in-country projects with regional impact related to the common use of the Nile Basin water resources.

It focuses on hydro-power investment projects and regional power transmission interconnections as well as water resources management and development projects. Alloyce Oduor, the Power Engineer at NELSAP disclosed the progress about Regional Rusumo Hydroelectric Power Project during the 6th Nile Basin Development Forum going on from March 9 to April 29 under the theme: "Rethinking regional investments in the Nile River Basin".

The discussions, last week, focused on "Enhanced collaboration between energy and water planners in the Nile Region." The project will benefit Rwanda, Burundi and Tanzania which are part of the Nile Basin Initiative, an intergovernmental partnership that brings together 10 countries linked to the River Nile and these are; Burundi, DR Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda.

The \$340 million regional Rusumo Hydropower project will generate power



using water from Akagera River that straddle the three countries. Akagera is one of the Nile River sources and it flows into Lake Victoria and then later into the Nile River. "We envisage that by the end of this year, at least one unit will be on. The plant is in the area of Tanzania and switch yard is on Rwandan territory," said Oduor.

"From \$340 million funding, Tanzania has got 100 per cent full credit while Burundi

has got 100% per cent grant, Rwanda has got 50 per cent grant and 50 per cent credit," he said. He said that part of the first one interconnection has been completed.

"Right now we are working on finally commissioning that link between Uganda and Rwanda. Hopefully this year, it will have been commissioned and bring countries into one synchronous frequency," he said.

This project was sup-

posed to end in February 2020, but there had been challenges according to engineers. The plant is expected to add about 26.6MW to each of the beneficiary States and strengthen the regional power interconnection between the countries.

There will be transmission lines for electricity, within 94km from Rusumo to Nyakanazi (Tanzania), 161km to Rwanda, and 194km to Burundi. "

NMB's MastaBata grand prize winners get tickets for holidays

By Property Watch Reporter

TWO lucky winners of NMB Bank Plc's 'MastaBata' campaign have been awarded paid up tickets to a destination of their choice to Ngorongoro Crater, Serengeti National Park or Zanzibar Islands at the climax of the promotion this week.

Another 10 lucky winners took home 7m/- each for emerging as runners up in the promotion which started in November last year. The bank's Chief Finance Officer, Juma Kimori said during the climax that the promotion which sought to encourage use of card payments has seen 436 clients win various prizes.

"For the past three months, the campaign was encouraging NMB clients to use MasterCard QR, MasterPass to pay for goods and services at any point of sales countrywide," Kimori said while revealing that the campaign received overwhelming support.

He said a record 400 clients won 100,000 each while 20 walked away with Samsung Note 20 Galaxy smartphones valued at 2.4m/- each. "NMB Bank had budgeted 200m/- to finance this promotion and we are happy that

it has been a success," the NMB CFO added.

Other lucky winners took home Samsung flat screens with three month DSTV subscription while others won laptops and microwaves and water dispensers, among other prizes. "We would like to urge the public to continue using our cards in making payments for goods and services," Kimori stated.

NMB's Dar es Salaam Zone Manager, Donatus Richard congratulated the winners and urged them to continue using bank cards in transacting because it's an efficient and secure means of paying for goods and services.

"As a bank we will continue to bring our customers innovative products that will ease their transacting experience," Richard said while noting that use of MasterCard QR and MasterPass continues.

One of the winners, Ali Abubakar who chose a different prize other than the paid up trip, said the promotion was rewarding and worthwhile. "I thank NMB not only for their good services but also by coming up with this promotion which has given me a prize that I did not expect," Abubakar said.

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SUPER-WEALTH MAKING LONDON THE GLOBAL HOTSPOT FOR LUXURY HOMES

LONDON

THE super-wealthy spent more on luxury homes in London last year than in any other city across the globe, real estate consultancy Knight Frank said.

International buyers spent almost \$4 billion on super-prime properties in the UK capital in 2020 - homes with a price tag of more than \$10m. The sum is higher than the total spent on similar pads in any other city in the world, outstripping property hotspots such as New York, Hong Kong and Singapore.

"London's super-prime residential market shrugged off Brexit and even looked through the pandemic, confirming the UK capital as the world's leading wealth destination," said Liam Bailey, global head of research at Knight Frank.

"After five years of price falls, the capital is set for a reset and the latest numbers from Knight Frank's super-prime data confirm that London is on top of the world." Britain's economy ground to a halt at the start of the pandemic last spring, causing a standstill in the real estate sector. However, neither the cycle of lockdowns nor travel restrictions failed to dent the appetite for London property.

The number of sales above \$10m in the capital was up on 2019, with the influx of capital from overseas coming after many Londoners relocated to the outskirts of the city or to larger homes with more space in the countryside.

In total, 201 super-prime properties were sold in London at an average price of \$18.6m, with 31 of those buyers paying \$25m or more. Out of the usual top markets, the UK capital saw transactions rise by 3 per cent, while



A street of elegant Victorian Edwardian luxury houses in the exclusive area of South Kensington, London.

Hong Kong and New York saw their fall by 27 per cent and 48 per cent respectively.

Domestic buyers accounted for a third of all activity in London's \$10m-plus market last year, up from 12 per cent in 2019. European buyers were also more prevalent due to the relative ease with which they could reach the city.

One of the biggest sales of the year involved a £58m (\$67.1m) mansion in

the leafy area of Belgravia, which was bought by British industrialist Sanjeev Gupta. A weaker pound and the resolution of the Brexit saga, which had dampened appetite for London properties and depressed prices, caused the surge in demand, Mr Bailey said.

The average British house price hit a record high of £254,606 (\$348,891) in March, as the market saw a resurgence in activity after UK Finance Minister Rishi Sunak's extension of

the stamp duty holiday in his annual budget. House prices in March were 1.1 per cent higher than in February, the first rise since November, the Halifax House Price Index showed, and 6.5 per cent higher than in March 2020 - the equivalent of £15,430 in cash terms.

Bahrain's Arcapita acquires FedEx distribution centre in US

BAHRAIN

BAHRAIN'S Arcapita acquired a major distribution centre in the US as the investment company continues to expand its industrial real estate portfolio in the world's biggest economy. The distribution centre in Dallas is leased to delivery company FedEx and is an integral part of its distribution network in the southern US, according to a statement from Arcapita on Sunday.

"The US industrial real estate sector has proven to be recession resilient with sustained, high occupancy levels... due to the mission-critical nature of warehousing and distribution facilities," the company said. "Most recently, during the Covid-19 pandemic, the industrial sector significantly outperformed other sectors including office, retail and hotel."

Demand for warehouses and distribution centres rose globally due to an e-commerce boom in the wake of the movement restrictions related to the coronavirus pandemic. Arcapita also recently bought 16 industrial real estate properties in Cleveland and Indianapolis. These purchases represent a combined transaction value of over \$200 million, covering approximately 3 million

square feet of US industrial real estate space across key distribution markets, the company said.

"Arcapita has a strong track record of investing in the logistics sector, having managed and exited over \$5.5 billion in logistics real estate transactions globally," Martin Tan, chief investment officer at Arcapita said. "With the accelerated growth of e-commerce and increasing supply chain sophistication, the demand for modern logistics and warehousing space will grow exponentially."

The company is also looking to acquire additional assets in the coming months, according to Brian Hebb, head of US real estate at Arcapita. "We are focused on acquiring highly functional properties leased to investment grade tenants on a 10-15-year basis," he said. Over the past 24 years, Arcapita has completed more than 90 investments with a total transaction value exceeding \$30bn in real estate and private equity, the company said.

In its last annual report for the year to June 30, 2020, the company highlighted the US industrial market as a "large but highly fragmented" sector, where only 20 per cent of the 14 billion square feet of warehouse space is institutionally owned.



The FedEx distribution centre in Dallas, which was acquired by Arcapita.

New Amazon Africa headquarters to be built in Cape Town



River Club in Cape Town, where Amazon headquarters in Africa will be built.

CAPE TOWN

US retail giant Amazon will be the anchor tenant of a R4bn River Club development that has gotten the go-ahead from the City of Cape Town.

The 15-hectare parcel of land has been approved for development by the Liesbeeke Leisure Properties Trust. The planned mixed-use development will be a significant boost to the Cape Town economy as the impact of the Covid-19 lockdown remains. It is envisaged that 5,239 jobs will be created in the construction phase alone.

The project will also create up to 19,000 indirect and induced jobs. The development design

intends to create a 150,000sqm2 mixed-use space, divided into commercial and housing uses across two precincts. The developer intends 31,900sqm2 to be used for residential purposes.

"The proposed development will meet the requirements of inclusivity and integration. It combines various land uses and a mix of income groups by offering market-driven and affordable housing opportunities - the latter of which will be physically integrated with the other residential units in the apartment complexes," said the City of Cape Town in a statement.

Other parts of the development include: 59,600qm2 office space; 20,700sqm2 retail space; 8,200sqm2 hotel; 41,000sqm2

gym; and Restaurants, conferencing, school and events space. The developer stated that 20% of the residential floor space will be allocated for affordable housing opportunities.

"The planned mixed-use development will be a significant boost to the economy and the people of Cape Town in the aftermath of the national Covid-19 lockdown. The City has carefully and thoroughly considered all of the submissions and concerns during the appeal process. We are acutely aware of the need to balance investment and job creation, along with heritage and planning considerations. It is clear that this development offers many economic, social and environmental benefits for the area. We are com-

mitted to driving investment to revitalise the economy, which is slowly recovering following the impact of Covid-19," said executive mayor Dan Plato.

While the development has been approved as a concept, conditions have been attached requiring further stages of approval during which the developer must submit detailed plans on a range of development aspects.

The development is envisaged to take place in phases, with construction set to take place over three to five years. The development of Precinct 1 includes mixed-used and a floor space of approximately 60,000sqm2. Precinct 2 will house the Amazon headquarters, which is 70,000sqm2 of floor space.

Official: Rosatom barred from bidding for €6bn Czech reactor

PRAGUE

THE Czech Republic has officially barred Russian energy group Rosatom from tendering for the multi-billion-dollar contract to build a new reactor at the Dukovany nuclear power plant, claiming to have seen evidence that Russian secret agents were involved in explosions at an ammunition depot in the country in 2014 that killed two people.

Rosatom decried the decision, saying it would hurt Czech companies who were to be involved in the work if it had won the tender. "The Russian supplier Rosatom will not be addressed to submit documents for security assessment," Czech Industry and Trade Minister Karel Havlicek told reporters on Monday, reports AFP. His statement came as the Czech Republic's expulsion of 18 employees of the Russian Embassy in Prague came into force.

"On Friday, we received clear information that Russian secret service operations were taking place on our territory," Czech Foreign Minister Jan Hamáček said in announcing the expulsion. Havlicek first raised the possibility of the ban on Saturday, saying: "It is very serious news, any such act, should it be confirmed, must clearly have consequences."

The cost of the project is expected to be around €6bn. The decision leaves just France's EDF, South Korea's Korea Hydro & Nuclear Power, and US-based Westinghouse in the race to build the new reactor by 2036.

Czech political parties agreed to exclude Chinese contractors in January this year. Reacting to the exclusion, Rosatom called it "an anti-market, politically motivated decision that does not encourage the development of mutually beneficial cooperation between our countries".

"The Russian offer envisioned the involvement of hundreds of Czech and European companies in the project of the Dukovany nuclear power plant expansion project, which could have included contracts worth billions of euros," Rosatom said.

"Thus, by excluding Rosatom from the tender, the Czech authorities are pushing aside their own national industry." An official tender is expected to be launched toward the end of 2021, after a new government takes office following a general election in October.

WORLD

US expert says Japan can't release contaminated water until nuclides at 'non-detectable levels'

WASHINGTON

"Not one drop" of Japan's Fukushima radioactively contaminated water should be released until the world is convinced that the water has been treated to remove nuclides to "non-detectable levels", a prominent U.S. marine conservation biologist told Xinhua in an interview on Wednesday.

The Japanese government announced last week it had decided to discharge contaminated radioactive wastewater in Fukushima Prefecture into the sea.

"Prior to any marine discharge, the world deserves to know exactly what radioisotopes are in the wastewater, in what concentrations, and that all of the water has been treated with best available technology methods to remove all radionuclides to non-detectable levels," said Rick Steiner, former professor of marine conservation at the University of Alaska.

As of Dec. 31, 2019, 73 percent of the nuclear wastewater exceeded Japan's discharge standards after treatment by an advanced liquid processing system (ALPS) capable of removing most contaminants, according to a report from an organization researching

the treatment of wastewater from the Fukushima nuclear accident.

The Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO), the operator handling wastewater from the Fukushima nuclear accident, has a record of covering up and falsifying information, according to media reports.

"TEPCO and the government of Japan have been somewhat non-transparent with the Fukushima issue," Steiner told Xinhua.

He said Japan's planned release is a "spectacularly bad idea" for a number of reasons - it would expose marine ecosystems across the North Pacific to risk; it is unnecessary, as the long-term storage option is reasonable and prudent; it is likely illegal under international law; and it is exceptionally unethical.

"We can no longer accept dumping hazardous industrial wastes into our one global ocean," said Steiner, who consults for the United Nations, governments and NGOs on marine environmental issues.

"As far as ecological risk, so far we simply don't know exactly what radionuclides and in what concentrations are in the tanks, but we know there is radioactive cesium-137, tritium, Carbon-14, Cobalt-60, Strontium-90, Iodine-129, and over 50 other nuclides. Some



People rally to protest against the Japanese government's decision to discharge contaminated radioactive wastewater in Fukushima Prefecture into the sea, in Tokyo, capital of Japan, April 13, 2021. (Xinhua)

of this may have been removed, some not," Steiner noted.

"We need to know," he stressed. The international community should convene an international scientific and technical commission, agreed by the Japanese government, to provide independent scientific oversight of all aspects of the Fukushima cleanup, including the wastewater issue, Steiner said.

This international group should operate independently of the International Atomic Energy Agency, he added.

According to Steiner, if the contaminated water is held for another 15 to 30 years, the radioactive tritium will decay by 50 percent to 75 percent. This will give time to treat the contaminated water effectively.

Japan's decision to dump

wastewater into sea has triggered opposition from the Japanese public and global environmental groups. It has also raised concerns from neighboring countries about a possible impact on human health and fishery businesses.

"The ecological impact of this sort of chronic release of radioactive waste into the North Pacific may be considerable," Steiner said.

Some of the contaminants will enter living organisms, and some of these can cause reproductive impairment, cellular damage, genetic injury, and cancers, he explained.

"The risk is entirely avoidable by using long-term storage on shore, and best available technology treatment systems," Steiner noted.

Xinhua

Parliament backs Merkel's push for more lockdown control

BERLIN

GERMANY'S lower house of parliament backed Chancellor Angela Merkel's controversial lockdown law, as officials struggle to check a fresh wave of coronavirus infections that's putting intense pressure on hospitals.

Merkel's ruling coalition pushed the legislation through after her government failed to find common ground with regional leaders on measures needed to fight the pandemic. The law - which expires at the end of June - triggers tighter restrictions in virus hotspots, including nighttime curfews and closing schools and non-essential stores.

"We have to break this third wave" by reducing contact as far as possible, Health Minister Jens Spahn told lawmakers during a stormy Bund-

estag debate. "The situation is serious, very serious," Spahn added. "The scene in many hospitals remains dramatic, and some patients are having to be transferred and treatments delayed."

Merkel moved to effectively override regional authorities because the renewed surge in infections threatens to overwhelm some intensive-care units. The number of COVID-19 patients in ICUs has been rising steadily since mid-March, and is close to 5,000, not far from a peak of 5,745 scaled at the beginning of January.

The number of confirmed coronavirus cases in Germany increased by 24,884 to 3,188,192, data from the Robert Koch Institute (RKI) for infectious diseases showed on Wednesday.

The reported death toll rose by 331 to 80,634, the tally



showed.

EU

The European Union's (EU) long-awaited COVID-19 shot surge is finally here, raising hopes the continent can bring the pandemic under control and reopen economies faster than expected.

The inflection point came

this month, with Germany nearly doubling the pace of vaccinations after an increase in supplies and the decision to let general practitioners administer doses in their regular offices. France, Italy and Spain are following a similar trajectory.

Johnson & Johnson (J&J)

said it will restart deliveries of its vaccine to the EU after the bloc's drug regulator said Tuesday the benefits of the shot outweigh the risks of a possible link with cases of rare blood clots.

The European Medicines Agency (EMA) noted there had been more than 300 cases worldwide of rare blood clotting incidents combined with low platelet counts after use of COVID-19 vaccines.

There were 287 occurrences with the AstraZeneca vaccine, eight with Johnson & Johnson's shot, 25 for Pfizer and five for Moderna, said Peter Arlett, head of data analytics at the EMA.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said the J&J decision was "good news for the roll-out of vaccination campaigns across the EU".

Agencies

4 killed, over dozen injured in SW Pakistan's hotel bomb blast

ISLAMABAD

FOUR people were killed and over a dozen others injured when an explosive-laden vehicle exploded inside the parking of Serena hotel in Quetta, capital city of Pakistan's southwest Balochistan province Wednesday night, the country's Interior Minister Sheikh Rasheed Ahmad said.

There was a threat alert in Quetta and other major cit-

ies after some suspicious calls were intercepted, and security was on high alert including cities in Balochistan, Rasheed told Xinhua.

He said that despite the security measures, the vehicle carrying explosives managed to enter the parking lot from the main gate of the hotel, which is a matter of big concern and the responsible people will be taken to task for creating security lapse which gave terrorists a

chance to carry out the attack.

Chief Minister of Balochistan Jam Kamal hinted at involvement of some "foreign hand" in the attack and said that the elements which do not want to see Pakistan prospering are in search of a loophole in the security of the province, and launch attacks when they succeed in finding any.

Proscribed organization Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan claimed the attack in a text

message to journalists saying a suicide bomber launched the attack targeting locals and foreigners, but the claim has not yet been officially confirmed.

The injured were shifted to Civil Hospital whose spokesman Waseem Baig told Xinhua that two of the injured people are in critical condition and a state of emergency has been declared at the hospital by the provincial government.

Intelligence sources from

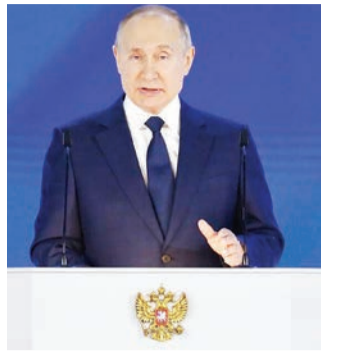
Quetta told Xinhua on condition of anonymity that one security guard was killed and two policemen were injured in the attack.

Soon after the blast, the hotel's parking area located in its premises was sealed by the counter terrorism department of police who also restricted media to access the site for reporting, Inspector General Police of Balochistan Muhammad Tahir Rai said. Xinhua

No crossing 'red lines' in relations with Russia - Putin

MOSCOW

NO countries should cross Moscow-set "red lines" in relations with Russia, which will resolutely protect its national interests, Russian President Vladimir Putin said Wednesday in his annual address to the Federal Assembly.



"The world has become accustomed to illegal sanctions and rude attempts by some countries to impose their will on others," Putin said.

"Russia has its interests, which it will defend in the framework of international law," he added.

Putin stressed that Russia does not want to "burn bridges" with anyone but will act fast and respond symmetrically when necessary.

"At the same time, we will have enough patience, responsibility, professionalism, self-confidence and common sense when making any decision," he said.

In this year's speech to lawmakers and government officials, Putin focused primarily on domestic affairs, including pandemic control, health care and social policies. He also addressed defense and foreign policy issues.

Defence

On defence, Putin said Russia is continuously strengthening its armed forces by modernizing weaponry.

The share of modern weapons and equipment is expected to reach 76 percent by 2024, and this share in Russia's nuclear triad will exceed 88 percent this year, Putin said.

The first regiment fully armed with the Sarmat intercontinental ballistic missiles will become operational by the end of 2022, and the Tsirkon hypersonic cruise missiles will be combat-ready in the near future, he said.

The Avangard intercontinental hypersonic missiles and laser combat systems have already been put on duty, he noted.

Putin highlighted the importance of global cooperation in ensuring strategic stability and invited major countries to discussions on issues regarding strategic weapons.

"The subject of such negotiations would be the establishment of a mechanism of conflict-free coexistence based on a security equation," he said.

COVID-19

In his speech, Putin urged all citizens to get vaccinated and predicted that Russia would achieve collective immunity by the autumn.

ENVIRONMENT

On the eve of an online climate summit to be hosted by US President Joe Biden, Putin also called for tougher "polluter pays" rules and set a goal for Russia to cut its greenhouse gas emissions below those of the European Union in the next 30 years. Xinhua

Indonesian navy: Missing sub has enough oxygen for 72 hours

INDONESIA'S Navy Chief of Staff Yudo Margono said yesterday that the missing submarine KRI Nanggala-402 would have enough oxygen for 72 hours during a power blackout.

The submarine, with 53 people on board, lost contact in the waters north of Bali Island during a torpedo firing exercise in the early hours of Wednesday, with its last position at about 60 miles north of the tourist island.

"We lost contact (with the submarine) yesterday (Wednesday) at 3 am, so it can last until 3 am Saturday," Margono told a televised press conference.

So far Indonesia has not detected any signs of the submarine, a day after rescuers found an oil slick a day earlier and as neighbouring countries pledged to help.

Indonesian President Joko Widodo said on Thursday that he had ordered "optimal" search and rescue efforts for the submarine.

The 44-year-old submarine was conducting a torpedo drill north of the island of Bali on Wednesday but failed to relay the results as expected, a navy spokesman said.

An aerial search found an oil spill near the submarine's dive location and two navy vessels with sonar capability had been deployed to assist in the search, officials said.

Asked about reports of movement detected under water, navy spokesman Julius Widjojono said that based on information received so far the missing submarine had not yet been spotted or heard on sonar, and no contact with the crew had been made.

Earlier, he told KompasTV that the diesel-powered submarine that runs on electric batteries while submerged could sustain a depth of 250-500 metres.

"Anything more than that can be pretty fatal, dangerous," the spokesman told KompasTV. Agencies

China's civil aviation capacity to rise by 43% to 2 billion passenger trips within 5 years

AS the year 2021 marks the beginning of China's 14th Five-Year Plan (2021-25), industries make their plans in line with the country's development. The civil aviation sector is aiming to increase capacity, accelerate airport construction and the integration with other transportations including railways, highways and waterways.

China will open above 30 new civil airports and the civil aviation capacity will increase by 43 percent to 2 billion passenger trips as scheduled under the 14th Five-Year Plan, said Wang Zhiqing, Deputy Minister of Transport, at a press conference on Wednesday.

China recorded a total of 241 certificated airports at the end of the 13th Five-Year Plan

(2016-20) with a transportation capacity of 1.4 billion passenger trips. During the last five-year plan period, China set up and relocated 43 civil airports, according to statistics released by the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) on Wednesday.

Expansion and new airports

The civil aviation regulator also disclosed that airport hubs in China will be expanded, including Shanghai Pudong International Airport, Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport in South China's Guangdong Province. New airports will be seen in Xiamen, East China's Fujian Province and Hohhot in North

China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region.

"The scale of new airports listed in the 14th Five-Year Plan is relatively large. Over the past 10 years, airports with sufficient capacity have been built one after another. In the future, the construction demand and growth speed of large airports will decrease, while the construction of small feeder airports will be the direction of civil aviation infrastructure investment," a Shanghai-based investor surnamed Cheng, told the Global Times on Thursday.

Airports that mainly serve as bases for regional airlines will be boosted during the next five years with construction plan in third-tier cities such as Shouzhou in North

China's Shanxi Province, Jiaxing in East China's Zhejiang Province, Ruijin in East China's Jiangxi Province and Aral in Northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region.

Recognizing the convenience brought to passengers living in remote areas by short-haul air routes, CAAC will encourage regional airlines to increase capacity and upgrade flight networks. Regional airlines which run flights connecting small and medium airports that have passenger flow below 2 million will be eligible for subsidies.

CAAC revised interim procedures of subsidy administration on small airports in 2020 and raised the subsidy standards by 40 percent to airports located in places where

ground traffic is poor. Those airports could get more financial supports from aviation regulators.

The admission restrictions of regional air routes to airport hubs in Chinese megacities - Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou - have been eased. Transfer services among different airlines have been improved to boost the development of regional airlines.

World-class airport hubs in major Chinese developed economic areas are expected to be strengthened in the next 15 years, said Dong Zhiyi, deputy head of the CAAC in a recent media conference.

Global Times

Global experts laud Xi's keynote speech at BFA annual conference for upholding multilateralism

BEIJING

CHINESE President Xi Jinping's keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) Annual Conference 2021 on Tuesday conveyed a clear call on all countries to uphold multilateralism and equality in an era of economic globalization, experts worldwide have said.

When delivering the speech via video, Xi said that the world needs consultation on an equal footing to create a future of shared benefits.

He called on all countries in Asia and beyond to answer the "call of our times," defeat the pandemic through solidarity, strengthen global governance, and keep pursuing a commu-

nity with a shared future for mankind.

The Chinese president "has echoed the aspirations and expectations of the entire global population," Sudheendra Kulkarni, former chairman of Mumbai-based think-tank Observer Research Foundation, told Xinhua.

"Much remains to be done to achieve universal security and common development," he noted.

"That said, there is no fundamental change in the trend toward a multipolar world. Economic globalization is showing renewed resilience, and the call for upholding multilateralism and enhancing communication and coordination has grown stronger."

He also stressed that Xi's speech sent a note of optimism about the future,



which is "sorely needed at a time when our world is facing an atmosphere of despair due to multiple problems, especially the COVID-19 pandemic and the resultant

slowdown in the economies of most countries."

President Xi's thoughts and policies "move around the peace and well-being of people around the world," eyeing a safe and prosperous future for mankind, according to Khalid Rahman, director-general of the Institute of Policy Studies in Islamabad.

"Xi is urging to adopt justice for all, so that people of weak nations and regions can also have a better life," he said, adding that he's impressed with Xi's remarks that world affairs should be handled through extensive consultation, and the future of the world should be decided by all countries work-

ing together. Through his speech, President Xi urged international cooperation, open markets and non-interference in internal affairs, according to Kosala Wickramanayake, president of Sri Lanka's International Business Council. He mentioned that China's Belt and Road Initiative is a great platform for developing countries to cooperate with the rest of the world and to improve their economic development.

Xi also said China will build a closer partnership for green development. In this regard, Sri Lanka can benefit from this with its new city development coming at Port City in Colombo, Wickramanayake noted.

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Kremlin slams situation involving Russian diplomats in Czech Republic as hysteria

MOSCOW

KREMLIN Spokesman Dmitry Peskov has blasted the recent crisis unfolding in the Czech Republic that involves Russian diplomats as hysteria, urging that "diplomats are given an opportunity to formulate positions."

"Our diplomats are working now. We, of course, view all this hysteria negatively. This is the only thing I can say. Let's give diplomats an opportunity to formulate positions," he told reporters yesterday.

On April 17, Czech authorities announced the expulsion of 18 employees of the Russian Embassy in Prague, who, according to the Czech authorities, are "officers of Russia's SVR and GRU intelligence agencies."

The Czech Republic claimed that the so-called newly-discovered circumstances related to the 2014 Vrbevice explosion were the reason behind the move.

The Russian Foreign Ministry protested the step that Prague had taken "under false pretences," and declared 20 employees of the Czech Embassy in Moscow persona non gratae in response.

On Wednesday, the Czech Republic's newly sworn-in Foreign Minister Jakub Kulhanek issued a protest to Russia's envoy to the country Alexander Zmeyerovsky over Moscow's decision to expel 20 Czech diplomats and demanded that they all be returned back to continue working in the diplomatic mission. Prague will be waiting for Moscow's response until 12:00 a.m. (13 a.m.)

Agencies

African health experts call for innovative financing to eradicate malaria

NAIROBI

Countries across the Sub-Saharan African region should explore fiscal incentives that can stimulate investments in malaria control programs amid the quest to eradicate the tropical disease by 2030, experts said at a virtual forum on Wednesday ahead of World Malaria Day on April 25.

The health experts, policymakers and advocates said that achieving zero malaria targets in Africa is possible subject to adequate financing, political goodwill, research and community engagement.

Elizabeth Chizema, coordinator of Zambia's End Malaria Council, said that domestic resource mobilization as opposed to over-reliance on dwindling foreign aid is key to bridging malaria funding shortfall in Africa.

"The private sector and home-grown philanthropies can help bridge the financing gap towards malaria control programs in the African continent that has worsened due to the COVID-19 pandemic," said Chizema.

She said that the African Leaders Malaria Alliance whose current chair is Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta, has prioritized innovative financing as a strategy to aid the elimination of the disease in the continent.

"Government and the private sector continue to renew financial pledges and commitments that will be channeled to high-impact malaria control interventions like expanding access to mosquito-treated nets," said Chizema.

In some high malaria burden African countries, the industry has supported procurement of commodities and public aware-



ness campaigns on disease prevention, she added. Hundreds of participants including policymakers, health experts and grassroots campaigners attended the virtual forum on malaria elimination organized by the World Health Organization (WHO) in conjunction with RBM Partnership to End Malaria. Matshidiso Moeti,

WHO regional director for Africa said eliminating malaria will boost economic and social outcomes in a continent that accounts for about 90 percent of global malaria caseload and fatalities.

"Malaria reduces Africa's economic growth by 1.3 percent an-

nually. It affects productivity and therefore lifesaving and cost-effective interventions should reach communities affected by the disease," said

Moeti. She hailed milestones achieved in malaria vaccination targeting children below five years in Ghana, Kenya and Malawi, adding that targeted inoculations have hastened progress towards elimination of the vector-borne disease.

Amira Elfadil, African Union Commissioner for Social Affairs said that high burden malaria countries in Africa have renewed commitment to eradicate the disease in line with continental and global targets.

"Africa is making progress towards malaria elimination through strong political commitment and funding," said Elfadil, adding that the momentum towards achieving zero malaria goal has gathered steam in the continent despite pandemic shocks.

Solomon Feleke, consultant at WHO STOP-Malaria Program in Botswana said that enhanced surveillance, timely diagnosis and treatment are key to boosting malaria control in Africa.

"Training of health workers, improving vector control and case management will deliver high impact and quality intervention for malaria eradication in the continent," said Feleke.

Odinaka Kingsley Obeta, Zero Malaria champion from Nigeria said that African countries should leverage domestic financing, enhanced data collection, research and training of community health workers in order to boost the war against the disease.

"Long-term investments, use of real-time data to inform malaria interventions and youth-led campaigns are key to boosting progress towards disease elimination in Africa," said Obeta.

Xinhua

China takes lead in ratifying RCEP

China has taken the lead in ratifying the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement, said Yu Benlin, director-general of the Department of International Trade and Economic Affairs, Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) on Monday.

With the ratification by at least six ASEAN member states and three Non-ASEAN members, the agreement will be effective among these countries. So far, Thailand has also ratified the agreement.

It is reported that all parties concerned are proactively pushing for the agreement to take effect. They are planning to ratify the agreement before the end of this year and push for it to become effective on Jan. 1, 2022.

Once the RCEP takes effect, countries involved will immediately reduce tariffs according to it, fulfill their commitment of opening investment in the service sector, and implement the rules in all areas of the pact.

The MOFCOM and other relevant authorities have arranged a total of 701 binding obligations involving China under the RCEP, and completed preparations for the implementation of 613 items, or 87 percent of the total. Preparations for the remaining items are expected to



A freight train carrying machine parts, textiles, and photovoltaic products leaves Hai'an, east China's Jiangsu Province for Hanoi, Vietnam, May, 26, 2020. File photo

be completed before the RCEP's implementation, and China will be able to entirely fulfill its obligations when the agreement becomes effective, said Yu.

The RCEP was officially signed on Nov. 15, 2020. It features the largest participating population, the most diversified membership structures, and the greatest potential for development in the world. Its 15 member countries have a total population of 2.27 billion and a total GDP of \$26 trillion. Their combined exports stand at \$5.2 trillion, accounting for around 30 percent of the world's total.

It is believed by the international society that the RCEP has a huge market potential and

will vigorously drive regional and global growth. According to estimate by Peterson Institute for International Economics, the RCEP is expected to drive a net increase of \$519 billion in exports and \$186 billion in national income for its members each year by 2030.

The COVID-19 pandemic has plunged international trade and investment into a big slide, throwing the world economy into a severe recession. Under such background, the commitments made by RCEP members to lower tariffs, open markets, and reduce barriers will significantly vitalize the flow of commodities, technologies, services, personnel and capi-

tal. This will not only forcefully promote regional economic recovery, but also inject positive energy into the global cooperation on COVID-19 and the world economy.

Jurin Laksanawisit, Thailand's Deputy Prime Minister said that the signing of the RCEP indicates that a huge integrated market covering 1/3 of the world economy will be formed, which will guarantee its members better connection and wider mutual opening-up. The pact will generate huge development potential and revitalize the world's confidence in free trade.

People's Daily

Russian diplomat draws UN attention to language rights issue in Ukraine and Baltic states

GENEVA

RUSSIA will continue to underscore the issues regarding rights violations of the Russian-speaking people in the Baltic states and Ukraine, Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Vershinin announced yesterday.

Summing up the conversation with UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet, the Russian diplomat noted that some issues that "undoubtedly concern" Moscow were raised.

"This is primarily the situation with the Russian-speaking population in the Baltic countries and Ukraine.

We always highlight these issues and will continue to address them, since we are talking about inalienable political, social and economic rights," Vershinin said.

The Russian diplomat also mentioned the country's active work in the UN Human Rights Council. This year, after a break, Russia is again among the 47 organization's member-states.

"It is crucial for us that human rights issues are not used as a political weapon to attack certain states. A very



equal and dignified attitude to the human rights agenda is needed, and we are promoting this together with our like-minded people in the Council," the deputy foreign minister noted.

Acting confidently and openly

In Geneva, Vershinin held a number of other meetings and attended the 69th session of the UN Economic Commission for Europe. His visit to Europe's diplomatic capital coincided with the challenging political situation in the world. "Indeed, the international situation is quite difficult now. Besides, in such an environment we must act confidently and openly, relying on the principles that have always been inherent in our foreign pol-

icy," the Russian diplomat concluded.

Humanitarian sphere and migration

Russia adopted the International Organization for Migration's charter. Deputy Foreign Minister Vershinin emphasized the importance of such a decision, noting that the steps taken by Moscow "underscore the country's authority and prestige."

Furthermore, the diplomat described the meeting with President of the International Committee of the Red Cross Peter Maurer as fruitful. "This time we also talked about what can be done to improve the humanitarian situation in the countries such as Syria, Libya and Venezuela as well as the Caucasus and eastern Ukraine without politicization," the deputy foreign minister stated.

Regarding inter-Syrian negotiations, Vershinin stressed the essential role of the Geneva platform. The Syrian Constitutional Committee held a number of meetings in Geneva, and "the need to continue this dialogue is obvious," he said.

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EUROPE experienced its hottest year on record last year, while the Arctic suffered a summer of extreme wildfires partly due to low snow cover as climate change impacts intensified, the European Union's observation service said yesterday.

As world leaders prepared to brandish their plans to fight climate change at a US-led summit yesterday, EU scientists issued a stark reminder that the impacts of a warmer world are already here.

Europe's average annual temperature in 2020 was the highest on record and at least 0.4 degrees Celsius above the next five warmest years -- all of which took place in the last decade, the Copernicus Earth observation service said.

EU scientists: 2020 was Europe's hottest year on record



Sun-seekers cool off in the water and sunbathe on the riverbank at Hackney Marshes in east London on June 24, 2020. (AFP)

"Temperatures are increasing in all seasons in Europe," said Freja Vamborg, senior scientist at Copernicus.

It was the hottest winter on record, at 3.4 degrees Celsius above the average European winter temperature seen during 1981-2020. Weather is more variable in winter, so extreme temperatures tend to play out most starkly in that season.

It was also Europe's warmest autumn, while summer heatwaves were not as intense or prolonged as in recent

years, despite pockets of record-breaking heat in places including Scandinavia and France.

Meanwhile, the Arctic saw a "spectacular year", Vamborg said, pointing to a summer of record-breaking wildfires in Arctic Siberia, which were exacerbated by high temperatures and lower-than-average snow cover.

The average temperature in Arctic Siberia last year broke records by a large margin at 4.3 degrees Celsius above the 1981-2020 average.

Globally, Copernicus Earth said 2020 was one of the world's three hottest years on record, confirming findings released this week by the World Meteorological Organization.

The EU on Wednesday set a target to slash emissions faster this decade, and the United States is expected to do the same on Thursday, hiking the pressure on countries including China and India.

Currently, countries' combined pledges fall far short of the rapid emissions cuts scientists say are needed to limit warming to 1.5 degrees above pre-industrial levels and stave off the most severe impacts of climate change.

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SPORT



Simba SC's head coach, Didier Gomes

Coach Gomes out to keep Simba SC players next season

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

SIMBA SC's head coach, Didier Gomes, has made it clear that he is eager to keep all players for the next four seasons in order to make the team perform well in international matches.

Gomes noted he wants to keep his charges in the squad, seeking to build the best team in Tanzania.

The Frenchman said: "I don't know about their departure but I say I love my players, I need to stay with them for the several seasons. It's a good thing to make a good team for the next several seasons."

"I want to have them all for the next two, three or four seasons to build a better team. I have good players but they need to improve the way we play. I am proud to work with them," he said.

Simba have advanced to the quarterfinals of this season's CAF Champions League after ending as the tournament's Group A leaders having notched 13 points.

Midfielder Luis Miquissone makes the list of the club's players who are reportedly wanted by other outfits

The midfielder is said to be placed on the radar of Zimbabwe's FC Platinum, Al Ahly and Al Merreikh of Sudan.

Meanwhile, Egypt's football big guns Zamalek have been linked with a move for Miquissone as a replacement for their forward Mostafa Mohamed who left for Turkish giants Galatasaray.

Since the departure of Mostafa Mohamed,

Zamalek have been struggling in the attacking area, which cost them the Egypt Cup and the CAF Champions League.

The side acquired two players as Mostafa's replacements in Marwan Hamdi and Seifeddine Jaziri, however, the duo managed to score just two goals in 12 games between them.

This led the club's board to look for a new forward outside Egypt and Luis Miquissone turned out to be a target after an agent recommended the player for them, according to several local reports.

The Mozambican midfielder has been a crucial part of Simba's current success in the CAF Champions League, netting a winner against African champions Al Ahly in the group stages.

Following the game, it was rumored Al Ahly have begun monitoring the player for a possible move in the future, especially as the outfit's head coach Pitso Mosimane knows him very well, having coached the player during his time at South Africa's Mamelodi Sundowns.

Miquissone had joined Sundowns back in January 2018, but he was loaned out almost immediately to the likes of Chippa United, Royal Eagles FC, and Mozambique's UD Songo, before joining Simba permanently in January 2020.

Since joining Simba, Miquissone has hit the ground running in Tanzania, scoring three goals while assisting twice in this year's CAF Champions League campaign.

It is believed that Simba will only let go of Miquissone if their financial demands are met, as they put a price tag on him worth around €1 Million.

Former Yanga head coach issues apology for racist remarks

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

FORMER Yanga head coach, Luc Eymael, has come out to apologise to everyone in Africa for his alleged racist remarks which cost him his coaching job at Tanzania's football big guns.

The 60-year-old Belgian was sacked by the Jangwani Street-based giants on August 3, last year for allegedly uttering racist remarks when he compared the country's football fans to monkeys in an astonishing tirade.

And since then, Eymael, who also coached Kenya's FKF Premier League side AFC Leopards, is yet to get a coaching job with his most recent attempts to work for South African club Chippa United going up in smoke on two occasions.

Eymael had been appointed as the Chilli Boys' head coach first, and later the technical adviser, but his return to the country where he had also handled Free States Stars was cut short over the racism allegations labelled against him while coaching Yanga.

The Belgian has opened up the matter and said he was not a racist and also took the time to ask for forgiveness from everyone who was hurt via the audio clip which he says was taken out of context.

He stated: "I apologise about the audio clip that the fans heard, if the clip has hurt some fans, and not only Yanga fans, because in Yanga you don't know if they have only black people, you also have white people, so I apologise to the fans who trusted that clip," Eymael said on Wednesday.

He noted: "But I also want to say again, the words from the audio clip were taken out of context and that the clips were remixed, it is not the original clip, and that the clip was not taken by any radio or TV interview but I know where it was taken privately by a member of the staff and then he remixed the clip."

He insisted: "Once again let me say these, I apologise to the people, who have been hurt by that audio clip, those were not my words, the words were taken out of context but I apologise to the people who had been hurt by that audio clip, but those were not my words."

On withdrawing his appointment, Chippa said in a statement: "The club would like to formally announce that it has withdrawn the appointment of Belgian, Luc Eymael. When processes are complete, a new coaching announcement will be made in due course."

"After having announced Eymael's appointment until the end of the season on Wednesday, 23 December 2020 - the club has considered public outrage. There was also the reputational damage caused to our brand, and that of our stakeholders, partners as well as our sponsors."

"We would like to clarify that the initial decision to make this appointment was based on Eymael's coaching track record, where we felt he was the best person to take the club towards our desired top half finish in this PSL season."

Eymael is currently back home in Belgium.

SPORTS

TPLB reschedules Azam FC, Yanga clash's kick off

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

THE Tanzania Premier League Board (TPLB) has rescheduled a kick off for this season's Vodacom Premier League match between Yanga and Azam FC, slated for Sunday in Dar es Salaam.

The duel, which was previously set to kick off at 7pm, will now kick off at 8.15pm.

A statement issued by TPLB stated that the change in the kick off has been made due to the fact the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium which will be used for the match is expected to have other uses.

The statement disclosed: "Vodacom Premier League match between Yanga and Azam FC will be played at 8:15pm on April 25, 2021 at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium instead of 7pm as previously announced."

"The reason for the change is that the stadium will have other uses during the day," the TPLB statement said.

In the two teams' previous tie, held at Azam Complex in the city on November 25 last year, Yanga notched 1-0 victory, the only winning goal being scored by midfielder Deus Kaseke.

Azam FC will not only be seeking to put pressure on Yanga in the title race but also make revenge for the defeat the side endured in the first round clash.

Both Yanga and Azam FC will be under the tutelage of different head coaches when they face each other in the match, as Yanga will be under interim head coach, Juma Mwambusi. Zambian coach George Lwandamina



Tanzania Premier League Board (TPLB) Chief Executive Officer, Almasi Kasongo

will be at the helm of Azam FC technical bench.

In the first round clash, Yanga had Burundian Cedric Kaze as head coach, Azam FC had Aristica Cioaba heading the outfit's technical bench.

Two other fixtures will take place Sunday, Ihefu FC will entertain Coastal Union and Prisons are to confront

Ruvu Shooting.

Yanga lead the Premier League standing with 57 points while Azam FC sits third with 50 points.

Tanzanian boxer wins IBF, IBO Inter-Continental Super Featherweight titles

By correspondents Ismail Tano & Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIAN professional boxer, Bruno Tarimo, alias 'The wingman', has won the International Boxing Federation (IBF) International Super Featherweight title and the International Boxing Organization (IBO) Inter-Continental Super Featherweight title with victory over Aussie Kye MacKenzie on Wednesday.

Tarimo and MacKenzie traded punches for the IBF International Super Featherweight and IBO Inter-Continental Super Featherweight titles in the day's second fight on the pay-per-view portion of the card.

The Kilimanjaro-born boxer was a relentless, all-action pugilist, the rugged Mackenzie nevertheless barely retreated over 10 rounds before Tarimo won via unanimous decision.

Two judges scored 97-93 points apiece and the third judge scored 96-94 points to Tarimo in the 10-round fight, which took place at the WIN Entertainment Center, Wollongong, New South Wales in Australia.

With that victory Tarimo has now defended his IBF International Super Featherweight title and won the then vacant IBO Inter-Continental Super Featherweight title.

After beating MacKenzie, and given that he is ranked in the top 15 in the world for two agencies the achievement stands to see Tarimo scale up the ranking.

Tarimo noted: "My plan would be to go down to Super Bantamweight, but there aren't many fighters at that weight in Australia, and we can't bring in foreign fighters right now."

He disclosed: "I want to box against the best, I want the champions, anyone, wherever and whenever."

He added: "I am a very religious person, I pray a lot before and after each fight. Thank God I'm a new World champion, I have a better life and I'm already planning to bring my wife and children to Australia."

He disclosed: "I have not seen them for more than two years due to circumstances and the coronavirus pandemic, but I never give up."

Tarimo has been undefeated in his last five fights, all of them against opponents with a positive record



Tanzanian professional boxer, Bruno Tarimo (R), celebrates after lifting International Boxing Federation (IBF) International Super Featherweight title and the International Boxing Organization (IBO) Inter-Continental Super Featherweight title with victory over Aussie Kye MacKenzie in Australia on Wednesday. AGENCIES

and, almost all, with a lot of experience.

His opponents' records stood at 26-0, 34-3, 21-2, including Kye MacKenzie (21-2, 17 KO) before Tarimo beat him on Wednesday night.

The boxer is in this case, at his best form of his career.

In Australia Tarimo is under promoter and manager Tony Tolj who is of Croatian descent.

Tarimo has lauded the manager, given the latter had also worked with the boxer in 2019, as they traveled to Serbia and won the IBF International title, which he still has to date.

He noted: "It was amazing, a great experience. Nobody gave a penny for me except my boss. Tony is of Croatian descent and had promised me that I would not lose to a Serb."

Conte says UEFA needs to change as Italian teams give up on Super League

MILAN

INTER Milan coach Antonio Conte, whose club were among 12 involved in the failed European Super League project, believes UEFA needs to consider a possible better distribution of revenues.

Inter Milan, AC Milan and Juventus on Wednesday reluctantly followed all six English clubs as well as Atletico Madrid in giving up on the closed European tournament, while continuing to push for change in world football.

Conte said that while sport should always be based on "meritocracy" and "traditions", he believed the system of distribution of rights by the sport's governing bodies needs to evolve.

"Only a small part is given to clubs participating in competitions," said the former Chelsea and Juventus coach after the Serie A leaders were held 1-1 in their midweek league game against Spezia.

"Meritocracy must come first. Having said that, after everything that has happened, UEFA, they have to reflect too."

"Clubs invest a lot in players and coaches, UEFA does not invest, although players are squeezed like lemons. Clubs must be rewarded more appropriately," he added.

Italian champions Juventus, whose president Andrea Agnelli was one of the driving forces behind the ill-fated proposal, accepted the withdrawal of most of the founding teams made the plan unworkable.

"(Juventus) believe that at present there are limited chances that the project be completed in the form originally conceived," the Turin club said.

They added that they were "convinced of the soundness of the project's sport, commercial and legal premises".

In an interview given before the withdrawal of the English clubs, Agnelli had insisted the breakaway league would go ahead.

"Between our clubs, there is a blood pact, we will move forward. (The project) has a 100 percent chance of success," Agnelli told La Repubblica.

"Football is no longer a game but an industrial sector and it needs stability."

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Guardiola tells Man City to forget Super League row as they chase title

LONDON

PEP Guardiola insisted Manchester City's role in the European Super League controversy is a "closed chapter" as he urged his players to focus on clinching the Premier League title after Wednesday's 2-1 win at Aston Villa.

City signed up to the breakaway Super League on Sunday, only to start the collapse of the tournament 48 hours later when they became the first club to officially pull out after a furious public backlash.

Guardiola's side ignored the off-field drama to come from behind for a vital victory at Villa Park as the Premier League leaders moved 11 points clear of second placed Manchester United.

John McGinn's opener rocked City after 20 seconds, but Phil Foden equalised and Rodri headed the winner before half-time.

City defender John Stones was sent off just before the break before Villa's Matty Cash saw red in the second half.

City need eight points from their final five games to win a third English title in four seasons and that was all Guardiola wanted to focus on after the Villa clash.

"It's a closed chapter, as a club we accept and learn and focus on the reason why we are here. We are so close," he said.

"They (the owners) don't need to apologise to me, I know them, I know how they are. It's a chapter which is over.

"Losing today, the last games would have been dangerous because Manchester United are in top form.

"When you arrive in the last five

Shares in Juventus plunged, closing the day on Wednesday at more than 13 percent down, at 0.735 euros, having reached their highest level since September on the announcement of the project.

Juve chief football officer Fabio Paratici defended the project as "a unique opportunity to try to lend a hand to the whole football pyramid".

"It was the same when we changed our logo. In the beginning it wasn't perceived well. It takes time to metabolise," he said after the team's 3-1 league win over Parma on Wednesday.

"These 72 hours were unique, we remain convinced of the goodness of the idea, of the project."

- 'Fans backlash'

Like Juventus, AC Milan did not formally withdraw but said they were bowing to a backlash from fans around the world.

"The voices and the concerns of fans around the world have clearly been expressed about the Super League, and AC Milan must be sensitive to the voice of those who love this wonderful sport," said the seven-time European champions.

The club, owned by US-investment fund Elliot, added: "Change is not always easy, but evolution is necessary for progress, and the structures of European football have evolved and changed over the decades.

"We will continue to work hard to deliver a sustainable model for football."

Milan club director Paolo Maldini apologised to fans before the team's 2-1 defeat at home against Sassuolo on Wednesday.

"I want to make it clear that I have never been involved in discussions, I learned it on Sunday night like you did," said Maldini.

"But that does not exempt me from apologising, not only to the Milan fans but to all the supporters in general."

Chinese-owned Inter Milan confirmed they were "no longer part of the Super League project".

"Inter believes that football, like every sector of activity, must have an interest in constantly improving its competitions, to keep on exciting fans of all ages around the world, within a framework of financial sustainability."

AFP

games depending just on yourselves it's a good credit. We know exactly what we need - play like today.

"After two defeats against Leeds and Chelsea we know how important it was.

"There was a lot of adversity, it was not the best of starts but we recovered and came back incredibly well, not just with the two goals but the way we played. It was a hugely important victory for us."

Guardiola also provided an encouraging update on Kevin De Bruyne's fitness ahead of Sunday's League Cup final with Tottenham.

Belgian midfielder De Bruyne missed the Villa game with an ankle injury suffered in last weekend's FA Cup semi-final defeat against Chelsea.

"It was less (damage) than expected and yesterday he felt much better. We'll see after tomorrow's training," Guardiola said.

"If he's not ready for this final maybe he will be ready for the semi-final in the Champions League (against PSG)."

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What now for Premier League after 'selfish six' climbdown?

By Ian Darke, ESPN.com writer

WHERE does English football go after the humiliating climbdown of the shamed "Selfish Six" clubs, whose idea of a cosy drama-free cartel lasted precisely two days?

The biggest winners are the fans: the ones who blocked the road outside Stamford Bridge to stop the Chelsea team bus, the ones who took down their Liverpool banners from the seats at Anfield, and the thousands like the lifelong Manchester United fan who declared he would never step inside Old Trafford again so long as the despised Glazer family were in control. Also, the supporter who carried a flag saying: "I like my cold night in Stoke."

In a year of ghostly games in deserted stadiums, this season has proved beyond all doubt that this game is nothing without these supporters. The clubs now have to do more to hand the game back to fans who are now up for the fight.

Crazy kick-off times, made for TV, that make it impossible for away supporters to travel because there is no train home? Sky-high prices for replica shirts and tickets? It all has to change. Build the Premier League more along the lines of the fan-friendly Bundesliga in Germany, where supporters pay affordable prices and get train tickets thrown in when going to see their team play away from home.

I work in television and understand the dynamics at play here. The Premier League's lucrative business model is built on the money generated by selling TV rights. Sky Sports can end up paying £11 million per match; BT Sport £7m. Understandably, for that kind of money, they do not want kick-off times clashing, hence the weekend spread. But common sense now has to apply. Southampton cannot be playing at Newcastle on a Monday night, meaning their fans could not possibly attend without paying a big hotel bill.

While the owners of the six Premier League clubs that broke ranks -- Arsenal, Chelsea, Liverpool, Manchester City, Manchester United and Tottenham -- now know that the fans will not continue to take this kind of treatment. The Premier League need to call a meeting to plot a better path forward. "Greed is Good" can no longer be an acceptable mantra.

Meanwhile, we are listening to apparently heartfelt apologies from the likes of Liverpool's owner, John Henry for getting involved in the "Not So Super League" plot and betrayal in the first place. While the words are welcome, the fact remains that he and his fellow conspirators were happy to ditch all the club's history and tradition to enter a plastic tournament, a made-for-TV product: one that would have delighted bank managers but killed proper competition.

Arsenal could have finished 10th, as they might do this season, and yet waltzed into the Super League, while Leicester, in third, stayed where they were. There really is no place to hide from such a laughable concept. There was no pathway to the top for the likes of Bournemouth and Brighton, either, and no relegation to worry

about in a Super League vacuum where you can be as hopeless as you want without having to worry too much.

Yes, this kind of franchise-based single league like the National Football League and Major League Soccer works in America, but there it is set in stone, accepted by fans and functional within that unique marketplace. But it is hard to believe that businessmen like Arsenal owner Stan Kroenke, the Glazers, Roman Abramovich and Henry were naive enough to believe this thing could fly in Europe, where all of football has been based on pyramids with performance-related promotion and relegation since the game was invented.

How did they not understand that this is the heartbeat of the game? It's what keeps the fans on tenterhooks: it's the dream of smaller clubs like Brentford that they could get into the Premier League, the fear of even the giants that they might be relegated. (It's happened to Manchester United, Chelsea and Spurs before, Liverpool were once a second-division team, and it was not so long ago that Manchester City were in the third tier.)

Those owners were prepared to throw it all away, and for what? So that ludicrously rich men could get richer.

The climbdown was inevitable in the face of worldwide contempt and ridicule, and these owners -- as many already suspected -- are now exposed as interested only in dollar signs. They will be distrusted now for as long as they continue at the helm.

In my opinion, their positions have become just about untenable. They should be thinking of selling their stakes, because a bond has been broken. Clearly they have no feel or love for the clubs they own or the game of football -- with the possible exception of Chelsea's Abramovich, who has demonstrated otherwise in the past.

The others, though, just do not get it. For all the money swishing around at the top of the Premier League, this is still a glory game -- not a get-rich-quick business deal. The landscape has changed, and the fans have beaten the owners of Manchester United, Manchester City, Spurs, Arsenal, Chelsea and Liverpool 6-0.

The seismic shift has been towards the people who love the game most: the supporters. It is a victory we all should relish.

Those owners were prepared to



Protests outside Premier League clubs that had announced their Super League intentions showed just how poorly the 'Big Six' calculated their moves. (Agencies)

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Madrid's 'sad' Perez: Super League 'on stand-by'

MADRID

REAL Madrid president Florentino Perez has admitted the European Super League is "on standby" after eight of the 12 clubs involved announced their withdrawal -- while blasting the current Champions League format as "obsolete" and claiming the reaction to the project was "as if we'd killed football."

Perez -- one of the proposed breakaway competition's principal instigators, named as its first chairman -- also dismissed fan protests such as those seen outside Chelsea's Stamford Bridge on Tuesday, saying that "only 40" fans had been involved and suggesting they had been "mobilised" by Super League opponents.

"I'm sad and disappointed," Perez told Spanish radio show El Larguero, following Real's 3-0 win against Cadiz. "We've been working on this project for three years... I've never seen so much aggression, it's as if it were orchestrated, it surprised us all. I've been in football for 20 years, it's an aggression I've never seen in my life. We've had threats, it's like we killed someone, killed football."

All six Premier League clubs which had initially signed up for the competition -- Manchester City, Manchester United, Liverpool, Chelsea, Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur -- pulled out on Tuesday, before Atletico Madrid and Internazionale followed them a day later.

"Someone in the English group didn't have a lot of interest, and that became contagious," Perez said. "One of them was never convinced... [The English clubs] left because of the atmosphere. UEFA put on a show. It was like we let off an atomic bomb. Perhaps we haven't presented and explained it well, but they haven't given us the opportunity either."

Regarding the protests outside of Chelsea's 0-0 Premier League draw with Brighton on Tuesday evening, Perez seemingly inferred that La Liga president Javier Tebas had a role in those demonstrations.

"There were 40 [Chelsea fans] and I can tell you who put them there," he said. "The same person who gave Cadiz



[anti-Super League] t-shirts," Perez said in a veiled reference to Tebas. "That isn't normal. Football is a world of values."

While AC Milan and Juventus released statements on Wednesday admitting that the competition was unlikely to proceed as planned, Real Madrid and Barcelona had remained silent.

"The project is on stand-by," Perez said. "Juventus haven't left, Milan neither. We're all together. Barcelona are reflecting. The first thing we agreed yesterday was to stop, to explain, as we should have done from the start... No-one has paid [a penalty to leave], the 12 are still there, they haven't left. We signed a binding agreement after a lot of work."

Perez insisted that the reduction in income caused by the coronavirus

pandemic, coupled by waning interest from new generations of fans, had to be met by radical changes to European football beyond those proposed by UEFA in their new Champions League format unveiled on Monday.

"[Big signings] won't exist without the Super League," he said. "Not for Madrid or anyone. It's impossible if the money doesn't flow."

Perez denied that Real Madrid -- which is a club owned by its members or socios, like Barcelona -- should put the plans to a vote in its annual assembly.

"Do you think [the members] are stupid?" he said. "If you tell them every Tuesday or Wednesday you'll play against Manchester [United] or Barcelona... Won't they prefer that? Don't you think the fans would prefer to play against the big clubs from the start? Do you think I have to ask them that?"

Meanwhile, Manchester United co-chairman Joel Glazer has apologised to supporters for the club's involvement in the breakaway European Super League project, saying the hierarchy failed to show respect to the "deep-rooted traditions" of the English game.

United were among the six Premier League clubs who had signed up for the venture before withdrawing on Tuesday amid a storm of protests from fans, players and the British government.

"You made very clear your opposition to the European Super League,

and we have listened. We got it wrong, and we want to show that we can put things right," Glazer said in an open letter to the supporters on Wednesday.

"Although the wounds are raw and I understand that it will take time for the scars to heal, I am personally committed to rebuilding trust with our fans and learning from the message you delivered with such conviction.

"We continue to believe that European football needs to become more sustainable throughout the pyramid for the long-term. However, we fully accept that the Super League was not the right way to go about it.

"In seeking to create a more stable foundation for the game, we failed to show enough respect for its deep-rooted traditions -- promotion, relegation, the pyramid -- and for that we are sorry."

Breakaway Super League founder and Juventus chairman Andrea Agnelli said earlier on Wednesday that the project could no longer go ahead after the English clubs withdrew.

Italy's Inter Milan and Spain's Atletico Madrid have also abandoned the competition, with AC Milan indicating they would too.

Glazer assured supporters that necessary steps will be taken to rebuild relationships with stakeholders across the game as they look for solutions to the "long-term challenges facing the football pyramid."

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Super League finished: How could they get this so wrong?

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Moro Stars cricket team.

Moro Stars trounce Dar Tigers in Dar-Moro Series

By Guardian Reporter

MORO Stars cricketers cruised to four-wicket victory over Dar Tigers in the second match of 2021 Dar-Moro Series which took place in Morogoro last weekend.

The series brought together some of players making senior national cricket team and junior players, seeking to boost efforts by Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) to raise cricket standard in the country.

Senior national cricket team's head coach, Steve Tikolo, as well took part in the series, featuring for Dar Tigers in an effort to see to it youthful players learn from him.

The clash's eventual winners brought the series to 1-1, given Dar Tigers notched 75-run victory over the former in the opening clash of the series, which was held a day back.

In the second duel of the series, Dar Tigers had an opportunity start batting and were stilted for 179 runs in 22.3 overs of the scheduled 25-over duel.

They were pegged back early on, as opener Abdulrahman Akida was dismissed for duck.

Tikolo, who had enormous success during his heyday playing for Kenya's senior national team, put his batting virtuosity to show and ended four runs short half century.

He cleared the boundary on eight occasion, posting seven fours and a six, significantly boosting his outfit's score.

There was moreover solid showing by middle order batsmen, Zamoyoni Ramadhan and Mohamed Omary, who also notched double digit figures.

Ramadhan registered 30 runs, which consisted of three boundaries and two sixes, Omary ended with 36 runs, which included five fours and a six.

Salum Jembe recorded 23 runs, which consisted of a boundary and three sixes, Abubakar Selemani scored 11 runs which consisted of two fours, Ivan Ismail posted 10 runs.

Youthful bowlers, Salmini Yusuph and Ally Chombo, led Moro Stars bowlers' onslaught, ending with three wickets apiece.

There were ably assisted by Hemedi Abbas and Kibwana Salum, who notched two wickets apiece.

Moro Stars chased their opponents' score with plenty of zeal, recording 183 runs for the loss of six wickets in the 25 overs and emerging victorious.

Middle order batsman made his experience count given he confidently catapulted his squad to victory, surpassing half century mark to record unbeaten 55 runs.

They experienced a wobbly start to the chase, given they faced two quick dismissals of opening batsmen, Yusuph and Jaffary Kanyita.

They thereafter grew in confidence as Abbas, slotted in at number three, executed several good shots, notching 14 runs which included three fours.

Captain Mpeka and Robert Mfungasita saw to it their squad dominated the innings, notching 37 runs and 22 runs respectively.

Salum went on to win the clash for the hosts, posting the half century. He forged a solid stand with youthful player Shabani Selemani, who recorded two runs not out, to give Moro Stars reasons to cheer.

Ismail was the only bowler with impressive stint in the visitors' side, given he took two wickets for 24 runs in four overs.

The senior national cricket team players are further using the series to hone their skills as they prepare to batle it out in ICC Africa showpiece.

Yanga now sign partnership with Morocco's Raja Casablanca

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA'S football powerhouse, Yanga, on Wednesday signed a partnership with Morocco's football giants, Raja Casablanca, for the benefit of the two teams.

Yanga's information officer, Hassan Bumbuli, said under the partnership, the two sides will share expertise in youth football, administration, finance and other related developments.

He hailed the partnership, saying it will improve his club and the country's football, as the Moroccan football giants have a lot of experience and expertise in football, finance and administration.

Bumbuli said the partnership also involves exchange programs of technical staff and others.

"Yesterday (Wednesday) we signed a partnership with Raja Casablanca of Morocco, our partnership will cover on many issues, with major ones being youth football, administration and finance, this is a good development for our club and local football in general, the Moroccans have a lot of experience and expertise, we believe we will benefit a lot," he said.

He said that the partnership with Raja Casablanca will not infringe on his club's partnership with La Liga and Sevilla FC of Spain.

The Yanga official insisted the outfit only works with the two Spanish institutions on transformation.

"Our relationship with Sevilla and La Liga is on transformation only, they are the ones advising us on transformation, so our partnership with Raja Casablanca will not interfere in anything, if anything it will strengthen our relationship," he said.

Before entering the partnership with Yanga, the Moroccan side signed another working relationship with Tanzania's Namungo FC.

On top of producing many players who are playing in Europe, Raja Casablanca boast of a well established academy, modern stadium and offices.

The Moroccan football giants were founded in 1949, the team are the most successful club in Morocco.

The outfit is regarded as one of the greatest clubs in the African continent.

The team have won 12 Botola (Morocco Premier League) titles, eight Throne Cups and seven CAF club tournaments' titles among other top honours.

Yanga new head coach still waiting for working permit



Yanga's new head coach, Nasreddine Nabi. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

YANGA have stated their new head coach Nasreddine Nabi will not be on the bench on Sunday when the team face Azam FC in this season's Vodacom Premier League duel in Dar es Salaam as the former are waiting for the gaffer's working permit.

Azam FC will come up against Yanga in the much awaited clash, to be played at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium.

Yanga's information officer, Hassan Bumbuli, confirmed they are still waiting for the Tunisian trainer's working permissions from relevant authorities.

He noted the gaffer will instead be offering tactical and technical advice to the squad's interim head coach Juma Mwambusi.

"We are waiting for his working working permit, so for the time being

he will not just stay idle, he will be giving advice to the bench," Bumbuli stated in a monitored radio interview.

He said the coach on Tuesday had a chat with Yanga's Burundian midfielder, Said Ntibazonkiza, who had earlier been seen ask to be substituted after scoring a goal during Yanga's 3-1 win over Gwambina FC at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium early this week.

The player who came from the bench scored the third goal of the game in the stoppage time of the second half to hand his squad crucial victory.

He shortly thereafter signaled that he want to be substituted, he was seen being restrained from walking out of the pitch by his team mates.

His action caused discomfort at Yanga's technical bench, players and fans who hd attended the tie at the venue and the rest who watched it on TV.

"After that game we went for iftar, our new coach who was on the stand during the game and saw what happened, invited Ntibazonkiza for a chat, they talked for more than 15 minutes, I don't know what they talked about, but after the talk the tactician told us that it was normal for a coach to talk to a player when there is a problem," he said.

Yanga signed the coach for one year and half. The coach, who has experience in coaching many African top clubs including Al Merreikh of Sudan, replaces fired Cedrick Kaze.

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