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Govt vehicles exempt from fines, says private tour guide

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Morogoro

MIKUMI National Park is installing live highway cameras along the main trunk road from Dar-es-Salaam to Tunduma on the Zambian border, which passes through the park. This is in efforts to arrest the incidence of roadkill incidences.

David Kadomo, a senior conservation officer at the park, highlighted this initiative at a briefing here on preparations for marking 60 years since the park was instituted. Cameras will be installed along a 50 kilometer stretch "where speeding trucks and buses keep hitting wildlife."

The acting conservator in-charge at the park said that a total of 365 wild animals were killed along the highway stretch last year, an average of one death per day, hinting that the park management places no warden to ward off roaming animals or

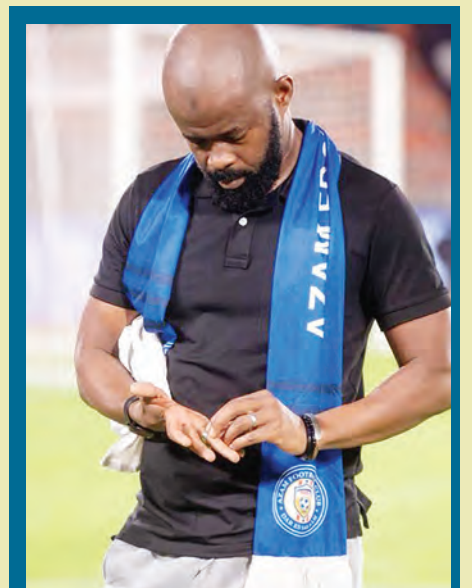
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Nurses march in Tanga city yesterday in marking International Nurses' Day (May 12). The theme for this year is: 'Our Nurses. Our Future. The economic power of care', in the belief that such power creates healthy people and societies and drives healthy economies. The annual themes are chosen by a federation of more than 130 national nursing associations around the world, representing the over 28 million nurses working across the globe. Photo: Correspondent Hamida Kamchalla

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Installed scanner uplifting vehicles border post flow

By Guardian

Correspondent, Dodoma

UP to 1,000 vehicles cross the border on a daily basis at present, in account of the effective use of a new scanner,

clearing many vehicles in a short time, revenue officials say.

Kassim Mhando, a customs officer with the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA), made this observation at a media briefing at the customs office in

Tunduma yesterday, in the wake of a consultative meeting of top officials of the two countries on solving challenges at the border post.

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Cabinet team reconvenes Kariakoo traders tax talk

By Correspondent Joseph

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TOP officials from five ministries have met with leaders of Kariakoo market traders where they agreed on how to solve challenges such as the difficulty of starting a business and tax procedures repeatedly complained about by traders.

Industry and Trade minister Dr Ashatu Kijaji, Finance minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba and the Planning and Investment minister Dr Kitila Mkumbo attended the weekend talks, while the

Regional Administration and Local Governments ministry in the President's Office (PO-RALG) sent deputy permanent secretary Rogatus Mativila. Constitutional and Legal Affairs ministry was

represented by deputy minister Daniel Sillo.

Dr Nchemba said that the meeting has come at the right time when Treasury is preparing new tax measures and for a long time it has been gathering the views of stakeholders, including associations linking members of the Tanzania business community.

He said that after receiving the traders' views and arguments,

the Treasury will arrange another round of discussions on May 25 and 26 to obtain an impression of scheduled tax measures and offer a response before the schedule is tabled in the legislature mid next month.

The government wants to see

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NBS sets out first quarter 2024 economic indicators

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

MOST high-frequency economic indicators continued to gain momentum in the first quarter of 2024 with bigger numbers of tourists visiting the country, electricity generation rising, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) has stated.

Daniel Masolwa, the director of economic statistics, said at a weekend press conference that during the period under review, tourist arrivals reached 520,324 from 409,082 in the corresponding period last year, a 27.2 percent increase.

High-frequency indicators showed positive growth even on a monthly basis as tourist arrivals for March 2024 stood at 155,310 from 118,186 in March 2023, a 31.8 percent increase.

The source market for most of arrivals is Europe along with the United States, while Italy, France and the US had bigger numbers, trailed with regional source markets of Burundi, Kenya and Zambia, he said.

Electricity generation increased to 27bn kWh up from 25bn kWh in the corresponding period in 2023,

a 9.5 percent increase, with natural gas accounting for the largest share of electricity generation at 65.0 percent. Hydropower contributes 33.6 percent and thermal generation stands at 1.4 percent, he said.

Even in March 2023 natural gas was dominant at 73.5 percent of generation, while this year hydropower is higher than the 25.7 percent last year as the Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project starts generating for the national grid, and thermal generation has inched up from 0.8 percent earlier.

Telecom traffic minutes in-

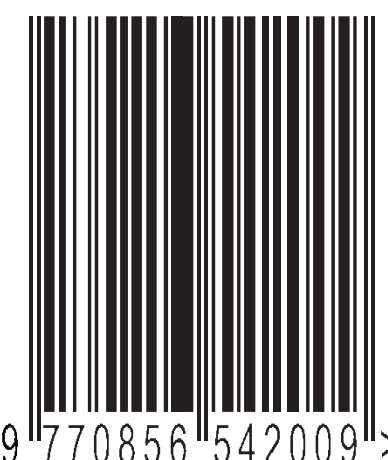
creased to 34.96bn minutes in the first quarter of this year, up from 32.04bn minutes the same quarter in 2023, a 9.1 percent increase.

Cumulative rainfall observed during January to March 2024 increased to 15,393.2 millimeters up from 10,396.1 millimeters in 2023, implying a 48.1 percent increase.

While not evaluating the impact of floods, he said average rainfall in agricultural production areas is vital for sustainable sectoral growth of agriculture share in the economy, food sufficiency and production of raw materials.

"Tanzania had made notable progress towards poverty reduction in the past two decades," he said, noting that the proportion of the population living below basic need poverty line in the Mainland declined from 34.4 percent in 2007 to 26.4 percent in 2017-18, with unconfirmed projections for 25.7 percent in 2020.

Those living below the food poverty line declined from 18.7 percent to 8.0 percent from 2000/01 to 2017/18 while current projections place the figure at 7.3 percent, he added.



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traders conducting their activities without restrictions while paying taxes, so Treasury experts are going to work on the suggestions one by one, he elaborated.

Prof Mkumbo said that he had responded to complaints of some traders expressing fears that the opening of the East Africa Commercial and Logistics Center, a Chinese initiative at Ubungu, "will cause their businesses to collapse."

"I have told them that when Kariakoo was established in the 1970s, the population of Dar es Salaam stood at about 300,000 while it now has a population of six million people," he said, discounting fears that no wholesale centre is needed in the city at present, or several such wholesale centres.

"So the population is increasing and business must grow. We cannot have one Kariakoo all the years," he said, pointing at other commercial hubs on city suburbs which can play the same role, "therefore our traders should organise themselves and prepare to compete with their foreign counterparts."

He said there are 1,860 large shop frames at the logistics center, with 850 large frames having been taken over by local traders, so those trading in the city centre can take advantage of the opportunity "instead of complaining about the existence of the market."

"In that market, we have set a law that the Chinese should not exceed five percent, so 95 percent of the shops will be occupied by Tanzanians and we want to see eight countries around the region

come and buy products here instead of struggling to purchase goods from China," he said.

He reminded the traders that 80 percent of purchases made in Africa are of Chinese made goods, "so you can see that there is a huge opportunity in those stores," he stated. Dr Kijaji said her ministry decided to convene the meeting to discuss the various opportunities and challenges that exist in the Kariakoo market.

"The meeting went very well, the traders of Kariakoo have told us their challenges and we have told them what we are doing on our side and their main argument concerned traders putting products in front of their shops," she said.

The minister responded that the roadside traders were displaced in the burning of the Kariakoo market whose renovation is nearing completion, so they will all return to their areas.

Hamis Livembe, the traders' chairman, said the meeting was similar to the one Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa presided over last year at Mnazi Mmoja grounds in Dar es Salaam.

The meeting had traders presenting 49 challenges which were mostly resolved, while during this meeting traders listed six challenges, four being there earlier and only two new challenges, he said.

The traders are satisfied with the measures taken by the government to solve most challenges raised at that time as it was a great success, he added.



Industry and Trade minister Dr Ashatu Kijaji makes remarks at a meeting with traders in Dar es Salaam's Kariakoo market zone at the weekend. From-R: Tanzania Business Community Association chairman Hamis Livembe, Finance minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba and Minister of State in the President's Office (Investment and Planning), Prof Kitila Mkumbo. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

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alert drivers at a distance to halt or slow down.

"Now that many buses also travel during the night when drivers are sure nobody is looking, the speed limits are always broken," he said, referring to roadside speed cap indicators of 70 kilometers per hour during the day and 50 kilometers per hour in the night.

Analysts wondered if observing such speeds assures drivers will obviate meandering animals, and also why drivers are left to find out if animals might be passing, with no wardens present, whose answer seems

to be in the fines designated "Even worse," he said, most wild animals are nocturnal hunting or grazing at dusk and strong car lights usually stupefy and immobilize them, noting that this makes it more likely they are hit by any speeding vehicle if they are meandering on the highway stretch.

"Many drivers escape after hitting wildlife to avoid the heavy penalties imposed. Hit and run cases are common when the cars are not badly damaged," he said, elaborating that for any hit on an elephant, the fine is \$15,000 (40m/-) which also applies to hitting a

giraffe.

Other noticeable roadkill fines are 12.5m/- for any lion hit and 5m/- for a buffalo hit, on top of repairing damaged vehicles or any losses of life, he asserted, squarely placing the blame on drivers who ignore fixed speed limits.

Littering roadsides is another problem with buses and trucks using the route, he stated, affirming that an average of four tons of garbage is collected annually from items thrown from vehicle windows.

"Some of the garbage thrown from vehicles is toxic and may cause poisoning or suffocation among wildlife species," the

conservator noted.

Kumbuko Baran, a driver guide with Happy Africa Holiday Tour Co, said the penalties imposed for hitting wildlife in Mikumi "must apply to all drivers," pointing out that drivers of government vehicles seem to be notorious for over speeding and hitting animals, safe in the knowledge that no disciplinary steps will be taken against them.

The Tanzam A-7 tarmac highway is a 2400 kilometers long starting from Dar es Salaam through Coast, Morogoro, Iringa, Njombe, Mbeya and Songwe regions, with the park straddling a 50 l-km stretch

linking Morogoro and Iringa regions.

The Tanzania Roads Agency (Tanroads) has been instructed to install live day and night cameras along the road, to ensure that drivers maintain discipline on the road and avoid hitting meandering wildlife, with no date set for starting to use the cameras.

Hawa Msimbe, a resident of Kikwaraza village in Mikumi, said the speeding trucks not only threaten wildlife but have also been hitting people and livestock in the area. "The cameras will solve these incidents," she added.



Members of the opposition Chadema aspiring for zone-level leadership positions pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday waiting for their turns to undergo screening by the party's Central Committee. Photo: Correspondent Elizabeth Zaya

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He said that more cargo vehicles use the border post, thus increasing collections, he said, as Tanzania and Zambia agreed to ways to strengthen service provision at the Tunduma border post.

Alphayo Kidata, the TRA commissioner general, and Dingani Banda, his counterpart at the Zambia Revenue Authority (ZRA) agreed on methods to address customs duty collection challenges.

Kidata that envisaged measures will help increase efficiency in cross border trade and transit for travellers and transporters.

The two authorities agreed on setting up links to ensure that services at the border are improved for mutual benefit, intimating that the two revenue bodies have outlays and expertise to facilitate the provision of quality and timely services at the border post.

Both sides expressed commitment to further heighten efficiency and accountability, simplifying cargo inspection systems and revenue collection, blocking illegal passages, he said, while commissioner Banda hailed the meeting as having produced positive outcomes.

The two sides agreed to strengthen the Kasessa border post in Kalambo District, Rukwa Region to reduce congestion of motor vehicles at the Tunduma border post, he said.

The customs officer noted that a total of 122.3bn/- in tax dues was collected at the key border post from July 2023 to April 2024, surpassing the TRA goal set at 120.5bn/- for the period.

Cargo smuggling at the border has also been controlled with increased surveillance and patrols to catch the culprits, he said, citing seizure of 160 tonnes of substandard cosmetics during the period.

The next consultative meeting between the two sides is expected for August, to examine feedback on the implementation of what has just been agreed, he added.

Ethiopia, Djibouti start management of railway

By Special Correspondent, Addis Ababa

THE Chinese management contractors of the Ethiopia-Djibouti standard gauge railway officially handed over the railway's management and operation to Ethiopia and Djibouti on Friday after six years of successful operation.

This momentous occasion was marked by a celebration at the Lebu Railway Station on the outskirts of Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital.

Senior Ethiopian and Djiboutian government officials, along with the Chinese diplomatic community in Ethiopia and the management contractor of the 752-km electrified transnational railway,

gathered for the "Turnkey Ceremony."

Ethiopian Minister of Transport and Logistics Alemu Sime said on the occasion that since its start of operations in January 2018, the railway has served as critical infrastructure, fostering connectivity between the two Horn of African nations.

"Its establishment stands as a testament to the collaborative spirit and shared pursuit of progress between the two countries. The successful completion and operation of the Addis Ababa-Djibouti railway has significantly enhanced trade and fostered closer ties between the two nations," Sime said.

He said that the vital railway infrastructure has facilitated ef-

ficient transportation of goods under the Chinese management contractor, resulting in reduced costs and opening up new avenues for economic growth and development in both countries.

Abdi Zenebe, the chief executive officer of the Ethio-Djibouti Railway Share Company (EDR), highlighted the railway as a key component of the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), serving as a mutually beneficial cooperation platform that advances socioeconomic development across the two connected countries.

"Six years ago, we embarked on a journey to connect our two great nations, Ethiopia and Djibouti. EDR was born out of a vi-

sion for progress, prosperity and regional integration. Today, as we celebrate the successful operation and maintenance of this railway, we reflect on the remarkable achievements that have brought us here," he said.

He further reaffirmed EDR's commitment to enhancing its capacity building program to emerge as a center of excellence, nurturing talent, enhancing skills, and empowering its workforce.

Minister of Infrastructure and Equipment of Djibouti Hassan Houmed, on his part, commended the railway's role in reducing transport time and cost, as well as its contribution to employment creation.

He highlighted the railway's fast and streamlined transport sys-

tem, which has enabled Djibouti to decongest its port infrastructure, promote passenger comfort and safety, and play a commendable role in environmental protection.

Data from the Chinese management contractor show that the railway has operated over 2,500 passenger trains with a passenger volume of 680,000 in six years. It has also operated over 7,700 freight trains, with a cargo volume of 9.5 million tonnes in the same period.

The electrified railway has significantly reduced transportation time for freight goods between Ethiopia and Djibouti from more than three days to less than 20 hours, while also cutting costs by at least one-third.

Govt set to put up avocado storage centre to address post-harvest loss

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE government is in the final stages constructing of avocado processing and storage centre at Kiwira area in Rungwe District, Mbeya Region to address post-harvest loss.

Enock Nyasebwa, director of crop development in the Ministry of Agriculture unveiled this here at the weekend when the Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa who is in Mbeya for official tour asked the challenges facing avocado farmers that lead to rotting of the produce.

According to Nyasebwa, "soon" the ministry will engage a contractor to commence construction of the centre.

"Construction of this centre which will also have a factory, will help increase the value of avocado as it will enable farmers to store their produce in a special

cold room as well as process various products including avocado oil," he said.

He said that avocado was among the crops given priority by the government considering its benefits in the environment, health and the economy.

He said in efforts to ensure that

the crop's value is highly increased, the government has initiated a plan to set conditions and make sure that all seedlings planted meet required qualities in order to produce quality avocado that performs well both in local and international markets.

"With this, I am sure that our farmers will start reaping big from the business thus improving their lives," he added.

In his address, Majaliwa directed the ministry to ensure that it finalises the remaining processes which include educating farmers on best farming practices of the crop to increase value and income.

In another development, the primer inspected and laid foundation stone for the construction of Busokelo District Council building located at Lwangwa area.

Earlier, Loema Peter, Busokelo District Executive Director, said that construction of the building had reached 94 percent and asked the government to finalise processes to facilitate availability of 2.3bn/- to complete the construction.

She said that so far, they had received 6.08bn/- for construction and 300m/- for procurement of office furniture.



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa tours a cocoa farm belonging to Clement Msalangi of Mababu village in Kyela District, Mbeya Region, yesterday. Photo: PMO

Slight rise in annual headline inflation in April

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE annual headline inflation rate for the month of April, 2024 slightly increased to 3.1 percent from 3.0 percent that was recorded in March, National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) has said.

The increase explains that the speed of price change for commodities for the year ended April increased compared to the speed that was recorded for the year ended March, 2024.

"The overall index went up from 112.54 recorded in April, 2023 to 116.06 recorded in

April, 2024," reads a statement issued by the bureau yesterday.

Such increase is highly attributed to the increase of inflation of some non-food items. Non-food items that have recorded an increase in inflation in the year ended April compared to March 2024 are charcoal from 15.7 to 21.5 percent, household furniture (4.5 to 4.8 percent), mattresses (3.5 percent to 5.1 percent), accommodation in hotels (2.6 percent to 3.8 percent), petrol which increased by 2.1 percent and kerosene by 2.0 percent.

Food and non-alcoholic beverages inflation rate for April, 2024 stagnated at 1.4 percent as it was recorded in March, 2024.

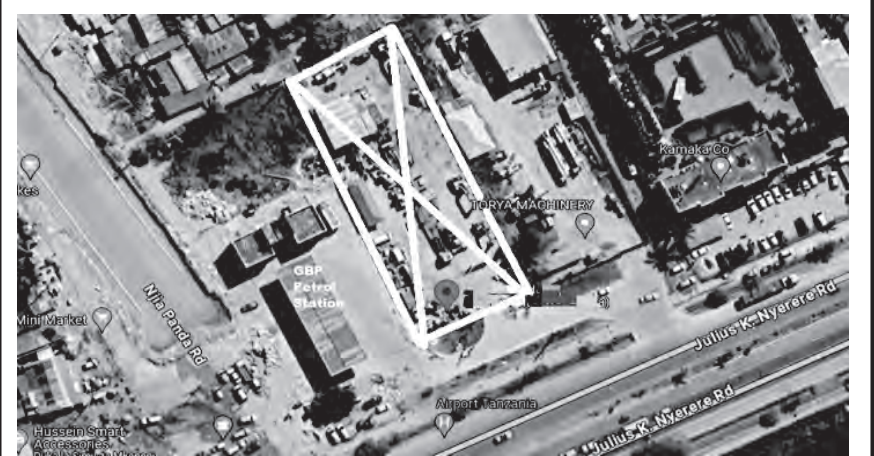
On the other hand, annual inflation rate for all items without food and non-alcoholic beverages for April, 2024 increased to 3.9 percent from 3.7 percent that was recorded in March, 2024.

According to NBS, the increase in inflation of non-food and core items is attributed to world economic shocks resulting from conflicts between Russia and Ukraine; Hamas and Israel and the impacts of climate change in several sectors leading to imported inflation in Tanzania.

"The index has shown a relatively stable price movement from April 2023 to April 2024 ranging between 112.54 and 116.06. In addition, annual headline inflation rates over the same period have shown a stable trend that ranges between 3.0 percent and 4.3 percent" reads the statement.

The national consumer price index between March and April, 2024 has also increased by 0.5 percent. The increase of the overall index is attributed to price increase for some food and non-food items.

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A Mikocheni section of Dar es Salaam's Mwai Kibaki Road undergoes rehabilitation yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

ACT propose how to end water woes, high connection charges

By Carlos Banda

ACT Wazalendo has advised the government to crack down on public servants behind embezzlement of funds allocated for water supply which stalls projects in many parts of the country, calling for cap prices for connection of water service.

Yasinta Awati, the party's shadow minister for water, said this in a recent statement on the party's analysis of the budget plan for the Ministry of Water, adding that annually, there have been critical arguments over expenditure of government funds designated for water projects whereby billions of money had been embezzled.

Awati said that for three years consecutively, the report by the Controller and Auditor General (CAG) showed that there were major embezzlements whereby in 2020/21, a total of 37.1bn/- and \$6.05m were embezzled and in the 2021/22 report there were issues worth 139.1bn/- that were raised.

"In year ending 2023, the CAG showed areas where irresponsibility was the cause behind water authority incurring major losses which were the Kigamboni well drilling project where seven water wells out of 20 delayed, causing an extra cost of 7.97bn/-. The completion of other 13 water wells worth 17.2bn/- was uncertain which resulted in the cessation of the project," she said.

"Water supply and sanitation authority in Songea postponed a water project because the contractor violated terms of the contract while a total of 94.39m/- was already used

from the allocated funds; the work which did not complete was estimated to value at 502.58m/-." Awati said that a total of 422.21m/- in motivational payments were done every month for collection of water bill payments without the approval of the board of the Moshi water supply and sanitation authority, an act which is against the law.

She said that Minister for Water Jumaa Aweso did not inform the parliament of the measures taken by the ministry to control embezzlement and address irresponsibility in water projects, an issue that has been continual.

"This is a high-end embezzlement in water sector. The development of the sector cannot be achieved through bullying and empty words but through implementation that adheres to the existing laws and principals," he said.

Awati said that another problem is issuance of inaccurate, inflated water bills to the customers of the water supply and sanitation authorities, whereby she pointed out that service contract agreement between customers and the authorities is that consumers are connected to water supply in seven days after completion of payment and if the period exceeds, they have to be compensated 5000/- for each day delayed.

"CAG showed that the authorities in Dar es Salaam, Geita, Mwanza and Tanga delayed to connect customers with water service between five to 408 days. The situation has been caused by inadequate supply equipment by the authorities to connect customers with water service," she said.

Political will sees increase in intra-Africa trade, says EABC

By Special Correspondent, Arusha

THE East African Business Council (EABC) has said that improvement of EAC's intra-Africa trade at the expense of Europe, Asia and the US is a result of improving political will to eliminate trade barriers within the region and trade more within.

John Bosco Kalisa, Executive Director of EABC said here at the weekend that EAC member states are increasingly trading with one another and with other African countries, while reducing their trade with Europe, Asia, America and other parts of the world, shaping the intra-Africa trade dream projected to boost commerce and

livelihoods on the continent "We learnt a lesson from the global shocks; Covid-19, Russia-Ukraine war, and the MidEast disruptions, which have all impacted our trade and investments," he said. "One shock absorber is to build regional production capabilities, as well as at national levels, under the auspices of Buy East

Africa Build East Africa initiative." Kalisa, who heads the regional private sector lobby, argues that there are concerted efforts by governments in the region to promote regional value chains, and eliminate barriers to trade with one another in the region and with others across the continent.

"That's why now we can see there

is a growth in our trade within the continent, as opposed to our trade with the EU or China," he said. Previously, businesses in the region had been blamed for taking advantage of preferential trade agreements with countries outside the continent than free trade agreements within their local regional trading blocs.

A study done by the United Na-

tions Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (Comesa) last year found that African countries generally take advantage of PTAs with the US, Canada, EU and Japan, more than they utilise FTAs within their regional economic communities.



Zanzibar's Information, Youth, Culture and Sports minister, Tabia Maulid Mwita, briefs journalists yesterday on the start of the annual cross-country Uhuru Torch race on Pemba today. Photo: Rahma Suleiman

New study suggests climate change could decrease malaria risk by 2025

By Guardian Reporter

A NEW study led by the University of Leeds in the UN predicts that the hot and dry conditions brought about by climate change will lead to an overall decrease in areas suitable for malaria transmission from 2025 onwards.

The research entitled "Future malaria environmental suitability in Africa is sensitive to hydrology" was published last Thursday in the journal Science.

This would come at a cost of reduced water availability and a greater risk of another significant disease, dengue, Simon Gosling warned. The

Professor of Climate Risks & Environmental Modelling is a co-author of the study and helped to coordinate the water modelling experiments used in the research.


Previous Africa-wide assessments "tended to solely represent surface water using precipitation". Authors of the new study weighted ensemble of global hydrological and climate models to estimate present and future areas of hydroclimatic suitability for malaria transmission.

The researchers hope that further advances in their modelling will allow for even finer details of water-body dynamics which could help to inform national malaria control

strategies. Malaria deaths peaked at 608,000 in 2022, according to the World Health Organization. That year, Africa registered 95% of deaths globally.


The malaria parasite mostly spreads to people via infected mosquitoes. In recent years, extreme rainfall and floods in some African countries have contributed to stagnant waters that become breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

In 2023, the WHO's World Malaria Report included a chapter on the link between malaria and climate change for the first time, highlighting its significance as a potential risk multiplier.



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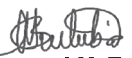
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Uganda Airlines to lease aircraft to up operations

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UGANDA Airlines plans to deploy a wet-leased A320 on services to Nairobi, Johannesburg, Lagos and Kinshasa routes on which it has seen significant growth but whose operation was getting increasingly challenged by capacity shortfalls.

After several procedural hitches that saw its arrival postponed several times over the past four months, the aircraft, leased from Johannesburg-based Global Airlines, arrived in Entebbe on May 9.

According to a schedule, Johannesburg will be its primary route, where it will operate six flights a week, followed by Nairobi, where it will be used to operate the evening UR 204/5, three times a week.

Nairobi is the busiest route, accounting for 64 of the 293 departures scheduled for the next seven days. The evening departure to Nairobi is typically on heavy demand.

Uganda Airlines Chief Executive Officer Jenifer Bamuturaki said the aircraft, which has been leased on a short-term contract and comes with its flight-deck and cabin crew, is intended to help the airline "maintain schedule integrity" as part of existing fleet of four CRJ-900s and two A330-800s go into scheduled maintenance. The lease will "also help to resolve operational challenges on routes like Johannesburg and Kinshasa, where we have been unable to operate efficiently due to capacity limitations and augment operations on services to Nairobi and Lagos," the airline said.

Bamuturaki said growth in demand on certain routes has "introduced certain pressures into our operations" and leasing the A320 would "add flexibility to our operations." Significantly for Uganda Airlines, the 160-seat aircraft configured to a two-class cabin featuring 12 business class and 138 economy seats, will eliminate weight restrictions especially on the Johannesburg and Kinshasa routes.

Temesa gets 7.2bn/- for facility, repair works in Dodoma Region

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE Tanzania Electrical, Mechanical and Electronics Services Agency (Temesa) received 7.2bn/- for construction of new garage and repair of vehicles in Dodoma Region for the past three years.

Josephine Matiro, Temesa acting director general, unveiled this here at the weekend when addressing journalists on the agency's achievements in Dodoma region in the last three years of the sixth phase government.

She said that the region is the beneficiary of the funds because the government through TEMESA started designing modern garage that will be built at Kizota area in the capital city.

"The garage will serve all vehicles of government institutions in Dodoma Region. It is currently in

the design stages under Ardhi University experts," she said.

On the renovation of the old garage in the region, she said the contractor has already been found and signed contract worth 973.7m/-.

"The contractor is expected to start work soon to improve service delivery in our old garage in Dodoma region," she said.

In addition, she said that during the three years, the government provided more than 1.1bn/- for procurement of new tools.

"The facility in Dodoma is among the beneficiary garages that received tools that cost 545.8m/- which continue to be used and increase efficiency," she said.

Matiro said that the agency has also been sending its experts for training, including technicians, so that they can keep up with the technological changes that are

constantly changing in vehicles.

"In order to continue to improve garage services, in November 2023, a team of officials from Temesa participated in a collaboration meeting between Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar regarding mechanical services. The meeting was held in Dodoma where Temesa and its counterpart in Zanzibar entered into collaborations in building capacity of technicians on technical issues and vehicle maintenance," she said.

She said the agency has implemented various electrical projects in Dodoma Region, including designing and building electrical systems, IT systems and fire alarm systems, elevator systems and air conditioning systems in various buildings under construction in the capital city.



Horohoro Customs In-charge Shadrack Mbenea (2nd-R) pictured in Mkinga District on Saturday briefing Tanga regional commissioner Batilda Burian (C) on houses built for the department's employees in the district. Photo: Correspondent Hamida Kamchalla

Dr Malasusa wants parents to do more towards children's moral development

By Correspondent James Kandoya

HEAD of Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania Bishop Dr Alex Malasusa has called on parents to support efforts of religious institutions in ensuring children's moral development.

Dr Malasusa made the call in Dar es Salaam at the weekend when launching Jerusalem Mbezi Beach Pre and Primary school.

He said the launch was the second after Jerusalem Kimara Pre and Primary school also in the city, adding that other two schools were still in the process.

He said the church's goal is to compliment the government's efforts of ensuring quality education as well as teaching pupils good behaviour to avoid moral decay.

Dr Malasusa said that most children have fallen into bad groups such as smoking marijuana and drug abuse which affect their health and lead to them not being trusted in the society.

He added that parents and teachers have a big role in ensuring children do not misbehave but exhibit good manners to become productive members of the society.

"Let's strive to teach Tanzanians good morals to avoid ongoing moral decay affecting young people especially the adolescent," he said.

Dr Malasusa said the church has embarked on investing in primary school to increase the church's contribution in promoting quality education and teaching good morals.

According to him, the launch of the second Jerusalem Mbezi Beach Pre and Primary School came due to growing number of parents seeking enrolment for their children.

Agnes Lema, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania Eastern and Coastal Diocese Education Coordinator, said that the church has introduced Christian ethical education and leadership to teach children all matters related to morals.

She said that moral decay is one of big challenges affecting children in the entire country, adding that concerted efforts are highly needed to end the problem.

"We have come up with a curriculum whereby children will be taught good morals to enable them understand their responsibility wherever they will be," she said.

Lema said that investing in children's morals is very important for the current and future generations.

UN civil society conference ends with calls for bold collaboration

By Special Correspondent

THE first-ever United Nations Civil Society Conference wrapped up in Nairobi, Kenya at the weekend with calls for "bold and honest" conversations among governments and civil society to drive forward shared vision for reinvigorated multilateralism, a better world and a brighter future for all.

At the closing session of the conference in the Kenyan capital, Secretary-General António Guterres and Kenyan President William Ruto praised the efforts of civil society and underscored their "indispensable contributions."

Guterres said time and again he had witnessed the enormous impact of civil society in every corner of the world; easing suffering, pushing for peace and justice, standing for truth, and advancing gender equality and sustainable development, with many working at great personal risk.

Pointing to current conflicts - the devastating civilian death toll in Gaza, the civil war raging in Sudan, and ongoing crises in the Sahel, Great Lakes and Horn of Africa regions - he pledged: "We won't give up in our ... push for peace, justice and human rights, and I know you won't give up either. My best hope for the future is you."

Guterres went on to stress that the involvement of civil society was crucial to tackling the many problems being faced by the world today, including when responding to crisis, closing the digital divides, and revitalizing the collective approach to peace and security.

"We need to be informed by your frontline know-how; We need your can-do attitude to overcome obstacles and find innovative solutions," explained the UN chief, adding: "We need you to use your networks, knowledge and contacts to implement solutions, and to persuade governments to act. Your contributions have been indispensable, and I thank you." The Secretary-General invited civil society to bring their spirit to the so-called 'Action Days' being held in connection with this September's highly anticipated UN Summit of the Future and asked them to engage their governments to demand ambitious commitments at that event.

"Keep working with us to build a better world," he concluded.

In his remarks, Ruto outlined his government's commitment in recognition of the civil society sector, noting that it had moved to bring the Public Benefits Organization Act into law in the country.



Tanzania Plant Health and Pesticide Authority (TPHPA) inspector conducting a multispectral disease survey using a drone provided through the STREPHIT project. Modern practices and advanced technologies have been deployed to enhance surveillance and ensure the safety of agricultural produce

Strengthening Plant Health for a Sustainable Future

Healthy plants play a pivotal role in our lives, contributing to ending hunger, reducing poverty, protecting the environment, and fostering economic development. As we commemorate the International Day of Plant Health on May 12th, it is imperative to recognize the critical importance of plant health to our well-being. Plants are the foundation of life on Earth, providing us with 80 percent of the food we eat and 98 percent of the oxygen we breathe.

However, international travel and trade have introduced challenges, including the spread of plant pests and diseases. Invasive species pose a significant threat to biodiversity and the delicate balance of ecosystems. Climate change exacerbates these challenges by creating favourable conditions for pests to thrive. In response, the increased use of pesticides can harm pollinators and other organisms crucial for a healthy environment.

Recognizing the urgency of these issues, the United Nations designated May 12th as the International Day of Plant Health to raise global awareness about the importance of protecting plant health. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is committed to promoting environmentally friendly practices such as integrated pest management and implementing international standards for phytosanitary measures in trade.

Aligned with the Sustainable Development Agenda, FAO's strategic framework (2022-2031) emphasizes the importance of a Better Environment, Better Nutrition, Better Production, and Better Life. One of FAO's initiatives, the Strengthening Plant Health Services in Tanzania for Enhanced Food Safety (STREPHIT) project, exemplifies this commitment.

In collaboration with the European Union and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, the STREPHIT project aims to fortify Tanzania's national system of plant health services. With a substantial contribution agreement of EUR 10,500,000, the project focuses on enhancing surveillance and plant protection mechanisms to ensure the production of safe, high-quality agricultural goods for domestic and global markets.

Central to the project's success is the empowerment of Tanzania's Plant Health and Pesticides Authority, the National Plant Protection Organization. By providing support, training, and resources, the project enables plant health inspectors to conduct effective controls and surveillance, safeguarding crop health and enhancing agricultural production.

The STREPHIT project exemplifies the power of collaboration and collective action in addressing the challenges facing Tanzania's agricultural sector. With support from the EU, FAO, and the Government of Tanzania, the project leverages diverse expertise and resources to achieve sustainable agricultural development.

As we celebrate the International Day of Plant Health, let us reaffirm our commitment to protecting plant health and ensuring a sustainable future for generations to come. By working together, we can strengthen plant health systems, mitigate the impact of pests and diseases, and build resilient agricultural communities.

By Victor Mapile

National Communication for Development Specialist- FAO



POSITIONS ANNOUNCEMENT

The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) on behalf of WorldFish invites applications for Four positions: **Project Manager, Senior Research Analyst and Research Analyst (2 positions)**

Background:

WorldFish is an international, nonprofit research and innovation institution that creates, advances, and translates aquatic food systems science into scalable solutions. We envision an inclusive world of healthy, well-nourished people and a sustainable blue planet, now and in the future. Our mission is to end hunger and advance progress on the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals through science and innovation to transform food, land, and water systems with aquatic foods for healthier people and the planet.

For over 45-years, WorldFish's data, evidence, and insights have shaped practices, policies, and investments to end hunger and advance sustainable development in low- and middle-income countries. We have a global presence across 20 countries in Asia, Africa, and the Pacific, with 460 staff of 30 nationalities deployed where the most significant sustainable development challenges can be addressed through holistic aquatic food systems solutions. Embedded in local, national, and international partnerships, our work sets agendas, builds capacities, and supports decision-making for climate action, food and nutrition security, sustainable fisheries and aquaculture, blue economy, One Health, and AgriTech, integrating gender, youth, and social inclusion.

A core element of the 2030 WorldFish Research and Innovation Strategy: Aquatic Foods for Healthy People and Planet is focused on building the resilience of aquatic food systems to shocks, which is critical during this time of climate, ecological and economic crisis.

WorldFish is part of CGIAR, the world's largest agricultural research and innovation network. For more information, please visit <https://www.worldfishcenter.org>.

POSITION - PROJECT MANAGER IITA-TZ-2024 - WorldFish-004 -NRS- Zanzibar - Unguja

JOB SPECIFICATION

Position Background (short summary of the job)

The Project Manager for the Asia-Africa BlueTech Superhighway represents the AABS Project at the country level. This role provides leadership in the strategic development and management of the AABS portfolio in country, engagement with new and existing partners, fostering collaborations with national and local partners and serves as the WorldFish contact for the AABS project to the donor (FCDO and BPF).

In collaboration with the AABS Project Lead and the WorldFish country office, the Project Manager coordinates the AABS country operations. The incumbent will regularly engage with other WorldFish country leadership and Headquarter staff.

The Project Manager provides research contributions to the AABS country program in alignment with personal expertise and experience.

Duty Station: The position will be based in **Unguja, Zanzibar.**

Education Qualification and Certification

- A Master's degree in a relevant discipline such as fisheries, aquaculture, aquatic resources management, international development, environmental science, or related fields, with a minimum of 7 years' experience in leading research projects.
- Project Management Professional (PMP) or similar qualification.
- Proficiency in English and Swahili.

Skills, Experience and Knowledge (required to perform this job)

Competencies:

- Effective stakeholder engagement and conflict management.
- People and team management, promoting diversity and inclusion and fostering staff wellbeing.
- Excellent communication skills for different audiences.

Physical Requirements:

- Regular travel within the country, broader region and globally as required.
- Regular office attendance, encouraging strong attendance across the wider team.

Desirable Skills/Experience (Nice-to-have to perform this job)

- Skills in program management, personnel management, and interdisciplinary team leadership.
- Track record of building partnerships with diverse stakeholders, including senior decision-makers and donor agencies.
- Understanding of marine and coastal resources and food system challenges in Tanzania.

Key Responsibilities

Country Project Management and Implementation:

- Lead the management of the AABS project in the country across all work packages, knowledge management and communications, actively contributing to work planning, budgeting, partner engagement and implementation, ensuring it aligns with FCDO's Blue Planet Fund and COAST priorities.
- Ensure strong linkages between the country project and the overall global program, providing necessary data, reports, and inputs to ensure alignment, knowledge sharing and timely delivery.
- Oversee the delivery, monitoring, and reporting of the project in Tanzania and ensure that the country-level activities feed into the program outcome and MEL system.
- Support country-based scientist and sub-partners to ensure work is implemented in a coordinated way across technical areas.
- Efficiently manage resources, ensuring adequate human, financial, and material assets to ensure timely and quality project implementation.
- Take overall responsibility for the project management process, including implementation, budgeting, risk management, data management, and financial reporting.

Representation, Engagement

- Develop and manage relationships with the donor (FCDO), the government, and local stakeholders, effectively representing WorldFish's interests.
- Stay informed about donor and government priorities, country plans and initiatives, and adjust accordingly to ensure alignment with AABS objectives.
- Coordinate WF's engagement with other BPF and FCDO programs to ensure alignment and knowledge sharing.
- Represent AABS at national, and when required, regional and global forums on project management related issues.
- Collaborate with AABS staff and partners to align research projects with national priorities, BPF strategies and FCDO's goals.
- Guide the dissemination and uptake of research findings through stakeholder engagement and through coordination with communication teams.

Budget Management

- Support development of the budget across technical areas, guiding budget inputs.
- Monitor the financial position of the country project and ensure alignment with the overall program budget.

General

- Undertake other tasks as appropriate, as discussed with the supervisor and WorldFish leadership.

POSITION - SENIOR RESEARCH ANALYST (Aquatic Food Loss and Waste) IITA-TZ-2024 - WorldFish-005 -NRS- DSM

JOB SPECIFICATION

Position Background (short summary of the job)

The Senior Research Analyst will play a key role in supporting the WP3 activities of the AABS project. Although the primary focus will be activities in Tanzania, there might be cases when some assignments in Kenya and Mozambique are conducted. This role is crucial for conducting targeted research, data analysis, and coordination efforts to implement climate-smart technologies and sustainable practices to reduce aquatic food loss and waste in small-scale fisheries in Tanzania. The position focuses on enhancing the sustainability of fisheries management by reducing loss and waste and improving post-harvest processes within the coastal regions.

Duty Station: The position will be based in **Dar es Salam .**

Education Qualification and Certification

- Required qualification is an MSc, with a minimum of five years of relevant experience in the sustainability of Aquatic Foods, such as in Postharvest Food Technology, Agricultural Engineering, Agribusiness, Fisheries, or the Food Industry.
- The qualification should specifically highlight a robust technical understanding and the integration of

climate-smart practices and technologies within aquatic food value chains

Skills, Experience and Knowledge (required to perform this job)

- Research and Data Analysis Expertise:** Background in research and data analysis, with a preference for experience in fisheries, agricultural engineering, postharvest technology, or related areas. At least three to five years of experience as a post-harvest specialist in international organisations in developing regions, preferably in Africa.
- Project Coordination Experience:** Experience in project coordination, particularly in an international or multicultural context.
- Knowledge of Sustainable Practices:** In-depth understanding of sustainable practices and post-harvest climate-smart technologies in fisheries, agriculture, or related sectors

Desirable Skills/Experience (Nice-to-have to perform this job)

- Cross-Cultural Teamwork:** Proven ability to work with diverse cross-cultural teams.
- Technical Proficiency:** Skilled in using statistical analysis software and data visualisation tools.
- Communication Skills:** Excellent communication capabilities, both written and oral, with fluency in English. Proficiency in additional languages relevant to the project locations (Swahili) is highly advantageous.

Key Responsibilities

- Research and Data Analysis:** Conduct comprehensive research and analysis on aquatic food loss, waste, and processing technologies in the target countries—Synthesise data to inform project strategies and decision-making.
- Project Coordination and Support:** Assist the WP3 lead in coordinating activities across Tanzania, ensuring alignment with project objectives and timely execution.
- Cross-Country Collaboration:** Facilitate communication and collaboration between project teams in different countries, ensuring cohesive efforts and knowledge sharing.
- Reporting and Documentation:** Prepare detailed reports, research papers, and presentations to document project progress and findings. Contribute to academic publications and policy briefs.
- Stakeholder Engagement:** Engage with project stakeholders, including local communities, NGOs, government bodies, and private sector partners, to gather insights and foster collaborative relationships.
- Innovative Solutions Development:** Contribute to developing and testing innovative, sustainable solutions in fish processing and waste reduction.

Additional

This position is an excellent opportunity to join a dynamic, international team working on a high-impact project. The successful candidate will play a crucial role in driving sustainable development and environmental conservation across Tanzania's fisheries sectors. The role demands a blend of technical expertise and innovative thinking, ideal for someone passionate about making a tangible impact in sustainable fisheries management and food systems transformation.

TWO POSITIONS - RESEARCH ANALYST (Digital Fisheries) IITA-TZ-2024 - WorldFish-006 -NRS- Zanzibar Ugunja

JOB SPECIFICATION

About the Project

Animals, plants and microorganisms harvested and grown in water play a significant role in sustainably feeding and nourishing the world. Globally, 800 million people depend on small-scale fisheries and aquaculture for their livelihoods. But these vital aquatic food systems are hindered by the insecure livelihoods of those in related jobs, their low capacity to adapt to climate change, and the loss of marine nature.

The Asia-Africa BlueTech Superhighway project, supported through the UK's Climate and Ocean Adaptation and Sustainable Transition (COAST) program under the umbrella of the Blue Planet Fund (BPF), will focus on enabling communities to adapt to and mitigate against climate change as well as responsibly and sustainably manage marine and coastal nature and resources resulting in improved food and nutritional security as well as employment and income opportunities. The project will be implemented in two phases over seven years, starting with Phase 1 in Bangladesh, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, and Tanzania.

About the Position

WorldFish is looking for a Research Analyst to support activities of AABS Work Package 1- Digital Coast. The primary purpose of this position is to support the Work Package Lead and Scientist based in Zanzibar. The candidate will work in an interdisciplinary team of experts with diverse backgrounds, including data scientists, production systems, gender, climate change, scaling of innovations, science communication, and rural development.

Duty Station: The position will be based in **Unguja, Zanzibar.**

Education Qualification and Certification

A bachelor's degree in science or economics field.

Skills, Experience and Knowledge (required to perform this job)

- Strong working knowledge of MS excel and word.
- Competency with digital smartphone/tablet applications.
- At least 3 years work experience.
- Strong interpersonal skills, and the ability to work in multi-cultural, interdisciplinary teams as well as develop close and effective working relationships with a range of partners.
- Proven ability and willingness to carry out independent fieldwork in remote locations.
- Experience working in communities.
- Commitment to development objectives in Unguja/Pemba.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English and Swahili.

Desirable Skills/Experience (Nice-to-have to perform this job)

- Experience in fisheries science, agricultural science or other natural science research.
- Coding experience in R or Python.
- Quantitative skills and experience in data science, management, databases, and statistics.
- Project management experience.
- A valid driving license.

Key Responsibilities

- Support research operations, data collection, validation, and reporting on project sites around Zanzibar.
- Monitor and guide fisheries data collectors' regular and timely collection and digital submission of fish landings and sales from remote sites; provide technical support and data validation.
- Update, deploy, and train local staff and partners in the use of digital data systems, data collection protocols, surveys, and basic data management.
- Be a point of contact for local community members, project partners, and interested stakeholders about project objectives and information.
- Facilitate community meetings and trainings related to project aspects in aquatic food systems.
- Prepare progress and fieldwork reports.

Additional

This position will be based in Unguja, Zanzibar, but with regular fieldwork travel (60%) to project sites around Zanzibar.

General information:

The duration of the contract for all the four positions is two years renewable subject to performance and availability of funds. These are nationally recruited position and IITA offers a competitive remuneration package.

The application pack should include an application letter, copies of certificates, and a curriculum vitae which contains a telephone number, email address, and contact details of two referees. Applications should be sent by email to IITA-Tanzania@cgiar.org and addressed to:

The Country Representative, IITA-Tanzania,
Plot No. 25, Mwenge – Coca-Cola Road,
Mikochei Industrial Area,
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Applicants are requested to include the **reference number for the position** (as indicated on the heading of the announcement) in the subject of their application letter, as well as in the subject of their email. Please note that any applications without the reference number indicated will be automatically disqualified.

Closing date for applications: Friday 24th May 2024. Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Anti-FGM campaign in Musoma gets funds for raising of awareness

By Guardian Correspondent, Musoma

A CAMPAIGN to end female genital mutilation (FGM) has gained a new momentum after Musoma-based People Development Forum Tanzania (PDF) received \$10,000 (25.8m/-) to increase community awareness on the matter.

The funding has been availed by Nos Vies en Partage (NVEP) in collaboration with Barrick Gold Corporation to enable the organisation educate communities surrounding the mine about the effects of FGM, mine invasion as well as best ways to empower them economically without risking their lives and health.

The support is part of the funds provided by NVEP, founded and sponsored by the president and chief executive officer of Barrick Gold Corporation Mark Bristow to support special groups such as women, children and other needy groups that do not benefit from growth of economies in Africa.

Every quarter of the year, NVEP provides aid that directly benefits communities in need in Africa and so far more than 15 NGOs and social institutions in the country have received the support.

Speaking during the handover ceremony over the weekend at the Barrick North Mara mine, Barrick North Mara Mine Manager Apolinary Lyambiko said NVEP will continue to support non-governmental organizations that provide services to communities in line with the institution's goals.

"We are proud to see that the funds we provided in collaboration with NVEP help to bring about positive changes in society in various areas of the country and we believe the organization will use the funds for the intended purposes", he said.

Rose Nazarya, PDF project coordinator, said that the funds will be used to achieve the intended goals and bring about positive change in society

"Our hope is to see communities around the mine become aware of the effects of female genital mutilation, invasion of the mine and good way of empowering them economically without endangering their lives and health," she said.

JKCI to stage free blood pressure screening camp

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

IN commemoration of World Hypertension Day, experts from Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI) and Dar Group Hospital have organized a two-day free blood pressure screening camp in Dar es Salaam.

The day is celebrated on May 17 every year in the world where heart screening activities are held in various hospitals.

The camp will be held through a service known as Dr Samia Suluhu Hassan Outreach Service and will be provided to residents of Dar es Salaam and neighbouring regions.

The screening will target both children and adults from May 16 to 17, this year from early in the morning.

A statement released at the weekend by the head of relations and communications department at JKCI Anna Nkinda said the camp will be held at Dar Group Hospital located in Tazara area of Dar es Salaam.

It said that at the camp, there will be nutritionists who will provide nutrition education to give citizens understanding and how to follow healthy lifestyle and avoid non-communicable diseases including heart disease which can be avoided by following professional advice.

"We ask citizens to come out in large numbers to screen their health so that they know if they have heart problems so that they can start early treatment," she said.

The statement said the motto of the camp is 'Test Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Treat or Prevent, Live Longer'.

Nkinda said JKCI has continued to strengthen medical and diagnostic services at home by following patients wherever they are and attending to them.

She said that patients who need counselling and cardiac treatment contact them and the institution sets up arrangement to reach them wherever they are and provide them with relevant service.

She said that in home service package they provide ambulance service, physiotherapy, and nutritional advice as well as wound dressing for patients who underwent heart surgery or other surgeries and nursing care.

"We advise citizens to be very careful about their health by making sure they do screening regularly with us. Our motto is health of your heart is your responsibility," she said.

She also said that starting from 20th of this month, JKCI experts will provide specialised heart treatment in Rukwa Region for children and adults for a period of five days.

She said they will also send nutritionists to provide education on good nutrition to give people understanding on how to get rid of heart problems.

She said heart diseases are among the non-communicable diseases that can be avoided by following professional advice.

Group seeking empowerment of youths for social change in Africa

By Special Correspondent, Lagos

A youth-based organisation in Nigeria, Inspiration Care and Development Center (ICDC) has organised the second cohort of the African Youth Leadership and Innovation Workshop in Lusaka, Zambia with a call on stakeholders to engineer reforms towards youth development for social change.

The event followed the inaugural session which held in Kigali, Rwanda in November 2023 and had over 30 participants drawn from Nigeria, Cameroon, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia.

This event continues to empower young leaders from across Africa with essential skills for social change and sustainable development. The Head Of Communication/Logistics, ICDC, Anthonia Mbadugha, in a statement said: "This year's workshop, part of ICDC's School of Leadership programme, drew an enthusiastic group of participants from countries including South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Namibia, Nigeria, Somalia, and Uganda. Over the course of the event, attendees engaged in sessions designed to hone their leadership skills in complex environments, particularly in the context of Africa's evolving technological landscape.

"One of the highlights of the workshop was a keynote address by Dr. Lutangu Lubasi on

'Strategic Leadership in a Dynamic World: Navigating Complexity in Africa,' where he emphasised the importance of adaptive leadership to effectively respond to rapid changes and challenges."

The Executive Director of ICDC, Mr Olowolayemo Lawrence, stressed the importance of young leaders as pivotal agents of change in Africa. He highlighted their role in the actualisation of the African 2063 Agenda, urging continuous involvement and awareness among the youth.

Lawrence called on the African Union (AU) and all relevant stakeholders to prioritise and invest in youth development and human resource development across the continent.

The ED also announced the upcoming annual African Youth Leadership and Entrepreneurship Conference (AYLEC 2024), which will take place in Accra, Ghana from July 21-26, 2024. He invited partners and organisations that share a commitment to the African dream to support this pivotal initiative.

"ICDC remains dedicated to fostering a network of capable young leaders who are ready to drive innovation and positive change across Africa. We extend our gratitude to all participants, speakers, and partners who contributed to the success of this workshop and look forward to further collaborations," the statement added.



Heineken Tanzania Country manager Obabiyi Fagade (C) participates in a reforestation drive at Mpamantwa village in Bahi District, Dodoma Region, at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

African leaders ratify statement on fertiliser

AFRICAN heads of state and government concluded the Africa Fertilizer and Soil Health Summit yesterday and endorsed the Nairobi Declaration on Fertilizer and Soil Health, underscoring the crucial commitments to revive nutritional balance of the continent's exhausted soils.

The Nairobi Declaration encapsulated the key discussions among African leaders, with a focus on fostering multi-stakeholder partnerships and investments to drive policies, finance, research and development, markets, and capacity building for fertilizer and sustainable soil health management across Africa.

Additionally, the AFSH Summit

endorsed a 10-year Action Plan for Fertilizer and Soil Health, the Africa Financing Mechanism (AFFM) for the Action Plan, and the Soil Initiative for Africa framework, all of which represent ambitious long-term efforts to systematically enhance the health and productivity of Africa's soils.

The Summit which started on the 7th May was convened under the theme: "Listen to the Land."

Participants explored the current condition of Africa's soils in a bid to implement urgent and appropriate restorative measures.

The event gathered over 4,000 participants, including 57 ministers

of Agriculture and Foreign Affairs other government leaders, scientists, private sector representatives, heads of development organizations, civil society leaders, and leaders of farmer organizations, who engaged in discussions, partnerships and commitments aimed at rapidly restoring the nutritional value of the continent's agricultural soils.

Throughout the three-day summit, it was emphasized that years of excessive use without adequate replenishment had resulted in severe depletion of the continent's soils, hampering their capacity to sustain optimal crop yields.

The 13 commitments made at the Summit were to triple domestic production and distribution of certified quality organic and inorganic fertilizers by 2034 to improve access and affordability for smallholder farmers.

Make available by 2034, to at least 70 percent of smallholder farmers on the continent, targeted agronomic recommendations for specific crops, soils, and climatic conditions to ensure greater efficiency and sustainable use of fertilizers.

Support efforts of natural gas producing Member States in fertilizer production to increase their

production and ensure availability at stable prices.

Fully operationalize the Africa Fertilizer Financing Mechanism (AFFM) to improve production, procurement, and distribution of organic and inorganic fertilizers, and soil health interventions

The AU Commission to mobilize financial and technical resources to execute these commitments in close cooperation with the various existing climate funds.

Formulating and implementing policies and regulations to create a conducive environment for fertilizer and soil health interventions

Developing and promoting sys-

temic national capacity building for locally relevant fertilizer and soil health management practices and technologies.

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Promoting African solidarity through knowledge sharing, training, development, and transfer programs for best practices in soil fertility and soil health.

Ensuring that at least 70 percent of smallholder farmers have access to quality extension and advisory services on fertilizer and soil health both from public and private extension systems.

At least 70 percent of smallholder farmers have access to quality

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PUBLIC NOTICE

(Issued under Section 126 of the Petroleum Act, Cap. 392 and Rule 5(1) of the Petroleum (Compressed Natural Gas) (Supply and Marketing Services Rules, GN No. 220 of 2019)

NOTICE is hereby given to the public that, EWURA has received an application from **GLOBAL ALUMINIUM LIMITED** seeking Construction Approval for a CNG Receiving and Pressure Reduction Station to be constructed within its premises at Plot No. 11, Block "F", At Zegereni Industrial Area, Zegereni Mtaa, Visiga Ward, Kibaha Town in Pwani Region.

Any person who wishes to make any representations should do so in writing and submit to EWURA within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of the notice and the comments and representations shall be considered by the Authority in arriving at the decision on the application.

All representations or objections should be addressed to the address below.

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EWURA**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

NEXT RECOVERY TANZANIA LIMITED, NUTMEG AUCTIONEERS & PROPERTY MANAGERS COMPANY LIMITED AND MBUZAX AUCTION MART AND COMPANY LTD under the instructions of **INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL BANK TANZANIA LIMITED (ICBTL)** are going to conduct **PUBLIC AUCTIONS** of the following **LANDED PROPERTIES** after 14 (fourteen) days from the date of publication of this NOTICE.

The properties are **held by ICBTL as security against the loan and credit facilities availed by the following borrowers.**

This **NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION** is also a fourteen days' (14) notice to the borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantors of the loan/credit facilities about the auction sale.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTIES TO BE AUCTIONED

N O	NAME OF THE BORROWER/MORTGAGOR	LOCATION AND DETAILS OF THE PROPERTY	DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF AUCTION	AUCTION BROKER
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**Taking A New Look
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Not surprising Speaker had to push Water estimates adoption

PARLIAMENTARY debate can be especially fascinating, with contributions from the floor often focusing on the perceived importance of a particular sector instead of balancing the competing needs being voted for. Assuming one wants to see a ministry's estimates or anticipated allocations doubled or otherwise stepped up - for instance, by approving a staggering 1.5trn/- as the Water ministry's Budget for fiscal 2024/2025 instead of the lowly 627.78bn/-. There ought to be a clear idea where one deducts to get the big extra money, not whether the government can borrow it from somewhere. That is the issue.

That is what was missing when National Assembly Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson chipped in on a matter of procedure, providing supplementary guidelines for future approvals of the Budget totals if chunks were to be added to the Water budget estimates. There was indeed no point as shelving the debate to early the following week for the Parliamentary Budget committee to sort out with the government key areas which need money would be of little service. The committee can gladly point out where cash is needed, not where it is. There is no doubt that there are always gaps between what a ministry or a sector is provided with and the felt intensity of its needs. That would be true of any ministry but, as the Speaker pointed out, water supply is held dearly across the country.

That underscores the fact that water is by all accounts a sensitive matter, chiefly with the constituencies gearing towards civic polls later this year and the General Election late next year. Experience shows that ensuring reliable water supply including through the execution of a ground-breaking water project is crucial. It is thus easy to understand

why legislators were saying that the funding allocated to the Water ministry was vastly inadequate and were even pushing for a delay in putting those estimates to a vote.

But since the MPs merely underlined the extent to which the sector mattered to most voters and not really pointed at the sort of savings that would allow a vastly different water allocations picture, it is safer to believe that the level of allocations made was right - at least in the sense of there being no obvious errors. The ministry did its job.

Again, it is possible to raise a few queries on the probity of MPs' intense questioning of allocations made, if indeed they were on the lower side of strategically necessary allocations. That is not easy to figure out as each sector has its specific needs, but comparisons can be made as to progress in this or that sector. The supply of piped water is energetically going forward, in part as evidenced in connections to the national electricity grid for most villages and implementation of the plan for grid link expected for anywhere between the end of this year and the middle of next year.

As a matter of fact, there is something that links the two sectors, water and electricity connections, which largely includes education and health outlays.

Both water and electricity are needed for the development of these other social infrastructure, in which case what is often missing is allocations of funds for repairing water links not functioning properly.

'Water woes' are at times less noticeable than 'power blues', but, in either case, they don't last long. This is primarily because, as once connections are done, delivery needs to be more or less assured. It is quite possible that this is what MPs are demanding, as basic connections exist nearly everywhere.

What of the World Bank's caution on education, health and Budget levels?

MINISTERIAL planners will be having a challenging time trying to figure out where to engage more employees in various sectors crying out for additions in workforce.

Back in 2022 at roundabout the time of Budget estimates just as during this period, it was reported that at least 160,000 teaching positions in primary and secondary schools were vacant. That meant that if the government employed say 12,000 teachers in one year but kept building more schools, the gap would widen further. Much the same anxiety is now being raised in the health sector, with the Society of Anaesthetists of Tanzania (SATA) saying just that.

The society has lately been on air with assertions that there is a huge shortage of experts in the profession, thus posing a challenge to the provision of services as less trained people would fill the gap, or overtaxing those with the requisite training.

A top official of the professional group noted that, despite efforts by the government to put in place sufficient infrastructure for the provision of health services, the country is still grappling with a shortage of experts.

When the leader of the society says that the government has put in place vast infrastructure like heavy diagnostic and other medical equipment along with ensuring the supply of drugs but is facing a shortage in medical staff, is this praise or criticism? Ordinarily, it would be praise - that the availability of medical facilities, equipment and even supplies is a big plus. But then without the staff to run those outlays, and within the work rate that each is expected to be tasked with, the whole efforts slip in value estimation. In a professional setting like that, the deficit starts to look catastrophic.

The SATA official said that, in striving to address the problem, doc-

tors took various measures to build capacity in safely executing anaesthesia and treat patients in critical condition. The report with regard to how the problem is being alleviated was positive, as the official said there have been many new centres, as the group battles to train service providers who can administer such services everywhere. But the degree to which that is professional training or exposure to rudimentary skills meant to facilitate medical teams handling dexterous operations is a different, and worrying, matter. The society sat for two days during which upwards of 250 participants were expected to deliberate on the issues and acquire practical training along with exchanging ideas.

A suggestion that the meeting be held every year to hold discussions, exchange experiences and offer training to build capacities from the lower levels to upper recognized stages was salutary, though rather unconvincing. Two days would come to a brush-up or familiarization encounter rather than training in the proper sense of the term. It means that proper provision of the where-withal for proper medical services delivery, and in education, remains an issue. This is a problem also noted by the World Bank regional office along with their colleagues at the International Monetary Fund - that the solid work the government has been doing in setting up health and education outlays ought to lead to considerable budget exposure.

The major observation here was that this enhances the need for the government to prune the number of utilities needing vast subsidy and instead focus on social sector needs. In scenarios where privatisation is near-anathema that would clearly be a tall order.

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Time's now for Africa to rally around global crimes against humanity treaty



The ethnic cleansing in Darfur is one of the crimes against humanity that would be dealt with by a proposed new treaty. (Photo: EPA-EFE/Marwan Ali)

By Elise Keppler



Our discussion among Ivorian human rights advocates turned quickly to how to best mobilise Ivory Coast and other African states to support negotiations for the treaty

FAR too many African governments have yet to take an official position on the need to negotiate a treaty dealing with crimes against humanity, including those that have a history of supportive positions on matters of accountability.

"Wait, why is it that we need a crimes against humanity treaty if we already have the International Criminal Court's Rome Statute?" asked several activists during a group discussion I attended this week in Ivory Coast's capital, Abidjan.

With only six months until the UN's Sixth Committee decides whether to advance the draft articles on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Humanity to treaty negotiations, the need for greater awareness of the draft articles is high, especially in Africa, which has the largest number of states that have yet to expressly weigh in on whether the draft articles should advance to negotiations.

A crimes against humanity treaty would be distinct from the ICC's Rome Statute. First and foremost, the ICC deals with individual criminal responsibility, while the hoped-for crimes against humanity treaty would concern the responsibility of states to both prevent and punish the crimes.

And it is precisely such a treaty that could open the door for states to hold other states accountable through the International Court of Justice if those obligations are not met.

While genocide and war crimes have

dedicated treaties - the Convention for the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and the Geneva Conventions - crimes against humanity exist in customary international law. Having express, delineated agreed-upon provisions in a treaty is far more desirable. Indeed, this is such an obvious gap to be filled that I have yet to meet an activist who did not wish to lend their support to the effort once appreciating its purpose.

Our discussion among Ivorian human rights advocates turned quickly to how to best mobilise Ivory Coast and other African states to support negotiations for the treaty.

The UN's Sixth Committee met in April in New York to discuss the draft

articles and states' views on whether it is time to move them to formal treaty negotiations. More than 70 countries spoke out in support. However, achieving consensus - the customary operating procedure of this committee - to move the process to negotiations will necessitate more support.

Among African governments, several have taken a clear position. Sierra Leone has shown particular leadership, alongside South Africa and The Gambia. Ghana and Portuguese-speaking African states - Angola, Mozambique, Guinea Bissau, São Tomé and Príncipe, Equatorial Guinea, and Cape Verde - also voiced support at the April session. A couple of others earlier expressed support, including Senegal and Tunisia.

But far too many African governments have yet to take an official position on the need to move these draft articles to negotiations for a treaty dealing with crimes against humanity, including those that have a history of supportive positions on matters of accountability, such as Zambia, Malawi, Lesotho, Namibia, Botswana, Benin, Liberia, Ivory Coast, and Uganda, among others.

The Global Justice Center has disseminated a series of proposals to enhance the draft articles to be gender-competent and survivor-centric. The following crimes, in our view, should be expressly incorporated into the draft articles: forced marriage, repro-

ductive violence, gender apartheid, and the slave trade.

We also are advocating for language that is meaningless at best regarding national pregnancy laws to be removed, for excluding the Rome Statute's definition of gender, and for adding a definition of victims that recognises the scope of victimhood and language that attends to victims' needs - including reparations.

But the priority is to advance the process, which has been pending in the UN's Sixth Committee for multiple years, to the next stage - to treaty negotiations where particular proposals can be further debated.

Advocates, activists, and experts agree. More than 400 civil society groups and individuals, many from Africa, have signed a joint statement calling for their governments to support entering into negotiations on a crimes against humanity treaty.

Governments - particularly the many across Africa that have yet to take a formal position in support of treaty negotiations - should heed the call. **DM**

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Success at workplace requires time management and having priorities

By Thomas Lyimo

AT a serious workplace it is common to hear statements like 'You are wasting time or what have you done' All these statements show that development is the desire of the founder of that workplace. It is not something meaningful to let people stay somewhere doing nothing. This is because development is the result of doing something in relation to time.

As supervisors or administrators are time and priority conscious they are normally keen on seeing what is being done in a certain period in relation to the set priorities of the specific institution or organization. We cannot do all things at once. However all things may require to be done but in different periods. Because all things cannot be done at once, hence making it necessary to set priorities.

Setting of priorities may be driven by passion, advice or determination that someone may embrace. With all the priorities the matter that remains unsolved is the amount of time to be allocated to a certain activity. Priorities may not change easily but the time is moving fast. This situation brings a lot of considerations when a certain task is not accomplished within a certain time limit.

Some individuals think of whether the time allocated was not enough for the task while others may argue that seriousness and commitment was not there and as a result the task is not completed on time. All of the claims may be correct if there will be conducted an investigation. Due to lack of investigation or failure to learn from others some individuals decide to quit jobs. They fail to contain the pressure from administrators which demand certain results.

Some critics argue that low level of performance in institutions sometimes is attributed to poor time management. Someone may

think they are doing enough but when examined in relation to performance of others they are seen to perform below the required standards. Some individuals believe that capacities for individuals are not the same. Therefore this suggests that not all individual can do a certain task. This is why there is training before someone can be given certain responsibilities.

As training cannot cover each and everything concerning a certain work it becomes necessary for an individual to develop a habit of learning new skills and knowledge every day. A learning habit makes it easy for someone to accept new realities and changes which are necessary for development of a workplace or institution. For the battle between time management and setting of priorities to be abated, the following should be taken into account.

Having objectives; the presence of objectives enables an individual not to waste time. The desire to accomplish those objectives makes an individual time conscious. Human beings are supposed to live with a purpose so as to avoid waste of time. There must be efforts to convert time into development. If someone is lacking objectives they may do anything whose value is sometimes uncertain. Life is a kind of interaction which involves exchange of values. Having objectives enables a person to be stable as they are determined of where to go and what to do.

Having evidence of performance; time is like a creditor who after sometimes demands interest. When in conversation with individuals who promote development they would like to know what did an individual do in a certain time period. Before they embark on the quality of what was done they first need to know if something was done. They believe that there must be a step forward at a time. The first thing

in a workplace is to convince the administrator or supervisor that individuals are serious and committed hard workers. We consider those working hard as the ones who know the value of time.

Time allocation in relation to magnitude of work, when planning a certain task's performance it is important for someone to consider the time they have and the magnitude of that particular task. The knowledge in doing this kind of assessment may be due to already established standards, experience or training that someone has gone through. The objectives to be realized must be in line with time allocation.

Considering possibility; when planning to do something, an individual should consider the feasibility of what they want to do. They should not think of something that has never been done unless they are conducting a research. For any activity that is done people wait for results. This reality calls for seriousness and commitment in doing our activities. We should prepare to account for the use of each second that has been given to us.

Any kind of tremendous achievement which did not cause sufferings or confusion must have been directed or influenced by someone who could balance these two aspects of development which are time management and priority setting.

There is always a struggle between the employer and employee in owning time. The solution to this struggle may either be promotion or the employee deciding to quit the job. Therefore we need to be time conscious but also making sure that our thinking and acting leaves a legacy. What have we achieved in a certain time limit?

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EASTERN ARC MOUNTAINS CONSERVATION ENDOWMENT FUND (EAMCEF)

MFUKO WA UHIFADHI WA MILIMA YA TAO LA MASHARIKI

CONSERVATION PROGRAMME OFFICER REQUIRED

1.0 BACKGROUND

The Eastern Arc Mountains Conservation Endowment Fund (EAMCEF) is a Trust Fund that was established as a mechanism to provide sustainable financing for effective conservation of biological resources in the Eastern Arc Mountains of Tanzania. The Eastern Arc Mountains Conservation Endowment Fund was initially conceived as a joint initiative of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, the Board of Trustees, the World Bank and the Global Environment Facility (GEF). The Trust aims at providing long-term and reliable funding support to conservation activities related to the promotion of biological diversity, improvement of ecological functions and sustainable use of natural resources in priority areas of the Eastern Arc Mountains. The Eastern Arc Mountains ecosystem forms a major portion of the Eastern Afrotropical Region which is recognized globally as one of the 36 biodiversity hotspots characterized by high concentrations of endemic species now under serious threat. Major mountain blocks of the Eastern Arc spread over fifteen districts in five regions of Tanzania namely, Tanga (East and West Usambara and Nguu Mountains), Kilimanjaro (South and North Pare Mountains), Morogoro (Udzungwa, Ukaguru, Nguru, Rubeho, Malundwe, Mahenge and Uluguru Mountains), Iringa (Udzungwa Mountains) and Dodoma (Rubeho Mountains). Governed by a Board of Trustees, the Fund was officially registered in Tanzania in June 2001 under the Trustees' Incorporation Act (Cap. 318 R.E 2002) and it operates as a not-for-profit Conservation Finance Trust with its day-to-day operations being run by the Endowment Fund Secretariat. The Fund's Executive Director is the Head of the Secretariat with the main administrative offices located in Morogoro Municipality.

The Eastern Arc Mountains forests are under considerable pressure due to various human activities as a result of increased population. Threats leading to biodiversity loss include expansion of human settlements, shifting cultivation, forest fires, extraction of wood for commercial and domestic uses, gold mining, dry season grazing, extraction of non-wood forest products including honey, fruits, medicines, natural ropes, resins, mushrooms and game hunting. Effective control of the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation now ongoing in the Eastern Arc Mountains can only be assured through the EAMCEF's unequivocal commitment to taking exceptional care of the Eastern Arc Mountains ecosystem and all stakeholders impacting positively/negatively on its biological resources.

Whereas requirements for professional manpower necessary for effective conservation of the Eastern Arc Mountains are quite enormous, the staff line-up of EAMCEF is currently still modest. Thus, EAMCEF needs to recruit adequate and competent staff so as to increase and enhance its capacity to undertake its operations and programme activities. In order for the conservation efforts to be sufficiently effective to secure and save the unique natural heritage, the now vacant Programme Officer position needs to urgently be filled by a suitably qualified and competent professional staff as detailed below.

2.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS

2.1 General Conditions

- Proven ability in writing and speaking both English and Kiswahili Languages.
- The EAMCEF Head Office in Morogoro Municipality will be the duty station for the successful applicant.
- The position is equally available for both female and male Tanzanian applicants; female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.
- Excellent knowledge and proven ability in working with computers and a variety of computer programmes especially Microsoft Office applications (e.g. MS-Word, Excel, Access, Power Point, E-Mails, Internet, etc.) and establishment and management of databases.
- Ability to work under pressure and for extended hours including working on week-ends and holidays as it may be required from time to time.
- Mature, energetic, hardworking, versatile and self-motivated.
- Obedient, honest, trustful, fast learner, smart and socially active.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently or under minimum supervision, effectively supervise and lead others.

2.2 Terms and Conditions of Employment

A Contract of two years will be issued to the successful applicant upon satisfactory performance during the probationary period of the first three months. Depending on the ability to perform the assigned duties, the Contract may be renewed at the end of the second year. An attractive remuneration package will be offered to the selected candidate commensurate with professional qualifications and working experience.

3.0 PROGRAMME OFFICER - PLANNING, COORDINATION AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (PO - PCIM)

3.1 Duties and Responsibilities

Reporting and answerable to the Executive Director, the successful Programme Officer - Planning, Coordination and Information Management (PO - PCIM) will be in-charge of and play a leading role in all programme planning, grants management, implementation, coordination, monitoring, supervision, information management and communication activities of the EAMCEF. His/her principal duties and responsibilities will include and not be limited to the following:

- Raise awareness to local communities and other stakeholders on the linkages between conservation, climate change and socio-economic development.
- Raise awareness to local communities, local governments and other relevant partners on the EAMCEF and the benefits available through the EAMCEF intervention programmes.
- Inform NGOs, research institutions and other stakeholders about the opportunities available for funding conservation, climate change, research and community-based development and livelihood activities.
- Develop and maintain an always updated central forum for cataloguing status of activities receiving funding, information generated from programme interventions as well as activities planned and implemented through other conservation partners in the Eastern Arc Mountains.
- Make sure that all relevant information about the Fund's performance and accomplishments is always available for use by all relevant stakeholders including the government and other development partners.
- Assist in timely planning, budgeting and progress reporting for all programme activities.
- Handle publicity, education and extension activities and help to plan, design, produce and disseminate relevant publicity and extension materials from time to time.

- Developing and implementing effective communication, public relations and information dissemination strategy for awareness creation and attracting more support from various sources.
- Helping and effectively participating in developing, updating and operationalizing the EAMCEF Strategic Plan, Engagement Plan, Resource Mobilization and Communication Strategies and assist in various visibility, engagement and communication activities as appropriate.
- Help to improve the planning, information management, communication and organizational capacity of the EAMCEF and effectively assist in the creation of conditions necessary for effective programme delivery.
- Setting up an always up to date information management centre and effectively supervising and monitoring its management and operations.
- Provide necessary back-up support to field activities and effectively assist, support and supervise the Field Projects Officers, Planning and Communication Assistant and Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Assistant.
- Assist, provide back-up support and appropriately gap-fill in the functions of the Marketing and Engagement Officer as it may be required from time to time.
- Effectively collaborating and working closely with the Marketing and Engagement Officer in planning and executing all activities and functions related to fundraising, marketing, promotion, profile raising, advocacy, engagement, visibility and communication as appropriate.
- Drafting contracting mechanisms, supervising contractual obligations and monitoring outputs delivery by contracted partners.
- Facilitate, coordinate, supervise and follow up implementation of field activities financed by the Fund.
- Assist in enhancing and maintaining an always updated website and highly interactive social media platforms for the Trust.
- Playing a central role in establishing relevant partnerships and maintaining existing partnerships with relevant stakeholders as appropriate.
- Assist in identifying, appraising, preparing proposals and managing the grants making process of the Endowment Fund.
- Assist in the improvement, operationalization and updating of the Guidelines for Solicitation and Awarding of Project Grants as well as the Guidelines for Local Advisory Committees.
- Assist in developing and executing relevant training and out-reach programmes in order to build the capacity of stakeholders.
- Assist in developing and operationalizing a Training Policy for EAMCEF Trustees, Secretariat Staff, key partners and other relevant stakeholders.
- Assist in information collection, storage and dissemination including proper handling and management of ITC equipment, software and operating systems.
- Assist in setting up a Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning and Accountability mechanism and follow up closely its operationalization.
- Assist in developing, updating and operationalizing the Programme contents of the Strategic Plan, Situation Analysis Report, Resource Mobilization Strategy, Investment Management Policy, Business Planning, Education and Awareness Creation documents for the EAMCEF.
- Assist and advise the Executive Director in matters pertaining to management, technical and professional issues and aspects as appropriate.
- Doing any other relevant activity or assignment as it may be directed by the Executive Director from time to time.

3.2 Academic and Professional Qualifications

- Possession of both Bachelor and Master degrees from recognized and reputable higher learning institutions in the fields of natural resources management, forestry, wildlife management, biodiversity conservation, climate change or other relevant biological sciences.
- Formal training in planning, coordination, communication, evaluation, training, capacity building, monitoring, evaluation, learning and accountability will be desirable.
- Formal training and practical experience in project planning, progress reporting and results based management will be a strong merit.
- Good interpersonal skills and strong background in conservation and community development work.
- Good writing, presentation and communication skills.
- Good working knowledge and skills in handling and dealing with ICT (Information, Communication and Technology) issues and aspects.
- Experience in donor funded project management and working procedures will be desirable.
- Experience in networking and dealing with partners will be an added advantage.
- Working experience in conservation, community development or climate change aspects in the Eastern Arc Mountains or elsewhere will be a pre-requisite.
- Working experience in similar positions and relevant fields of not less than five years with reputable projects/programmes/organizations.

4.0 MODE OF APPLICATION

Well qualified and interested professionals should lodge their well written applications to the undersigned not later than 30th May, 2024. Application letters with detailed CVs, copies of relevant certificates, testimonials and names of three easily contactable referees should be timely made. Only shortlisted applicants will be called for one or more interviews within two months from the application deadline.

Applications should be addressed to:

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By Peter Muthamia

Families complicit in sexual crimes against children: Parents' social and legal dilemma

JUMA, your typical Standard Two boy was lured into being sexually molested by his paternal uncle. The outcome was devastating to the victim and his parents alike. The uncle fled to the village and the matter was kept under wraps, even when the mother of the child raised a red flag and its gravity notwithstanding.

"I am in a dilemma because here, a crime has been committed while my husband's relatives have sternly warned me not to utter a single word about it. My hands are tied. I would be happy to see the perpetrator punished for it and not merely let to roam free. He probably will do the same to other children in the village where he fled to. As for my son, we did counselling and he is getting over it," said the exasperated mother of the boy.

The situation has become even graver since the boy now is reportedly sodomizing his fellow classmates. The mother is now counting on counselling by professionals but it is evident that damage has been made - it is hoped that the boy's condition has not crossed to an irreparable point.

Elsewhere, a neighbour now serving 30-year jail term was charged with sodomizing an eleven-year-old girl and the family keeping it mum after deliberation. However, the information leaked the law took its course - he is now languishing in Segerea jail.

Another man in the neighbourhood was apprehended for attempted rape of a primary school child that had been living under his roof since she was in standard one. The family of the perpetrator met, raised some money that was used to hush the police and the child's mother.

It was reported in the media sometimes back that Police in Iringa Region were holding a 14-year-old boy on suspicion of sodomizing 19 other children.

The boy was alleged to have used sweets and biscuits as a way to lure his classmates in order to fulfil his sexual misconduct.

The then Iringa Regional Police Commander Alan Bukumbi said the child was arrested after Kihesa Kilolo Ward Executive Officer Elizabeth Lugenge reported that three children from Igeleke Primary School has been sodomised.

"And when the five were interrogated, they named five others, making a total of 13 children plus another six who were mentioned by the culprit," said Bukumbi.

All the 19 children underwent medical examination at Iringa Regional Hospital and Frelimo. And cases are many.

It's immoral and criminal

The crux of this story is that owing to the way Tanzanians and most Africans by extension are wired, reporting sexual issues are taboo and deemed to bring dishonor and shame to the affected families.

Put otherwise, it is deemed "a scandal causing damage to the reputation of family members", and this may explain why family members hide abuse cases in total disregard to the effect on the victim - physical, emotional, long term psychological and general mental health.

Despite the existence of stiff penalties for those convicted, the reporting need to prosecute is influenced by sensitivity, fear, taboo, attitude, acceptable practices, community passivity and little knowledge of law.

In some cases, inadequate and feeble laws and the fact that victims may not be at ease to volunteer information for fear of reproach and the shame that surrounds it hinder the entire process of bringing culprits to book.

Sexual molestation meted out on a child is a very serious crime under Tanzania's penal code deserving arrest, prosecution and subsequently, a 30-year jail term to say the least.

According to Leah Mbunda, the police senior coordinator and Gender and Children's Desk, when such cases are reported, the standard procedures of arrest



and subsequent prosecution follow, be they the parents of the child or the community at large.

"In case of complaints relating to child abuse, we open the case file like any other criminal cases under the Tanzanian Penal Code where complainant is the United Republic of Tanzania, the files and apprehend the criminal the case files are then handed to the investigating officer. But again, when families and witnesses hush up the case and the culprits flee, we are unable to complete the cases," she says.

"What needs to be known is that abetting or turning a blind eye to the criminal is crime in itself. Knowingly protecting such a criminal could earn one a jail term if only the law enforcers were serious and taboo attitude towards such crimes were dispelled," she added.

The dilemma is whether to expose family to public ridicule or to punish the perpetrators of such heinous crimes against children.

"However, our cases are mostly defeated at the court level because mostly the witnesses and the criminal alike flee from the arms of law. Owing to the weight of the case, parents and witnesses are bribed and since they are mostly poor people, they take the bribes and sweep the case under the carpet. Mostly, there are concerted efforts to evade the case - the criminal may flee the city or attempt to bribe the witnesses. It should be noted that witnesses can also be arrested or refusing to witness, rescinding or for giving false information" she further says.

She says that to most people, such cases are offences against the complainants (family and the victims) while in actual fact, and just like other criminal offenses, the accuser is the United Republic of Tanzania.

She alludes that one of the ways of curbing this menace is

to go hammer and tongs to work, educating children themselves, their parents and the public at large by the police Gender and Children's desk.

"It should be appreciated that the children are the future generations and therefore, they must be made aware of such things as sodomy, sexual exploitation and rape at an early age so that they can grow up knowing that such crimes are unacceptable in our community and also, to guard themselves against such nasty eventualities," she added.

"The notion that such cases can easily be swept under the carpet is wrong. We fill the gap by educating children at school, their parents and the general public that little money they are bribed with is costly in the long term as it can completely ruin the lives of their children. A male child could become a homosexual or become psychologically damaged in the long run.

Usually, either children are lured through gifts or are coerced by older relatives to engage in such habits. For example, at a school where the wife of this writer taught, a child made it a habit of regularly appearing at the school canteen brandishing a ten-thousand-shilling note, this raised eyebrows among the teachers since it is most unlikely for a parent to give a ten-year-old such an enormous amount of money on a regular basis.

On investigation, it was established that a certain grown-up man was supplying the child with the money in exchange for indecent sex - the matter was taken up by police.

According to a teacher at Kibugumo Primary school who sought anonymity because of the position of her husband, such cases are rife in schools. Teachers find themselves at the crossroads when it comes to handling of such crimes against children.

"So many cases of indecent crimes are perpetrated and parents are torn between taking legal actions or just letting it go. We as teachers have our hands tied because parents are compromised with money and gifts and cases go with the wind. What is disturbing is the moral aspect of it. We know that the child's lives become permanently altered especially their learning," she says.

In some of African societies, children are regarded as "property" of their parents and this may explain the practice that prescribe that the children should obey their parents without asking questions or where grownups have an upper hand - manifested as duress or undue influence. Stern warnings to the children and the fear of retributions certainly coerces the child to remain mum.

According to various here is correlation of child sexual abuse among females who domicile with non-biological parents. Separation and divorce of parents is a major factor in child sexual abuse, due to the absence of one parent.

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Chinese agricultural technologies lure many at Africa fertiliser expo

By Special Correspondent, Nairobi

BENEDICT Russo, a farmer in his late 40s, was among the hundreds of visitors who attended the Africa Fertilizer and Soil Health Summit in Nairobi, Kenya, to explore the latest agricultural technology products on display. Russo expressed his delight at discovering the stand by DJI, a Chinese technology company that manufactures drones, as he sought the latest agricultural solutions to boost his farm yields. The father of three, who owns a cotton farm in the southeastern Kenyan county of Kitui, said he is interested in acquiring a drone to monitor the health of cash crops on his expansive farm. "The agricultural drones will enable me to detect early signs of disease without the use of many laborers at the farm," Russo explained, hoping that by purchasing the

drones, he would reduce his operating costs and boost profits. Steven Dai, a sales executive at DJI, said that their drones are equipped with the latest technology for efficient aerial surveying of large parcels of land at minimal cost. DJI drones, with high-resolution cameras, facilitate precise spraying of pesticides for better results compared to manual back-carried sprayers, he added. The three-day fertiliser summit, themed "Listen to the Land," began Tuesday and drew over 2,000 attendees, including foreign donors, scientists and agriculture officials. Convened by the African Union (AU), the Kenyan government and multilateral partners, the summit is expected to adopt a new roadmap for revitalizing soil health in Africa. Kenyan President William Ruto called on African leaders to adopt

strategies to make fertilizer affordable and accessible to farmers. "Our focus should not only be on increasing fertilizer usage but also on ensuring its judicious application to revitalize responsive soils and rehabilitate degraded ones," he noted. Wilberforce Khaminwa, a 39-year-old wheat farmer from Narok County, said that participating in the summit enabled him to interact with the latest Chinese agricultural products. "I prefer Chinese machinery because their spare parts and after-sales support are more readily available in Kenya," he added. Paul Ronoh, principal secretary for the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, said that the summit also aimed to showcase the latest products to enhance the productivity of Kenya's agricultural sector.



China's Ambassador to Botswana, Wang Xuefeng (L), and Karabo Gare, Botswana's minister for agricultural development and food security, pose for a photo during the handover ceremony at Leshibitse, a village 124 kilometers from Gaborone

FGM is on the rise in Africa: Disturbing new trends are driving up the numbers

By Tamsin Bradley

THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD Salamatu Jalloh had her whole future to look forward to. But in January 2023, her lifeless body was found wrapped in a pink and blue shroud on an earthen floor in a village in north-west Sierra Leone. Salamatu and two other girls bled to death after participating in a secret Bondo society initiation into womanhood. The ceremony, which lasts for several weeks, began with a sense of excitement and anticipation - a rare occasion in this rural community to celebrate girls. But at its core was a violent act: the cutting and removal of the girls' external genitalia. Their tragic deaths were highlighted in the latest Unicef report on female genital mutilation. According to the UN agency 230 million girls and women alive today have survived female genital mutilation, but live with the devastating consequences. Most procedures happen in African countries, accounting for 144 million cases. Despite campaigns to end this practice there are 30 million more women and girls globally who have undergone this form of torture than eight years ago. As an applied social anthropologist who has researched women and violence for many years I've been studying this form of abuse, and the reasons it persists, for over two decades. Some countries are making strides in reducing the practice. In others, advancements have stalled or even been reversed due to changing ideologies as well as the fallout from instability and conflict. Unicef calculates the rate of decline would need to be 27 times faster to

eliminate this abuse by 2030. Understanding the trends is the starting point for ending female genital mutilation. Some of the new trends are alarming. They include a backlash by conservatives against efforts to stop female genital mutilation; increasing numbers of "secret procedures" which are difficult to keep track of; and shifts towards what are termed "less severe" forms. Increased "medicalisation" of the procedure by health care professionals is another disturbing trend. **Reasons given for FGM** The types of cutting vary. In its most severe form, infibulation, the cut edges of the labia are sewn together to achieve a smoothness considered to be beautiful. The vagina must be reopened for sexual intercourse or childbirth. Every year, over half a million girls globally undergo this extreme form of vaginal mutilation. Most of those who support female genital mutilation believe it maintains cleanliness, increases a girl's chances of marriage, protects her virginity and discourages "female promiscuity", thus preserving the family honour. They also believe it improves fertility and prevents stillbirths. Most supporters of the practice do so for religious or cultural reasons. In fact female genital mutilation has no health benefits, and it harms girls and women in many ways. It carries the risk of immediate complications like shock, haemorrhage, tetanus, sepsis, urine retention, ulceration of the genital region and injury to adjacent genital tissue. Long-term consequences include increased risk of maternal morbidity, recurrent bladder and urinary

tract infection, cysts, infertility and adverse psychological and sexual consequences. **FGM in African countries** Countries with the highest levels of female genital mutilation are Somalia (99%), Guinea (95%) and Djibouti (90%). In Kenya, over the last half century a remarkable transformation has occurred. Female genital mutilation was once widespread, but most of the country has now abandoned the practice. Yet among the Somali community, concentrated in the north-eastern province of Kenya, there has been little change, and the practice remains nearly universal. Somalia and Sudan face the challenge of addressing widespread female genital mutilation amid conflict and population growth. Ethiopia has consistently made progress, but climate shocks, disease and food insecurity make it harder to maintain these successes. The fragility of progress cannot be overstated. Conservative backlashes and traditional doctors There are some alarming trends that make eliminating this practice even more difficult. Backlash by conservatives: In The Gambia religious leaders have demanded that legislators revoke a 2015 law banning female genital mutilation. They reacted after three women in the northern village of Bakadagi were found guilty of mutilating eight infant girls in 2023, the first major conviction under the law. The World Health Organization has warned that a repeal in The Gambia could encourage other countries to disregard their duty to protect these rights.



SOKOINE UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE (SUA)



Request for Bids (One-Envelope Bidding Process)

Country: United Republic of Tanzania
Name of Project: Higher Education Economic for Transformation Project (HEET)
Contract Title: Construction of New Infrastructures and Rehabilitation of Existing Infrastructures at Sokoine University of Agriculture - MOROGORO Campuses
Loan No. /Credit No. 68870-TZ
RFB Reference No.: PA012/WB-HEET-P166415/423067/2023-2024/W/RFB/01

- This invitation for bid (RFB) follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in the United Nations Development Business (UNDB) No.WB-0P015674 of 28.11.2021.
- The Government of Tanzania has received financing from the International Development Association (IDA) in the form of a "grant" toward the cost of Higher Education for Economic Transformation project and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this credit to eligible payments under the contract for Construction of New Infrastructure and Rehabilitation of Existing Infrastructure at Sokoine University of Agriculture- MOROGORO Campuses
- The Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) now invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified bidders (Building Contractors) for carrying out the Construction, rehabilitation and completion of buildings. The description of the buildings and duration are shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Description of Works and Estimated Quantities for Major Items of Works

S/No	NAME	DESCRIPTION OF WORKS
1	Lot I – Proposed Construction of Academic Building & Student's Hostel at SUA Solomon Mahangu campus Morogoro The works must be Completed within 18 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Building -Four (4) storey (including GF) building and all associated External works; GFA 6330 m² Student's Hostel -Three (3) storey (including GF) building and all associated External works; GFA 4664 m²
2	Lot II – Proposed Construction of Academic Building, Academic Building (Economics And Agribusiness), Animal Reproduction/Biotechnical Laboratory, Gross Anatomy/Laboratory & Tissue Culture Laboratory at SUA Edward Moringe Campus - Morogoro The works must be Completed within 18 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Building -Four (4) storey (including GF) building and all associated External works; GFA 6330 m² Academic Building (COEBs) -Three (3) storey (including GF) building and all associated External works; GFA 2406 m² Animal reproduction/Biotechnical laboratory- One (1) storey (GF only) building and all associated External works; GFA 492 m² Gross Anatomy/Laboratory- Two (2) storey (including GF) building and all associated External works; GFA 1273 m² Tissue Culture laboratory - One (1) storey (GF only) building and all associated External works; GFA 440 m²
3	Lot III –Rehabilitation of Forestry Building & Multipurpose Lecture Theatres 1-8, Administration Block, School of Engineering and Technology, Department of Animal Science and Aquaculture, EXT Classrooms 02 & 03, Soil water building and Horticulture Classrooms 1-3 at SUA Edward Moringe Campus - Morogoro The works must be Completed within 12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rehabilitation of Forestry Building & Multipurpose Lecture Theatres 1-8 Rehabilitation of Administration Block, School of Engineering and Technology, Department of Animal Science and Aquaculture, EXT Classrooms 02 & 03 , Soil water building and Horticulture Classrooms 1-3

- Bidders have the option to Bid for any one or more lots. Bids will be evaluated lot-wise, taking into account discounts offered, if any, for individual lots. Only unconditional discounts will be allowed. The contract(s) will be awarded to the Bidder or Bidders offering the lowest evaluated cost to the Employer for individual lots, subject to the selected Bidder(s) meeting the required qualification criteria for lot or combination of lots as the case may be.
- Bidding will be conducted through International competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" [September, 2023, Fifth Edition] ("Procurement Regulations"), and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
- Qualifications requirements include (i) General Construction Experience: Experience under construction contracts in the role of the prime contractor, JV member, subcontractor, or management contractor for at least the last 10 years, starting 1st January 2013. (2) Specific Construction & Contract Management Experience: experience as a prime contractor in the construction of at least two (2) works of similar nature and complexity in the last ten (10) years each with a minimum value of USD 4 million for Lot I; USD 5 million for Lot II and USD 1.2 million for Lot III or its equivalent;. (ii) Average Annual Turnover calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress or completed, within the last five (5) years of USD 5 million for Lot I; USD 6 million for Lot II and USD 2 million for Lot III or its equivalent in other currencies; (iii) minimum amount of liquid assets and/or credit facilities net of other contractual commitments of USD 1.1 million for Lot I; USD 1.4 million for Lot II and USD 0.5 million for Lot 3 or its equivalent in other currency;. Regarding Award Criteria for Multiple lots, the Employer will aggregate minimum requirements for respective Lots/packages as specified under items 3.1, 3.2, 4.2(a) and 4.2(b) of Section III (Evaluation and Qualification Criteria). However, with respect to the specific experience under item 4.2(a) of Section III - the bidders shall comply with the individual requirement of the participating Lots as mentioned above. Bidder shall not submit the same experience in more than one Lots (i.e., the same Experience shall not be accepted in more than one lots.) With regard to Key Personnel and Equipment, to be awarded more than one lots, the bidder must present separate sets of equipment and separate team for each lot. Further details and complete qualification requirements are provided in the Bidding Documents.
- A complete set of the bidding documents (in English) is available to interested eligible Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tanzanian Shillings Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Only (TZS 250,000.00) or its equivalent in freely convertible currency. The method of payment will be by Bank through control number by requesting it from this email heet.pmu@sua.ac.tz and vc@sua.ac.tz

N.B: The bidding documents will be issued to the bidders both in hardcopy collected at the SUA PMU office - Administration Building (Edward Moringe Campus - Morogoro) and electronic via email heet.pmu@sua.ac.tz. The bidders should note that in case of any difference in the hard and the softcopy, the one in hardcopy only will prevail.

- Request for clarification shall be submitted to procurement management unit via email heet.pmu@sua.ac.tz. Replies to clarifications requested by bidders will be emailed directly to all bidders.
- The site visit and Pre-Bid meetings shall take place as per Table 2;

Table 2: Site visit and Pre bidding meetings schedule

S/No	Lots	Location	Date and time
1	Lot I, II, and III	Sokoine University of Agriculture. Meeting point, at the Council Chamber	22nd May 2024 at 10:00AM

- Bidders are encouraged to attend this pre-bid as per Table 2 followed by site visits. The minutes of the pre-bid meeting will be shared with all bidders. The costs of attending the pre-bid meeting and site visit will be borne by the bidders.
- All bids must be accompanied by a "Bid Security" in the form of an Unconditional Bank Guarantee (on the format provided in the bidding document), amounting to Tanzanian Shillings (TZS) Two Hundred Million (TZS. 200,000,000.00) for Lot No. I, Two Hundred Forty Millions (TZS. 240,000,000.00) for Lot No. II and Fifty Five Millions (TZS. 55,000,000.00) for Lot No. III or the equivalent in any freely convertible currency. The Bid Security should be made payable to the Vice Chancellor, Sokoine University of Agriculture, and can be provided as an Unconditional Bank Guarantee from a reputable commercial bank. Bidders participating in more than one lot must provide separate bid security for each lot. The Bid Security should be addressed to the Vice Chancellor, Sokoine University of Agriculture, P.O. Box 3000, Morogoro, and should remain valid for twenty-eight (28) calendar days beyond the bid validity period, i.e., 148 calendar days after the bid submission deadline.
- Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.
- All Bids must be accompanied by a Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) and/or Sexual Harassment (SH) Declaration.
- The address(es) referred to above is,

Client: The Vice Chancellor, Sokoine University of Agriculture,
Address: P.O. Box 3000,
City/Town: Morogoro, Tanzania
Country: Tanzania.
Contact Person: Head, Procurement Management Unit

Tanzania high among African nations in poverty and inequality reduction

By Telesphor Magobe

A new report entitled "Economic Report on Africa (ERA): Investing in a Just and Sustainable Transition in Africa" published recently shows Tanzania's high prospects.

In this report, Tanzania tops 10 surveyed African economies in poverty and inequality reduction by 2045, according to the UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA).

The surveyed economies included Cameroon, Ethiopia, Kenya, Morocco, Namibia, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zimbabwe. In projected African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) contributions to reducing poverty by 2045, Tanzania tops the 10 surveyed economies by scoring in relative change (-11.5 per cent), followed by Ethiopia (-3.2 per cent), Zimbabwe (-1.3 per cent), Senegal (-1.0 per cent), Morocco (-0.9 per cent), Uganda (-0.7 per cent), Kenya (-0.7 per cent), Namibia (0.5 per cent), Cameroon (-0.4 per cent) and Rwanda (-0.1 per cent).

In absolute change (million), Tanzania tops the surveyed economies by scored (-1.06), followed by Ethiopia (-0.64), Zimbabwe (-0.01), Senegal (-0.02), Morocco (0.00), Uganda (-0.03), Kenya (-0.03), Namibia (0.00), Cameroon (-0.01) and Rwanda (0.00).

The ECA study suggests that 476 million Africans—about one third of the population and 50 million more than in 2019—will be in poverty in 2024. "Moreover, the share of poor people living in Africa is almost seven times higher than that in the rest of the world. A jump in the number of people vulnerable to poverty (measured as those living up to 20 per cent above the poverty line) in 2019-23 also causes concern."

The international poverty line is currently \$2.15 (about Sh5, 500) a day, used to determine whether a person lives in poverty or not. Linked to this is ILO's concept of the "working poor" - the type of "employees who spend 27 weeks or more in a year in the labour force either working or looking for work, but



whose incomes fall below the poverty line." These include employees who are fairly paid, but due to the number of dependants they have their salary falls below \$2.15 (about Sh5, 500) a day, these too qualify to be categorised as the "working poor".

The ECA report suggests that the capacity of African countries to reduce poverty and inequality is very much limited by the low poverty-reducing effect of economic growth (with poverty elasticity of growth at -0.24 in 2023).

"This confirms that countries with low initial development (or high initial poverty rates) and high inequality tend to have lower growth-poverty elasticity. The growth models of many African countries,

where extractive industries are the leading source of growth, are also a critical underlying factor of the low poverty elasticity of growth."

The report says a big challenge facing Africa, including Tanzania, is to create decent jobs that can uplift its growing population. Africa's present population stands at 1.4 billion people and it is projected to increase to 2.9 billion in 2050. "The size of the African labour force will thus continue growing in the next 25 years, with the working-age population projected to increase from 224 million in 2030 to 730 million by 2050."

As unemployment continues rising in Africa as 13 million young Africans are currently unemployed, the ECA report recommends "new social contracts in African countries could help address the mismatch and gaps in key skills, while tackling poverty, inequality, and informal employment, achievable by, for example, improving the affordability, accessibility, and applicability of education."

Since AfCFTA implementation can benefit people living in urban areas more than those living in rural areas, and also can benefit men more than women, the report recommends effective and specific measures to integrate rural populations - women and young people - in trade are critical, starting with the AfCFTA Protocol on Women and Youth in Trade, formalising women traders and facilitating women's access to finance. The ECA sees this can help reduce poverty and inequality among African people.

In 2022, Tanzania was also one of the five countries worldwide with the most inequality-reducing tax systems on income, according to The Commitment to Reducing Inequality (CRI) Index 2022. Based on this index, other countries were Ireland, Kenya, Lesotho and Argentina and these five countries were referred to as the "the most progressive tax impact".

Their change in Gini was as follows: Ireland (-0.0595), Kenya (-0.0512), Tanzania (-0.0431), Lesotho (-0.0423) and Argentina (-0.0405) and their percentage points change to pre-tax Gini is as follows: Ireland (-12.9), Kenya (-8.5), Tanzania (-7.1), Lesotho (-6.8) and Argentina (-7.1).

Gini coefficient (also called Gini index or ratio) is a measure of income distribution across a population, expressed as a number between 0 (perfect equality) and 1 (perfect inequality), according to Investopedia.

The CRI Index 2022 reviewed spending, tax and labour policies and actions of 161 governments across

the world on the extent to which they took necessary steps to reduce inequality from 2020-2022.

The index showed only 63 countries' tax systems were reducing inequality, while 97 countries were increasing it. The IMF suggests the most common metric of inequality is income inequality - the extent to which income is evenly distributed within a population.

IMF highlights three related concepts to income inequality as 1) lifetime inequality, which is inequality in incomes for an individual over his or her lifetime; 2) inequality of wealth, which is the distribution of wealth across households or individuals at a moment in time and 3) inequality of opportunity, which is an impact on the income of circumstances over which individuals have no control.



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THE GUARDIAN CROSSWORDS AND WORD FIT - 103 -

By Felix Magezi: 0787 00 97 94 // felixmagezi@gmail.com

14. a tall cedar with drooping branches, native to the Himalayas
 15. the capacity to tolerate delay
 18. a Maori wife
 20. to a higher degree than is desirable
 21. Togo's Capital
 24. Priest in Kiswahili
 25. gross
 26. serum

DOWN:

1. state of mind
 2. short for wine red
 3. someone treating a disease by conventional means
 4. division into distinct zones
 5. citrus fruit
 6. See in Kiswahili
 7. Parliament in Kiswahili
 11. a native of the US state of Idaho
 12. Ireland
 16. a snake-like fish
 17. a person who arrives
 19. the region of the atmosphere
 22. half of two
 23. the seventh letter of the Greek alphabet

ACROSS:

1. Rocky city in Tanzania
 5. hit a ball in a high arc
 8. petroleum
 9. list of available dishes
 10. controlled by or connected to a computer
 13. an adult human male

SET

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

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ULAZIMA	SEE: REG	EKE: OYEZ
SET: ESOL	RIVER	DELAY
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Yesterday's solution

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Tanga Port gets 28bn/- revenue for eight months

By Guardian Correspondent, Tanga

The Tanga port's infrastructure revamp and modernization of operations has raised efficiency and productivity to unprecedented levels, including setting new revenue collections record.

The 429bn/- investment spent in three years to upgrade the oldest port has resulted into boosting revenue collections to 28bn/- in the first eight months of the current fiscal year, which is 12 percent higher than the income recorded during the whole 2022/23 financial year.

According to the port's manager, Masudi Athuman Mrisha says the improved performance signifies the increased maritime trade and improved logistics services.

He explained that prior to the upgrading project, the port could hardly handle a million tonnes of cargo annually.

"The total revenue generated in the whole of 2022/23 amounted to 22bn/-, which we have surpassed with four months remaining before the current financial year ends," Mrisha said recently.

Cargo handled at the port during July 2023 - February 2024 amounted 868,957 tonnes, which was 116.1 percent of the outturn recorded during the same period in 2022/23.

"What we have achieved so far means this year's performance will be remarkably impressive," Mrisha told journalists visiting the port to witness improve-



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ments accrued from the upgrading investment.

The two-phase project to enhance the port's efficiency and boost its competitiveness commenced on August 3, 2019.

Mrisha said cargo handled annually increased by an average of 12 percent in five years, whereas growth of the ships calling at the port averaged 16.2 percent per annum during the period.

In 2018/19, the port handled 667,976 tonnes that increased to 987,828 tonnes during 2022/23 and the number of ships increased to 197 in 2022/23 from 125 during 2018/19.

He singled out the waiting port size as a major operational challenge.

"The 17 hectares where the current port is located are not enough to cope with the influx of cargo after the operational improvements that are attracting new customers especially from neighbouring countries," Mrisha stated.

"Nevertheless, the situation is being addressed and we are looking at expanding the port by seven hectares to the West. The requisite approvals for that have already been obtained from the relevant authorities," he explained.

The history of Tanga port dates back to the 1880s when the German colonialists established what they called "Marine Jetty" for serving their maritime interests in the region.

Port Manager said the first berth, which was 221 metres, was built in 1914 whereas the second that was 229 metres was put up in 1954.

The two berths had a limited capacity of handling only 750,000 tonnes of cargo annually that has now been upgraded to three million tonnes also due to acquisition of modern loading and unloading equipment.

Prior to completion of the first phase of the upgrading project that cost 172.3bn/-, cargo handling involved stream operations due to shallowness and narrowness of the port entrance and other strategic areas.

"After increasing the water depth from three metres to 13 metres, the 256.8bn/- second phase of the project involved revamping two 450-metre-long berths. We are now in position to accommodate large ships and effectively serve many countries in the Great Lakes market," he explained.

National parks quarterly earnings grow by 43pc

By Guardian Reporter

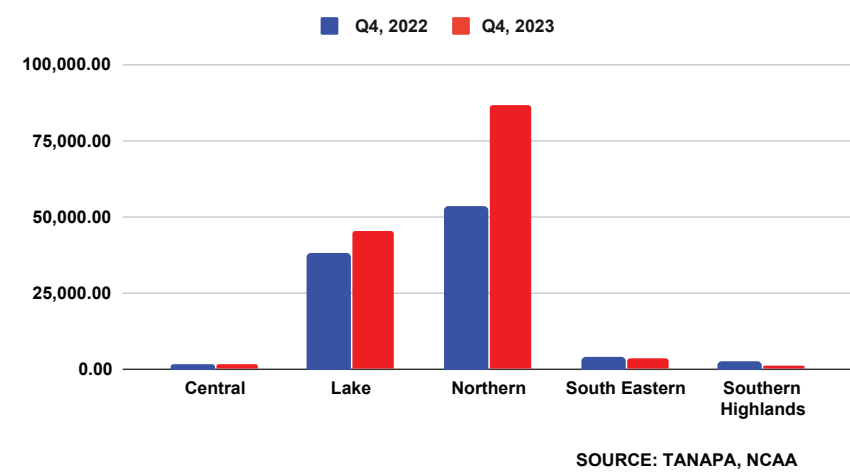
The quarterly earnings by the national parks in Tanzania Mainland grew by 42.8 percent during the fourth quarter of last year, compared to the fourth quarter of 2022, amid slight decreases of the number of visitors.

Provisional by Tanzania National Park Authority (Tanapa) and Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority (NCAA), earnings during the fourth quarter of last year amounted to 138.8bn/-, compared to 97.2bn/- recorded in Q4, 2022.

However, the combined amount of the reported quarters were lower than 241bn/- recorded during the third quarter of last year, which is usually the peak season for tourism activities.

The number of tourists visited national parks the fourth quarter of last year was 652,984, slight lower than 675,267 recorded in Q4, 2022 and below 1.03 million visitors recorded during the third quarter of last year.

Zonal quarterly national parks earnings, in million shillings



SOURCE: TANAPA, NCAA

Northern zone, the home of many national parks accounted for the largest shares of both visitors and earnings with 66.4 percent and 62.4 percent respectively.

Visitors to national parks located in the northern zone of Tanzania were 433,525 during the fourth quarter of last year, a slight decrease (9.4 percent), from 478,502 who visited during the fourth quarter of 2022.

Despite of the decreased number of visitors, earnings from tourism activities in the zone surged by

63.8 percent to 86.7bn/- compared to 52.9bn/- recorded in Q4, 2022 respectively, but during the third quarter of last year, the earnings amounted to 140bn/-.

Earnings for Lake zone, which accounts for the second largest share of tourism activities in national parks, increased by 20.9 percent to 45.6bn/- in the fourth quarter of last year or 32.8 percent of national total earnings, from 37.7bn/- in Q4, 2022.

However, during the third quarter, which is the peak season for tourist ac-

tivities, Lake zone earned 92.3bn/-.

Number of tourists recorded in the zone's national parks increased by 8.8 percent to 142,382 in the last quarter of last year, from 131,292 recorded in the fourth quarter of 2022, but lower than 233,153 tourists who were recorded in the third quarter of 2023.

The NCAA, Tanapa report also shows, number of visitors to central zone increased by 13.7 cent to 35,969 or 5.5 percent of total visitors from 31,628 recorded in the fourth quar-

ter of last year, but lower than 46,017 who visited the central zone national parks in Q3, 2023.

The provisional data show earnings from tourism activities in central zone, which accounts for 1.2 percent of total earnings increased by 35.8 percent to 1.7bn/- from 1.2bn/- respectively. Number of tourists who visited in south eastern zone of Tanzania increased by 24.4 percent to 31,226 during the fourth quarter, from 25,103 recorded during similar quarter of 2022, while earnings went up by 7.9 percent to 3.6bn/- compared to 3.4bn/- respectively.

The southern highlands zone, which accounts for the smallest share of tourism activities saw its number of tourists increase by 7.9 percent to 9,432 at the end of December last year, from 8,742 tourists who visited during similar quarter of 2022.

However, earnings from visitors in the zone's national parks declined by 35.5 percent to 1.2bn/- compared to 1.9bn/- respectively.

Study unveils Tanzania's untapped pharmaceutical market

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

Despite of being among of the largest pharmaceutical markets in Sub-Saharan Africa, the country is sitting on the huge untapped potentials.

This was unveiled by the Dr Patrokil Kanje, lecturer, University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM), when presenting the findings of a study on Tanzania's textile, pharmaceutical and food processing value chain.

Presenting the study findings to the members of Confederation of Tanzania Industries (CTI) in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, Dr Kanje said there are only 42 medical products manufacturing facilities, of which 18 are engaged in manufacturing pharmaceuticals products and 24 medical devices.

"The industry capacity is limited in range of products and primarily produces only generics that Tanzania remains a net importer," he said.

The United Nations COMTRADE database on international trade shows Tanzania imported



The University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) Lecturer, Dr Patrokil Kanje presents the study findings to members of CTI. Phot

more than 80 percent of pharmaceutical products worth \$458.7 million in 2021. Dr Kanje said local capacity to produce pharmaceuticals domestically has declined from 33 percent in 2009 to between 10 to 20 percent in 2022.

"This implies that, while the market has been growing at an estimated annual rate of 9 percent, the domestic product's value share has been declining between 10 and 20 percent," he said.

Dr Kanje said despite policy interventions and substantial efforts by the government, the existing regulatory framework and practice are characterized by over

regulation, which results into unbearable cost of business compliance.

"High compliance cost affects domestic and international competitiveness of pharmaceutical businesses, which has led into closure, capacity underutilization, limited investments, fall of exports with corresponding loss of jobs, income and forex," he said.

An analysis by CTI indicates that there are 22 different laws and 15 different regulators on food processing, textile and pharmaceutical value chain, which has resulted into overlapping and duplication of regulatory functions performed by

business regulators.

CTI says that businesses experience burdens, such as production down time to attend multiple inspectors, meeting compliance requirements and other resources incurred to facilitate the compliance process.

It takes at least 39 days to register business and at least 167 days to comply which include down time to attend inspectors, preparations of documentations, follow up on regulatory issues and attending mandatory trainings, according to CTI.

"The impact of the regulations is enormous and it is estimated that

the cost of compliance by food processor during the start-up phase is 6.5m/-, while annual compliance direct cost is estimated to be 15.5m/- and indirect cost estimates for labour, transport, communication and loss productivity amounting to at least 9m/-," he said.

He said that means that total compliance cost estimates (direct and indirect) is 31.2m/- per single business per annum, adding that in the textiles and pharmaceutical value chains, it is estimated to be 67.3m/- as regulatory compliance cost per year.

CTI's analysis also indicates that there is reluctance in harmonizing the national policies with regional policies especially in the area of tariffs on imports and import verification practices.

He further said C while the agreed common evaluation and verification of garments imported in East Africa Community is to be based on weight measured by kilogram, in Tanzania that has not been adopted and the same is by meter or pieces.

Dr Biteko urges financial institutions to empower citizens



Deputy Prime Minister and Energy minister Dr Dotto Biteko cuts the ribbon to mark the launch of the new electronic membership cards for the Tanzania Red Cross society in Dodoma city at the weekend. Others include Constitution and Legal Affairs minister, Dr Pindi Chana, TRCS President and Deputy Minister of Transport, David Kihenzile, and NBC Bank's Central Zone Manager of Miraji Msuya. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

DEPUTY Prime Minister and Energy Minister Dr Dotto Biteko has called on financial institutions to continue collaborating with the government in developing diverse services aimed at empowering citizens and addressing the challenges they face.

Representing President Samia Suluhu Hassan, Dr Biteko, made the remarks here at the weekend when speaking at the 62nd anniversary celebrations of the Tanzania Red Cross Society (TRCS).

"My call to financial institutions is for them to persistently collaborate with the government in the implementation of various projects that seek to resolve the challenges confronting citizens, such as the construction of water infrastructure, as well as continue to attract more citizens into the formal financial services system," he said.

He also lauded financial sector's contribution towards en-

hancing financial inclusion and assist in the implementation of major national development projects.

The DPM said that financial inclusion has grown to the higher heights and "these has helped the government to realise its targets particularly in managing strategic development projects."

Visiting the NBC Bank's booth at the celebration held at the Jakaya Kikwete Convention Centre, Dr Biteko applauded the bank for the continuous support to the government's initiatives including the construction of water infrastructure in Tanga Region through a green bond facility.

Dr Biteko also led the launch of the new electronic membership cards for the Tanzania Red Cross Society through the NBC Bank, accompanied by other senior government officials, including ministers, senior leaders of the Red Cross Society led by its President.

He also included the launch of the new electronic member-

ship cards for the organization through the bank.

Miraji Msuya, bank's central zone manager said that the lender has done various initiatives in serving the community, including the management of the green bond facility for the water infrastructure project in Tanga Region and the introduction of the new electronic membership cards for the Red Cross Society.

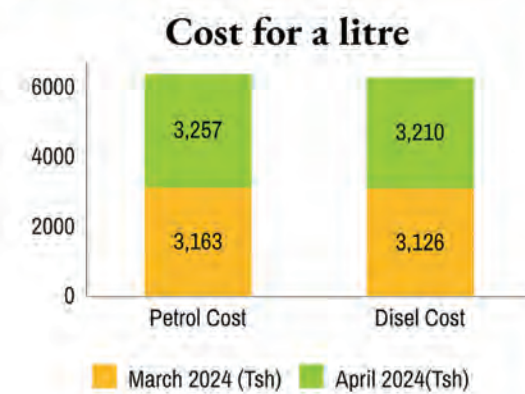
Msuya said it is the result of the collaboration between the bank and the TRCS, driven by the shared commitment of the two institutions to volunteerism in supporting the community on various humanitarian issues, including the provision of diverse forms of assistance in response to the effects of various disasters affecting the nation.

"It is due to the similarity in our intentions between NBC and our colleagues at the TRCS that has led to this collaboration we are witnessing today," Msuya said.

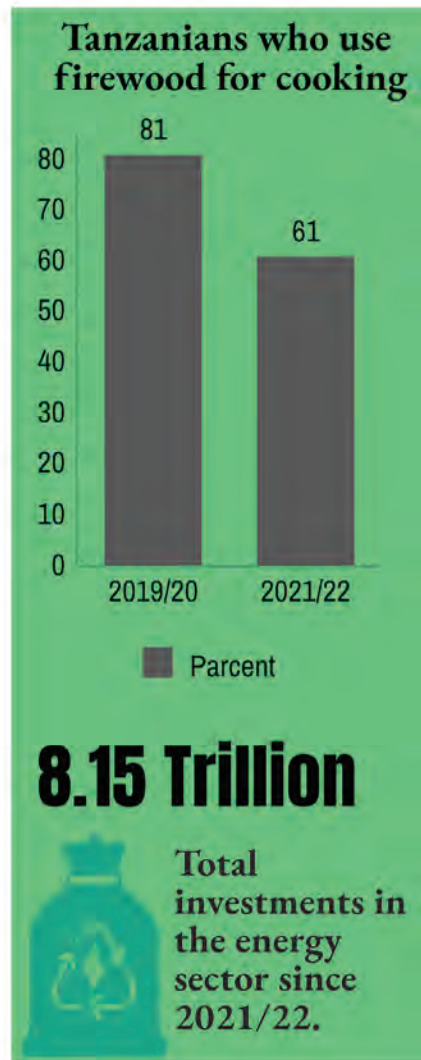
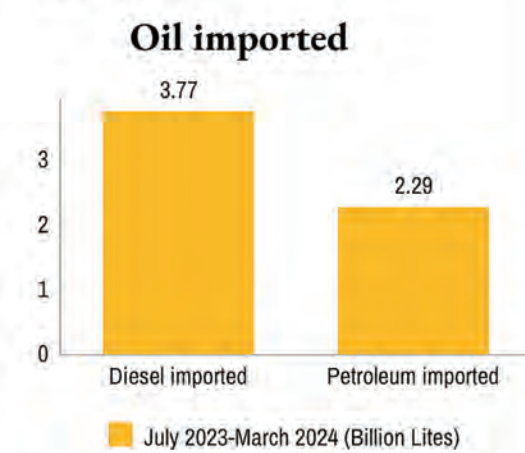
SPECIAL REPORT

Journey to shift from charcoal, fuels, firewood consumptions -1

ENERGY SOURCES AND CONSUMPTION IN TANZANIA


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Grown trees in 2023/24


6.28 Billion Litres of petroleum products imported between July 2023 and March 2024.

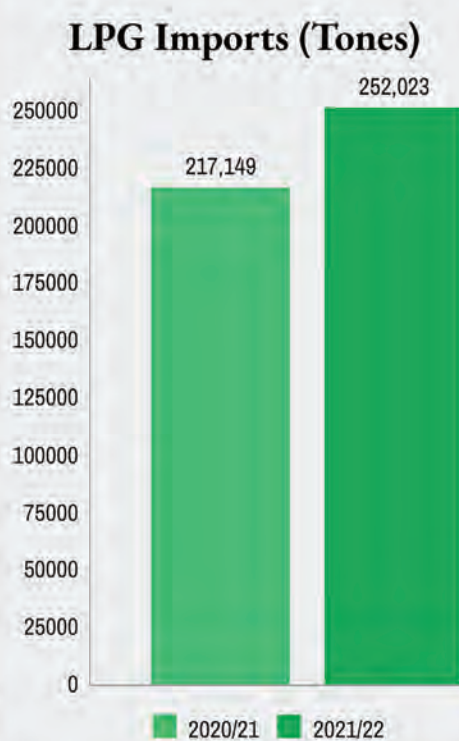


1 in 14 households Has a cooking stove with improved efficiency in rural Tanzania.

469,420 Hecteres wasted in firewood, charcoal and construction purposes every year.

2,138 Mega watts Total electricity generated as of March 2024.

2,522 Petrol and diesel filling stations licensed as of March 2024.



Source: Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) and National Bureau of Statistics (NBS).

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By Francis Kajubi

In a bid to save costs, conserve and sustain the environment, the government is implementing a new plan, to shift from using traditional cooking, mobility and industrial energy sources to alternative energies.

The initiative is targeting at enabling low-income earning families to easily shift from the use of charcoal and firewood that leads to deforestation and health to cleaner and efficient energy, specifically gas.

The initiative also aims at saving the costs government purchasing imported petroleum products for its motor vehicles through migrating into natural gas, of which Tanzania has a reserve of 57 trillion cubic feet.

The shift has gained a fast pace since the past two years as the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) through its monthly cap prices index released on April 3, 2024 states that throughout the month, the retail pump price in Dar es Salaam for petrol stood at 3,257/- per liter compared to 3,163/- in March 2024.

It states that diesel fetched 3,210/- per liter in April 2024 compared to 3,126/- the preceding month.

Dr. Mwigulu Nchemba, Finance Minister when parliamentarians debated the government's budget estimates for 2022/23 in the National Assembly, revealed that as of June 2022 the government owned 15,742 motor vehicles, 14,047 motor cycles and 373 machines.

He said that the government spends nearly 3trn/- annually in purchasing motor vehicles' fuel, the motor vehicles' spare parts and in maintenance of the vehicles.

If a liter of petrol fetched 3,257/- in April 2024 as per EWURA's monthly cap price and a top public official using a Land Cruiser that

consumes an average of 150 liters of petrol a day, the government incurs 178,320,750/- throughout the 365 days of the year to keep this vehicle on the road.

In that regard, the government spent 2.58trn/- to keep the 15,742 motor vehicles on the road as of June 2022 when a liter of petrol fetched 2,994/- far from the motor cycles' and machinery expenditure.

This is the reason why the government is investing in the establishment of enough Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) filling stations and lobbying the private sector to join this initiative. Top government officials believe that CNG is likely to cut the spending on fuel by more than a half.

The government is also investing in Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) and Biogas projects for households, institutions and manufacturing industries consumption.

67 percent of Tanzanians use firewood for cooking as per the Impact of Access to Sustainable Energy Survey (IASSES) 2021/22 by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS).

The percentage indicates a drop in firewood consumption from 81 percent as stipulated in the NBS's National Sample Census of Agriculture Report (NSCA) for 2019/20.

It states only one in 14 households in the rural areas using firewood has a cooking stove with improved efficiency.

Charcoal is the second most common energy source used for cooking (25 percent) compared to 15 percent in the NSCA 2019/20 report.

In rural areas about 88 percent of households use firewood compared with six percent in Dar es Salaam and ten percent in other urban areas.

34 percent of households in Dar es Salaam use gas while electricity is used by 0.46 percent.

In other urban areas, 14 percent of households use gas for cooking

while only two percent use electricity. In rural areas, 148 percent of households use gas for cooking, and none use electricity.

The National Environmental Management Act No. 20, 2004 Section 6 states: "Every person living in Tanzania shall have a stake and a duty to safeguard and enhance the environment and to inform the relevant authority of any activity and phenomenon that may affect the environment significantly."

On April 19th 2024 when closing the Energy Sector Week exhibitions held at the National Assembly premises in Dodoma, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa said that the shift from using firewood and charcoal for cooking will save over 400,000 hectares that vanishes every year.

He said since the 2021/22 fiscal year the government had injected 8.15trn/- in enhancing the energy sector.

"I encourage the Members of Parliament to start converting their vehicles into using CNG which instead of paying 1mn/- for petrol or diesel from Dodoma to Mwanza city one can secure two CNG cylinders for 40,000/- to travel the same distance," defended Majaliwa.

Majaliwa testified that he has proved that one can spend less than 20,000/- for CNG to travel from Dar es Salaam to Lindi region, a journey that costs 283,000/- by using a vehicle that uses diesel or petrol.

Article 27 (1) of the Constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania 1977 states: "Every person has the duty to protect the natural resources of the United Republic, the property of the State authority, all property collectively owned by the people."

In protection of forests and trees, the Premier said that the government has set a target of making 80 percent of the 61.7 million Tanzania's population to shift from using charcoal and firewood to natural gas products come

2034/35.

"The government is eager to see 90 percent of its institutions shifted from using firewood and charcoal for cooking as of December this year. A grace period of up to July this year has been granted for the institutions to lay down LNG, LPG and Biogas infrastructure," said Majaliwa.

The National Environmental Policy 2021 indicates that the rate of deforestation for firewood, charcoal and construction purposes is estimated at 469,420 hectares per year. Deforestation is rampant in unreserved forests.

The Policy states that Tanzania Mainland has 48.1 million hectares of forests and woodlands, representing 55 percent of the total land area.

The report on the Status of Environment focusing on Land Degradation, Forest Degradation and Deforestation by the Controller and Auditor General (CAG) for 2018/19 shows that 54 percent of the local government authorities (LGAs) indicated that the level of deforestation was getting worse as years pass by.

Dr. Doto Biteko, Energy Minister admitted that in Tanzania 85 percent of public and private vehicles are still using petroleum products.

Dr. Biteko said that through the Bulk Procurement System (BPS) for the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) 6.28 billion liters of petroleum products were imported into the country between July 2023 and March 2024.

He said there are 75 OMCs of which 18 are pre-qualified in the bidding process through BPS where only five are active and effective in the bidding process.

Dr. Biteko who also doubles as the Deputy Prime Minister said that of the imported petroleum products, diesel accounted for 3.77 billion liters, petrol 2.29 billion liters while Jet A-1 or Kerosene accounted for 224 million liters.

"Of the 6.28 billion liters, 3.37 billion liters (53.7 percent) were

destined for the domestic market while the remaining was for transit to landlocked countries," said Dr. Biteko.

He asserted that as of March 2024 total electricity generation capacity stood at 2,138 megawatts of which 1,198.8 megawatts were generated from Liquefied Natural Gas (56.1 percent).

836.3 megawatts were generated from hydropower sources (39.1 percent), 92.4 megawatts were generated from oil products (4.3 percent) and 10.5 megawatts (0.5 percent) were generated from Biogas.

According to him, as of March this year 2,522 petrol and diesel filling stations were licensed countrywide to run fuel businesses up from 2,297 in March 2023 an increase of 9.8 percent.

"Of the filling stations, 434 are in rural areas increasing from 287 (51.22 percent) in March 2023," said the DPM.

He said the government is in the final stages of recruiting a consultant for administering the conversion of government's vehicles to using CNG. However, the near future plan is for the government to start importing vehicles that are already installed with the CNG system.

In the middle of the energy sources shifting initiative, he said, the government is considering the establishment of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR).

This is the case when global crude oil market prices had between July 2023 and March 2024 dropped by seven percent to an average of \$84 per barrel compared to an average of \$90 per barrel the corresponding periods in 2023 due to various reasons including the Ukraine-Russia war.

The Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) Report for the year ended June 2022 states that in 2021/22 a sum of 4.09 billion liters of petroleum products were imported into the country compared to 3.83 billion

liters in 2020/21.

The report shows that Puma Energy, TotalEnergies and GBP dominated the market share in imports and supply of the petroleum products by 10.8 percent, 10 percent and 7.6 percent respectively.

"During the financial year 2021/22, LPG imports increased to 252,023 metric tons up from 217,149 metric tons in 2020/21," reads the EWURA's latest released report.

The Vice President's Office, Environment and Union Minister Dr. Selemani Jafo said that in 2022, the ministry initiated a campaign that required every district council to plant 1.5 million trees a year.

He said during 2023/24 a total of 266,970,203 trees were planted in the 184 country's district councils of which 211,805,184 have grown well, an equivalent of 76.5 percent of the planted trees.

The campaign is aligned to sensitizing citizens and the private sector to join the government's campaign in saving the country from turning into a future desert.

Dr. Jafo asserted that during 2023/24 financial year, a total of 169 public institutions have complied with the government's directive of not using firewood and charcoal as main energy sources in public institutions that feed more than 100 people at a time.

He mentioned the public institutions that have adhered to the order of shifting from charcoal and firewood as 30 Education Colleges, 51 Community Development Colleges and eight Vocational Education and Training Colleges.

Advera Mwijage, Director of Renewable and Alternative Energy Technology at the Rural Energy Agency (REA) said that the Agency has entered into a three-year agreement (2023 to 2026) worth 34bn/- with the Tanzania Prisons Force for supplying it 15,920 LPG cylinders for its officers.

However, the agreement obligates REA to supply the Force with 61 alternative charcoal stoves, to lay down LNG and Biogas infrastructure in 129 prisons of which 76 prisons have already been installed with the infrastructure.

The agreement also will see REA lay down the gas infrastructure in 47 prison camps, 26 prisons regional offices and one Prison's Force Hospital.

"The Agency has started supplying 200,000 improved stoves to rural communities and 500,000 gas cylinders of 15kg and 30kg at affordable prices," said Mwijage.

The 2015 joint report dubbed: "Tree Harvest Guidelines for Sustainable Production of Charcoal," by the Tanzania Forest Conservation Group (TFCG), the Tanzania Traditional Energy Development Organization (TaTEDO), MJUMITA and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation recommends that a farmer with six to ten hectares of tree plantations should produce charcoal on a sustainable basis by harvesting one hectare every year.

The National Climate Change Strategy 2012 states that 80 percent of the glaciers on Mountain Kilimanjaro have melted since 1912 due to cutting down of trees for firewood, charcoal and construction thus rising temperatures in the Kilimanjaro National Park (KINAPA).

The report on Global Warming by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) for 2018 reveals that two thirds of the coral reefs are likely to disappear by 2030, and all coral reefs will disappear by 2050, if temperature increases above 1.5 degree Celsius.

Ringo Mowo, Executive Director, Sharon Ringo Foundation said that in its 2023/28 strategic plan, the Foundation is set on sensitizing students in primary and secondary schools to plant 10 million trees where so far 51,000 trees have been planted since earlier last year.

"The Foundation is focusing on three intervention areas namely climate action, environmental justice and sustainable tourism;

The main goal is to enhance the young generation, women and communities to act on the three areas thus contributing to a well-being for all through environmental conservation," said Mowo.

To be continued.

WORLD

Israel orders new evacuations in Rafah after UN votes in favour of Palestine's membership

JERUSALEM

ISRAEL ordered new evacuations on Saturday in Gaza's southern city of Rafah as it prepared to escalate its military operation, a day after the United Nations (UN) passed a resolution endorsing the Palestinian request for full UN membership.

More than 1 million displaced Palestinians are seeking refuge in Rafah, where a severe humanitarian crisis looms large due to shortages of essential supplies such as water, food and medical care. Now, the city is on the brink of a new impending crisis.

"The residents of the camps of Shaboura and the Al-Adari, Al-Jeneina, and Khirbet Al-Adas neighborhoods in Blocks 6-9, 17, 25-27, and 31 must leave their houses immediately," Avichai Adraee, spokesperson of the Israeli army, said in a statement.

Hamas militants used the mentioned areas for military activities against the Israeli people, which forced the army to expand its military operations there to eliminate Hamas fighters, said Adraee.

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) said in a post on X, formerly Twitter, that to continue its precise operations in spe-

cific areas of eastern Rafah, it has urged the population from additional areas in eastern Rafah to temporarily evacuate to the expanded humanitarian area in Al-Mawasi.

The UN has warned that a Rafah invasion would further exacerbate the humanitarian crisis and lead to a rise in civilian casualties.

Georgios Petropoulos, an official with the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Rafah, said the World Food Program will run out of food for distribution in southern Gaza by Saturday.

"We simply have no tents, we have no blankets, no bedding," he was quoted as saying. Israel's latest move has caused discontent in the West. U.S. President Joe Biden has said the United States won't supply Israel with weapons if it launches Rafah offensive.

His administration said on Friday that there was substantial evidence suggesting that Israel had violated international laws protecting civilians. European Council President Charles Michel also urged Israel not to carry out a military operation in Rafah. "Evacuation orders for civilians trapped in Rafah to unsafe zones are unacceptable," Michel



wrote on X on Saturday.

The UN General Assembly on Friday adopted a historic resolution supporting the Palestinian bid to become a full UN member.

It showcased increasing support for the Palestinians, with numerous countries expressing outrage over the rising death toll in Gaza and concerns about a potential major Israeli offensive in Rafah.

The resolution was adopted with 143 votes in favor and nine against, including the United States and Israel, while 25 countries abstained. It "determines" that a State of Palestine is qualified for membership, dropping the original language that in the UN General Assembly's judgment it is "a peace-loving state."

"The overwhelming vote in favor of the resolution clearly indicates the compass of global will and the direction of international public opinion," Arab League Secretary-General Ahmed Aboul Gheit was cited as say-

ing in a statement released by the Cairo-based, pan-Arab organization.

The Egyptian Foreign Ministry said in a statement that the "historic resolution" recognized the rights of Palestinian people who have suffered for more than seven decades of foreign occupation.

Also on Friday, South Africa submitted another urgent request to the International Court of Justice (ICJ), urging the court to persuade Israel to take steps to prevent genocide of the Palestinians, including a demand that Israel withdraw from Rafah immediately. Israel has called on the ICJ to reject the urgent request.

"The repeated requests for provisional measures made by South Africa, which are based on false claims and deliberate omissions of fact in order to assist Hamas, are yet another attempt to cynically exploit the ICJ in The Hague," Oren Marmorstein, a spokesman for the Israeli Foreign Ministry, wrote on X.

'We worship our Mother...365 days a year'

HOOGHLY

ON the occasion of Mothers' Day yesterday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was gifted a portrait of his mother Late Heeraben Patel during his public rally in Hooghly, West Bengal and said that the people in West celebrate this day as Mother's Day but in India we worship our Mother 365 days a year.

While addressing a public meeting in Hooghly, PM Modi asked the Special Protection Group (SPG) commandos to collect the portrait of his mother (brought as gifts) from two young people.

"The people in the rally are here who made the picture of my mother. The people in 'West' celebrate this day as Mother's Day, but in India, we worship our Mother, Ma Durga, Ma Kaali and Bharat Mata, 365 days a year. I request SPG commandos to collect the pictures. Please mention your addresses at the back of the paper. SPG people take photos of my mother from both people. I want to thank both of you," PM Modi said on Sunday.

Meanwhile, in the first picture, the Prime Minister was sitting on the floor, while his hands were on his mother's lap.

In the second picture, PM Modi and his mother were seen sitting together and her mother's hands were on his son's (PM) shoulder.

Mother's Day annually falls on the second Sunday of May. This year, it is being celebrated on May 12. Mother's Day honours mothers and mother figures around the globe. **ANI**

India highlights forest conservation, sustainable management initiatives at 19th session of UNFF

NEW YORK

INDIA participated in the 19th Session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF), held at the UN Headquarters in New York from May 6th to 10th, 2024, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change informed in a press release.

During the session, India highlighted the country's significant advancements in forest conservation and sustainable forest management, which led to a consistent increase in forest cover over the past fifteen years. Globally, India ranks third in the net gain, in average annual forest area, between 2010 and 2020.

India shared the high priority the country provides towards biodiversity and wildlife conservation, having expanded the network of protected areas to over a thousand wildlife sanctuaries, national parks, tiger reserves, biosphere reserves, and other wildlife habitats.

The recent celebrations marking 50 years of Project Tiger and 30 years of Project Elephant underscore India's commitment to species conservation and habitat protection.

India also highlighted the creation of the International Big Cat Alliance, another important step aimed at protecting and conserving the seven big cat species around the world through collaborative international efforts.

India also shared the introduction of the 'Green Credit Programme', designed to incentivize entities to take up tree plantations and restore degraded forest lands, which aims to further strengthen climate action initiatives.

Previously, in October 2023, India hosted the Country Led Initiative under UNFF at Dehradun, attended by representatives from 40 countries and 20 international organisations and held discussions on forest fire management and forest certification.

The recommendations from this initiative were presented by India during UNFF 19.

The Ministry also hosted a side event on 'Principles and Strategies for Landscape Integrated Fire Management through Collaborative Governance' in partnership with the Agency for Integrated Rural Fire Management, Portugal, the Korea Forest Service, and the International Tropical Timber Organisation (ITTO) at UNFF 19 in New York.

The UNFF 19 culminated in a declaration to take urgent and accelerated actions to halt deforestation and forest degradation and to prevent land degradation, including the implementation of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests and the achievement of the Global Forest Goals.

The Indian delegation was led by Jitendra Kumar, Director General of Forests and Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. **ANI**

Erratic power supply in Ghana hits businesses, livelihoods

ACCRA

GHANAIAN neighborhoods, including the eastern port city of Tema and its environs, have been grappling with prolonged, intermittent power outages over the past few weeks.

This erratic electricity supply is part of a nationwide power crisis that is impacting not only residential consumers but also businesses, both small and large.

In Ashaiman, a town near Tema, the power outage has left many welders and car sprayers, who rely on electricity for their businesses, idle. As a result, 35-year-old welder Yehusa Abdul-Malik has suffered income loss.

"A customer gave me a job to make door frames and windows for him using metal. I promised to complete the work within a week. However, due to the power outages, I was unable to start, and he became infuriated and took the job to another person," Abdul-Malik said.

Napoleon Ahiabile, a 51-year-old barber and resident of Tema, described the power crisis as a nightmare, leading to a drastic reduction in his income. Operating his barbering business for over a decade, Ahiabile said that he could barely maintain his home and meet other expenditures because of the crisis.

"Sometimes, I work for only two days a week, and even within those days, there are intermittent outages, hence affecting business. I have to turn clients away because there is no electricity in my shop.

This has reduced the amount of money I earn, and I find it difficult to feed my household well," he said.

Ahiabile, who employed two others in his shop, urged the Ghanaian authorities to find a permanent solution to the crisis to ameliorate the suffering of many others.

"I want to appeal to the government to do everything possible to fix the problem for us so that we can have a stable power supply in order to keep us in business," Ahiabile added.

Adjo Enyonam, a 33-year-old cold store operator at Ashaiman, also lamented the negative impact the power crisis has had on her business. According to



the mother of two, the power crisis has caused her to record losses due to unannounced outages on her premises.

"The recent unannounced power outages are really affecting me. The fish stock amounting to about 500 U.S. dollars that I had kept in the refrigerator went bad when I returned the following day and had to throw them away.

That's money going down the drain," said Enyonam. "To make matters worse, I bought a new refrigerator recently, and the intermittent power supply had destroyed it because I had no stabilizer to protect it. The outages are really biting hard at us, and the earlier the government solves them, the better for all of us," she added.

Nightlife in Tema and its environs has been characterized by total darkness, as the usual bustling activities in the evenings are virtually nonexistent. Most pubs and eateries, among others, have shut down their operations or had to close earlier than usual.

Most parts of the West African country have been

experiencing unannounced power outages, with consumers calling on the power distribution company, the Electricity Company of Ghana (ECG), to provide a load-shedding timetable to enable people to plan their activities regarding power usage.

The local electricity company has blamed the power cuts on overloaded transformers, but some experts suggest it is partly due to the country's inability to pay private electricity suppliers who provide the bulk of Ghana's electricity.

Herbert Krapa, the chairman of the governing board of the ECG, assured Ghanaians on Wednesday that the ongoing power crisis would be resolved soon.

"The government has put in place immediate measures to ensure the return of an uninterrupted supply of power to consumers. I can, therefore, state that the unfortunate power challenges Ghanaians are facing should be over in the next few days," he said in a Facebook post.

Researchers find how ketogenic diet improves severe mental illness

STANFORD

THE common antipsychotic medication used for severe mental illnesses such as schizophrenia and bipolar disorder might have unintended consequences. Although these medications aid in the regulation of brain chemistry, they frequently result in metabolic adverse effects, such as obesity and insulin resistance, which are so upsetting that many patients cease taking them.

According to a recent pilot study conducted by doctors at Stanford Medicine, a ketogenic diet helps these individuals' mental health in addition to restoring their metabolic health while they

continue their drug regimen. The findings, which were released in Psychiatry Research, indicate that nutritional interventions can be quite effective in addressing mental health conditions.

"It's very promising and very encouraging that you can take back control of your illness in some way, aside from the usual standard of care," said Shebani Sethi, MD, associate professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences and the first author of the new paper.

The senior author of the paper is Laura Saslow, PhD, associate professor of health behavior and biological sciences at the University of

Michigan.

Sethi, who is board certified in obesity and psychiatry, remembers when she first noticed the connection. As a medical student working in an obesity clinic, she saw a patient with treatment-resistant schizophrenia whose auditory hallucinations quieted on a ketogenic diet.

That prompted her to dig into the medical literature. There were only a few, decades-old case reports on using the ketogenic diet to treat schizophrenia, but there was a long track record of success in using ketogenic diets to treat epileptic seizures.

"The ketogenic diet has been proven to be effective

for treatment-resistant epileptic seizures by reducing the excitability of neurons in the brain," Sethi said. "We thought it would be worth exploring this treatment in psychiatric conditions."

A few years later, Sethi coined the term metabolic psychiatry, a new field that approaches mental health from an energy conversion perspective.

In the four-month pilot trial, Sethi's team followed 21 adult participants who were diagnosed with schizophrenia or bipolar disorder, taking antipsychotic medications, and had a metabolic abnormality -- such as weight gain, insulin resistance, hy-

pertriglyceridemia, dyslipidemia or impaired glucose tolerance. The participants were instructed to follow a ketogenic diet, with approximately 10% of the calories from carbohydrates, 30% from protein and 60% from fat. They were not told to count calories.

"The focus of eating is on whole non-processed foods including protein and non-starchy vegetables, and not restricting fats," said Sethi, who shared keto-friendly meal ideas with the participants. They were also given keto cookbooks and access to a health coach.

The research team tracked how well the participants

followed the diet through weekly measures of blood ketone levels. (Ketones are acids produced when the body breaks down fat -- instead of glucose -- for energy.) By the end of the trial, 14 patients had been fully adherent, six were semi-adherent and only one was non-adherent.

The participants underwent a variety of psychiatric and metabolic assessments throughout the trial.

Before the trial, 29% of the participants met the criteria for metabolic syndrome, defined as having at least three of five conditions: abdominal obesity, elevated triglycerides, low HDL cholesterol,

elevated blood pressure and elevated fasting glucose levels. After four months on a ketogenic diet, none of the participants had metabolic syndrome.

On average, the participants lost 10% of their body weight; reduced their waist circumference by 11% percent; and had lower blood pressure, body mass index, triglycerides, blood sugar levels and insulin resistance.

"We're seeing huge changes," Sethi said. "Even if you're on antipsychotic drugs, we can still reverse the obesity, the metabolic syndrome, the insulin resistance. I think that's very encouraging for patients." **ANI**

Prince Harry and Meghan reach Nigeria for a three-day visit

ABUJA

THE Duke and Duchess of Sussex have touched down in Nigeria, embarking on a three-day private visit to the West African nation. Their itinerary includes meetings with wounded soldiers and visits to local charities, officials confirmed. CNN reported.

Air Vice-Marshal Abidemi Marquis, director of sports for the Nigerian Defence Headquarters, stated during a media briefing that the Sussexes' visit is significant as Nigeria is now part of the "Invictus community."

Their first engagement was hosted at a school in Abuja, Nigeria's capital, where Meghan expressed a heartfelt sentiment to the students, saying, "I see myself in all of you".

Outside the Lightway Academy, students eagerly awaited the royal couple's arrival, accompanied by a troupe of dancers. This event marked the commencement of a two-day mental health summit organized by the GEANCO Foundation, which focuses on providing menstrual health products and education to girls and young women across Nigeria, as reported by CNN.

"We're so honoured to be with you. We have got to acknowledge those amazing dance moves! My husband was excited to jump up!" Meghan exclaimed to the cheering students.

Prince Harry joined the conversation, engaging the children in a discussion about mental health and emphasising the importance of looking out for one another.

"Will you promise to us that after today, no more being scared, no more being unsure of mental health? If you are unsure, then ask. Ask your teachers. Ask your friends. Be there for one another," he urged the students. "If you see your friend in your class not smiling, what are you gonna do? You gonna check in with them? Are you gonna ask him if they're okay? 'Cause it's okay not to be okay."

As they bid farewell, the royal couple received a traditional wooden mask and a set of books about Nigerian heritage. "I need to read these now," added the duchess.



Prince Harry (R) and Meghan

The invitation to Nigeria came from Chief of Defense Staff Christopher Musa, Nigeria's highest-ranking military official. He formally welcomed the Sussexes at a meeting held at the defence headquarters in Abuja. Expressing gratitude to their hosts, Prince Harry commended Nigeria for recognizing the transformative power of sport in the rehabilitation process for injured or wounded individuals, according to CNN.

"You're not the first country to notice that it not only transforms lives but saves lives. I'm

eternally grateful to you all of you for joining the Invictus movement for Nigeria and for every single soul who's been injured protecting the freedoms of Nigeria," he remarked.

Marquis highlighted Meghan's keenness to accompany her husband on the visit, citing her discovery in 2022 that she has Nigerian heritage, making this trip particularly meaningful for her.

The announcement of the Sussexes' visit generated widespread excitement among the Nigerian public. Oyeyemi Aderibigbe, a

Lagos-based lawyer, expressed admiration for Prince Harry's authenticity and Meghan's advocacy efforts.

Entrepreneur Ife Durosinn-Etti conveyed her excitement about Meghan's Nigerian heritage, noting the resilience and determination commonly associated with Nigerian women.

This marks the Sussexes' inaugural visit to Nigeria as a couple, during which they will heavily promote Invictus, as well as themes of mental health and female empowerment.

Prince Harry's brief visit to London, where he attended events commemorating the 10th anniversary of the Invictus Games, preceded his arrival in Abuja. Meghan flew in from Los Angeles, and together, they have a packed schedule, including visits to military rehabilitation centers and organizations supporting veterans' welfare.

On Saturday, Prince Harry is set to join wounded veterans in a sitting volleyball game, while Meghan will co-host a women's leadership event with Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director-General of the World Trade Organisation, as reported by CNN.

As their visit is described as private, the royal couple will not meet with Nigeria's President, Bola Tinubu. However, they will meet with the governors of Lagos and Kaduna State.

UK's High Commissioner to Nigeria, Richard Montgomery, clarified that the absence of a

meeting with the Nigerian leader is because "they are visiting in a private capacity, not an official one."

Nigeria's military personnel face significant challenges, particularly in combating the Boko Haram insurgency. Musa briefed the couple on the issues, including terrorism and criminality, emphasizing the threat posed by improvised explosive devices (IEDs).

In response, Prince Harry expressed anticipation for visiting a hospital supporting military personnel in Kaduna, acknowledging Nigeria's commitment to the Invictus Games recovery program.

The Nigerian Defence Headquarters, the couple's hosts, are eager to further engage in the Invictus Games and the broader Invictus community. Marquis recalled Nigeria's participation in the most recent games and expressed aspirations to host the games in the future.

He underscored the positive impact of the Invictus Games recovery program on Nigerian soldiers, noting significant improvements in self-esteem and mental health among participants.

Cpl Effiom Antigha, captain of Team Nigeria, previously highlighted the transformative effect of the games on his life, affirming that the Invictus Foundation has contributed to his physical and mental development, CNN reported. ANI

Researchers find ways to reduce side effects of breast, ovarian cancer treatment

GENEVA

CERTAIN anti-cancer medications also target healthy cells in addition to malignant cells. Their use may become restricted if their effects on the latter are excessively powerful.

The mechanism of action of PARP inhibitors, which are specifically used for treating breast and ovarian cancer in individuals with the BRCA gene mutation, has been determined by a team from the University of Geneva (UNIGE) in co-operation with Basel-based FoRx Therapeutics.

These inhibitors prevent the PARP proteins from engaging in two distinct functions. Healthy cells are protected while the harmful effect on cancer cells is maintained by inhibiting one of them.

The effectiveness of these treatments will be enhanced by this

research, which was published in the journal Nature.

Despite the thousands of lesions that damage our DNA every day, the genome of our cells is particularly stable thanks to a highly efficient repair system.

Among the genes coding for repair proteins are BRCA1 and BRCA2 (for Breast CAncer 1 and 2), which are particularly involved in DNA double helix breaks.

The presence of mutations in these genes (in around 2 out of every 1,000 women) can result in non-repair of damaged DNA, and greatly increase the risk of developing breast or ovarian cancer (or prostate cancer in men).

PARP inhibitors have been used to treat this type of cancer for around 15 years. PARP proteins can detect breaks or abnormal structures in the DNA double helix. PARPs then temporarily stick to the DNA, synthesizing a chain of sugars which acts as an alarm signal to recruit the proteins involved in DNA repair.

Treatments based on PARP inhibitors block these activities and trap the PARP protein on the DNA. There is then no alarm signal to trigger DNA repair.

This treatment proves toxic for fast-growing cells such as cancer cells, which generate too many mutations without having time to repair them and are thus doomed to die. But our bodies are also home to fast-growing healthy cells.

This is the case, for example, of hematopoietic cells - the source of red and

white blood cells - which, as collateral victims, are also massively destroyed by anti-PARP treatments.

The mechanisms by which anti-PARP drugs kill cells (cancerous or not) are still poorly understood. Professor Thanos Halazonetis' laboratory in the Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology at the UNIGE Faculty of Science, in collaboration with FoRx Therapeutics, has dissected the mechanisms of action of PARP inhibitors.

The scientists used two classes of PARP inhibitors that identically block PARP's enzymatic activity - that is, the synthesis of the sugar chain that serves as an alarm signal - but do not trap PARP on DNA with the same strength.

The team observed that both inhibitors kill cancer cells with the same efficiency, but that the inhibitor that weakly binds PARP to DNA is much less toxic to healthy cells.

"We discovered that PARP not only acts as an alarm signal to recruit DNA repair proteins, it also intervenes when abnormal DNA structures are formed as a result of collisions between different machineries that read or copy the same portion of DNA," explains Michalis Petropoulos, post-doctoral fellow in the Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology at the UNIGE Faculty of Science and first author of the study.

When using anti-PARP treatment, this warning signal to prevent collisions is not triggered.

These collisions between the ma-

chinery will lead to an increase in DNA lesions, which cannot be repaired in cancer cells, because they lack the BRCA repair proteins.

The second activity of PARP treatments, resulting in tight binding, aka trapping, of PARPs on DNA also leads to DNA damage that needs to be repaired by cells. But this repair is not mediated by the BRCA repair proteins and, as a result, both normal and cancer cells are killed.

"We therefore discovered that inhibition of the enzyme activity is sufficient to kill cancer cells, whereas trapping - when PARP is strongly bound to DNA - kills the normal cells as well, and therefore is responsible for the toxicity of these drugs.

This knowledge will make it possible to develop safer PARP inhibitors that inhibit PARP's enzymatic activity without trapping it on DNA," summarizes Thanos Halazonetis, head of the study. ANI

US President Joe Biden calls Donald Trump 'unhinged,' says 'something snapped' in after he lost 2020 elections

SEATTLE

PRESIDENT Joe Biden on Saturday called Donald Trump "clearly unhinged" and claimed that "something snapped" in the former president after he lost the 2020 election, CNN reported.

"It's clear that ... when he lost in 2020, something snapped in him," Biden told supporters in Seattle at a private fundraiser Saturday, according to reporters in the room. "He's not only obsessed with losing in 2020, he's clearly unhinged. Just listen to what he's telling people."

Even though Biden thinks the presumptive GOP presidential nominee is "unhinged," he said he believes the November election will be "close."

"We feel good about the state of the race, but we know the race is close," Biden said, pointing to recent polls.

Trump continues to hold an advantage over Biden, according to a CNN poll conducted by SSRS last month.

Trump's support in the poll among registered voters held steady at 49 per cent in a head-to-head matchup against Biden, the same as in CNN's last national poll on the race in January, while Biden's stood at 43 per cent, not significantly different from Janu-

ary's 45 per cent.

As Trump has spent much of recent weeks in a Manhattan courtroom amid his hush money trial, Biden has kept a robust schedule of policy speeches and campaign events, finding plenty of ways to needle the former president, CNN reported.

"By the way, remember when he was trying to deal with Covid, he said just inject a little bleach in your veins?" Biden told a crowd of builders last month. "He missed. It all went to his hair."

Saturday's Washington state fundraiser was held at the home of former Microsoft executive Jon Shirley, who introduced the president.

As Biden was concluding his remarks, he told donors, "I'll try my best not to disappoint you." ANI



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Air pollution linked to higher hospitalisations for heart, lung diseases

WASHINGTON

Short and long-term exposure to fine particulate matter (PM2.5) air pollution is associated with an increased risk of hospitalisation for severe heart and lung disorders, according to two large US studies published in The BMJ.

Together, the results suggest that no safe threshold exists for heart and lung health.

According to the Global Burden of Disease study, exposure to PM2.5 accounts for an estimated 7.6 per cent of total global mortality and 4.2 per cent of global disability-adjusted life years (a measure of years lived in good health).

In light of this extensive evidence, the World Health Organization (WHO) updated the air quality guidelines in 2021, recommending that annual average PM2.5 levels should not exceed 5 mg/m3 and 24-hour average PM2.5 levels should not exceed 15 mg/m3 on more than 3-4 days each year.

In the first study, researchers linked average daily PM2.5 levels to residential zip codes for nearly 60 million US adults (84 per cent white, 55 per cent women) aged 65 and over from 2000 to 2016. They then used Medicare insurance data to track hospital admissions over an average of eight years.

After accounting for a range of economic, health and social factors, average PM2.5 exposure over three years

was associated with increased risks of first hospital admissions for seven major types of cardiovascular disease - ischemic heart disease, cerebrovascular disease, heart failure, cardiomyopathy, arrhythmia, valvular heart disease, and thoracic and abdominal aortic aneurysms.

Compared with exposures of 5 mg/m3 or less (the WHO air quality guideline for annual PM2.5), exposures between 9 and 10 mg/m3, which encompassed the US national average of 9.7 mg/m3 during the study period, were associated with a 29 per cent increased risk of hospital admission for cardiovascular disease.

On an absolute scale, the risk of hospital admission for cardiovascular disease increased from 2.59 per cent with exposures of 5 mg/m3 or less to 3.35% at exposures between 9 and 10 mg/m3. "This means that if we were able to manage to reduce annual PM2.5 below 5 mg/m3, we could avoid 23 per cent in hospital admissions for cardiovascular disease," say the researchers.

These cardiovascular effects persisted for at least three years after exposure to PM2.5, and susceptibility varied by age, education, access to healthcare services, and area deprivation level.

The researchers say their findings suggest that no safe threshold exists for the chronic effect of PM2.5 on overall cardiovascular health and that substantial benefits could be attained through adherence to the WHO air

quality guideline.

"On February 7, 2024, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) updated the national air quality standard for annual PM2.5 level, setting a stricter limit at no more than 9 ug/m3. This is the first update since 2012. However, it is still considerably higher than the 5 ug/m3 set by WHO. The newly published national standard was not sufficient for the protection of public health," they add.

In the second study, researchers used county-level daily PM2.5 concentrations and medical claims data to track hospital admissions and emergency department visits for natural causes, cardiovascular disease, and respiratory disease for 50 million US adults aged 18 and over from 2010 to 2016.

During the study period, more than 10 million hospital admissions and 24 million emergency department visits were recorded.

They found that short-term exposure to PM2.5, even at concentrations below the new WHO air quality guideline limit, was statistically significantly associated with higher rates of hospital admissions for natural causes, cardiovascular disease and respiratory disease, as well as emergency department visits for respiratory disease.

For example, on days when daily PM2.5 levels were below the new WHO air quality guideline limit of 15 mg/m3, an increase of 10 mg/m3 in PM2.5 was associated

with 1.87 extra hospital admissions per million adults aged 18 and over per day.

The researchers say their findings constitute an important contribution to the debate about the revision of air quality limits, guidelines, and standards.

Both research teams acknowledge several limitations such as possible misclassification of exposure and point out that other unmeasured factors may have affected their results. What's more, the findings may not apply to individuals without medical insurance, children and adolescents, and those living outside the US.

However, taken together, these new results provide a valuable reference for future national air pollution standards.

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Simba SC skipper Mohamed Hussein. Agencies

NBC Premier League title race still on, says Simba skipper

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC assistant skipper Mohamed Hussein has disclosed the club's players and technical bench believe the NBC Premier League title race is not over.

Hussein stated after the club had commanded a 3-0 win over Azam FC in the top-flight tie that took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend, stressing that he and his teammates are still pushing for a successful campaign, which will end with their squad clinching the silverware.

Simba SC took the pitch to take on Azam FC knowing that a loss in the tie would cost the former the league title and a place in the prestigious Africa inter-club showdown.

Second-half goals scored by Sadio Kanoute in the 63rd minute, Fabrice Ngoma (77th minute), and David Kameta revived Simba SC's hopes for securing the title this season and making it to the CAF Champions League.

Simba SC was yesterday handed an opportunity to wrestle the second spot from Azam FC, as the former locked horns with Kagera Sugar at Kaitaba Stadium in Kagera. Victory for Simba SC will have the outfit boast a two-point margin with Azam FC.

Hussein - who has been reliable for Simba SC throughout the season - has called the outfit's fans to keep on supporting them in the closing stages of the season as the side's quest for the NBC Premier League top honour is still alive.

The left-back said: "We came into

this game with so much respect for our opponent, Azam FC has been on the rise this season, we had to play defensively while taking our chances that we did not take during the first half.

"They played with so much confidence in the first half, we denied them chances to run behind our defense. Despite conceding a penalty that was not converted, we were much alive in the second half and we took our chances and managed to win the game.

"Our fans should know that we are still pushing for the title and (hopes for lifting) the NBC Premier League title is much alive in the team, no team has been crowned champion this season, which means anything can happen.

"Our team's technical bench fielded very young and local players, on paper, no one allowed us to win but we managed to win."

"I think we just need to keep on winning and, at the end of the season, everything will be clear," Hussein, who has served Simba SC for 10 seasons, having joined the side from Kagera Sugar in 2014, added.

Simba SC was, as of yesterday, sitting third in the standing having posted 56 points after 25 games while Azam FC was sitting second with 57 points after 26 games.

The Msimbazi Street squad's interim head coach, Juma Mgunda, took over from Algerian gaffer Abdelhak Benchikha and led the club to collect 10 points, winning three fixtures and posting one draw.

Simba SC's youth talent shines under interim head coach Mgunda

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli.

SIMBA Sports Club is experiencing a renaissance under the leadership of interim head coach Juma Mgunda.

The story transcends wins and draws; it's a testament to the transformative power of belief in local talent and the magic unlocked by opportunity.

Mgunda's appointment, following Abdelhak Benchikha's departure, marked a turning point, ushering in an era of inclusivity.

Youngsters Ladack Chasambi, David Kameta, Israel Mwenda and Edwin Balua, previously relegated to the sidelines, have grasped the chance with both hands, earning significant playing time.

This represents a stark contrast to the previous regime, where homegrown players often found themselves on the periphery.

Addressing the media in Dar es Salaam, Mgunda lauded the young stars unwavering dedication.

"The cornerstone of trust lies in responsibility and dedication," he emphasized.

He takes immense pride in this young players embodying the true Simba SC spirit. Their diligence serves as a testament to their potential and validates the club's decision to recruit them.

The faith in youth has yielded rich dividends, especially with a big number of injuries facing the first team.

The absence of key figures like Kibu Denis, Saido, Clatous Chama, Shomari Kapombe and Babakar Sar could have been a major setback.



Simba SC striker David Kameta scores their third goal against Azam FC during their NBC Premier League match at Benjamin Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Thursday. Simba won 3-0. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

However, the emergence of Chasambi, Kameta, Mwenda and Balua has seamlessly plugged the gaps.

"Their performance speaks volumes about their readiness to represent Simba SC," declared Mgunda, commending the club's foresight in nurturing local talent.

Mgunda attributes his success to unlocking the squad's latent potential, which remained untapped under his predecessor.

"These players were always capable," he stated. "They simply needed the opportunity to showcase their abilities."

By providing that opportunity, Mgunda has revitalized the team, infusing fresh energy

into a previously stagnant roster.

His approach has been instrumental in harnessing the talents of players who were overlooked in the past.

Under Benchikha, many young players languished on the sidelines, their potential stifled by external pressures.

Mgunda, however, has fostered a supportive environment where these players can thrive. This shift in philosophy has allowed them to flourish on the pitch.

Looking ahead, Mgunda remains steadfast in his commitment to youth development and upholding Simba SC's values.

"Our journey is far from over," he declared. "But with the dedication and resilience displayed by Chasambi, Balua, and their peers, I am confident that we will continue to uphold the proud legacy of Simba SC."

Simba SC's trajectory is a compelling testament to the transformative power of belief and opportunity.

Mgunda's emphasis on youth development and inclusivity paves the way for a brighter future.

With each passing match, this young players embody the spirit of perseverance and promise, defining the resurgence of Simba SC under Mgunda's leadership.

Sports prediction winners fly to Dubai

By Guardian Correspondent



Parimatch's operation director, Eric Gerald (L), hands over a ticket to Dubai to the draw winner Daniel Kasanga in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. Photo: Correspondent

DANIEL Kasanga, resident of Ruvuma and Mohammed Salim, resident of Kinondoni are expected to fly to Dubai today, after winning the soccer matches' predictions.

Both winners were selected through the first and second week's draw conducted by sports prediction's casino.

The trip is sponsored by Parimatch company, covering transportation, visas, accommodation in a luxury hotel, and expenses for visiting various tourist and historical sites in Dubai.

"There are still opportunities to win a trip to Dubai along with a cash prize of 200,000/- every day, which is awarded in the respective daily draw. We urge our customers to continue betting to be able to win these prizes."

said an official of a betting firm based in Dar es Salaam.

On his part, Kasanga has expressed his joy in winning this historical trip.

"Despite having a passport, I didn't know when I would use it, so through this trip, my dream has come true," said Kasanga.

He explained his delight in winning the trip and also the cash prize of 500,000/-, which he received promptly.

Salim, on the other hand, said he couldn't believe it when he received the call informing him that he had won the Dubai trip.

"It took time for me to believe that I have won the draw, because how can you easily visit a luxurious country with various attractions like Dubai? Through the betting draw, this has become possible," Salim said.

Football and volleyball matches coming up in Mikumi

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame

IT will soon be possible for major football games, volleyball and basketball to be played inside Mikumi National Park where a dedicated sporting arena is being built as part of new tourism packages.

Fatuma Mcharazo, the Conservation Officer Grade II at Mikumi National Park, explains that as the tourist destination hits the 60 years milestone in August 2024,

the management is hatching new tourism products to complement the country's travel industry.

"So far various groups, including institutions, schools and college teams can come and play or practice in Mikumi and use the same opportunity to enjoy wildlife and other sceneries," said Fatuma.

Fatuma revealed that members of Tanzania's top teams, Simba Sports Club and Young Africans

(Yanga) veteran squads recently visited Mikumi and staged friendly football matches using the pitch inside the park.

"They all enjoyed the experience," explained the conservation officer at Mikumi, adding that participants lauded the efforts to introduce sporting activities in the park.

With such official endorsement from the Yanga and Simba veterans, the park is now fully braced

to handle more soccer activities in Mikumi.

The Mikumi National Park seems to be also preparing to receive international players who will be participating in the African Cup of Nations (AFCON) that Tanzania will host alongside Kenya and Uganda in 2027.

The park management is working to ensure that some of the build-up games and exercises can be staged in Mikumi, which is lo-

cated along the Tanzania-Zambia highway, a multinational road which also connects Dar es Salaam, Morogoro, Mbeya and Iringa regions.

But apart from football, the Mikumi National Park has also put in place volleyball, basketball and netball pitches and is soon also introducing a tennis court.

In addition to sports, the management of Mikumi National Park will be launching a hot-air balloon

safari that will enable visitors to enjoy game viewing from the sky.

It is among the tourist offerings that the national park wants to introduce in order to attract more visitors as the destination completes six decades of existence.

Mikumi, being near the towns of Morogoro and Iringa and along the highway to Dar es Salaam, has been a favourite destination for domestic tourists who usually drive into the park for day trips.

Real Madrid celebrates Spanish league title with fans after reaching Champions League final

MADRID

REAL Madrid celebrated its Spanish league title with fans on Sunday, meeting with government officials and parading through the streets of the capital.

Madrid clinched its 36th league title last weekend, with four rounds to spare, but it couldn't celebrate the triumph right away because it still had to play the second leg of the semifinals of the Champions League.

Madrid rallied with two late goals by striker Joselu to defeat Bayern Munich 2-1 on Wednesday at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium, advancing 3-2 on aggregate to the final against Borussia Dortmund on June 1 in London.

"I'm sure that in three weeks we will be back here," Madrid midfielder Toni Kroos said while addressing the crowd on Sunday.

Several thousand fans greeted the squad as it paraded through the city and headed to the club's traditional celebration spot at Cibeles square.

The league trophy was handed to the team during a ceremony at the club's training center.

Madrid usually also celebrates its titles with fans at the Bernabeu, but the stadium was being used for a concert on Sunday.

Madrid won 4-0 at relegated Granada on Saturday, with Granada players keeping the guard of honor tradition of lining up to applaud the champions as they entered the field before kickoff.

Most players and club president Florentino Pérez spoke to the crowd, which chanted some of the team's traditional fighting songs.

"This team overcame a situation that looked irreversible," Pérez said, referring to the series of injuries that affected players early in the season, including serious knee ligament tears by Thibaut Courtois, Éder Militão and David Alaba.

Captain Nacho Fernández led a round of applause to the three injured players.

AP

Indian Hockey team gears up for Paris Olympics 2024; 75 days to go

BENGALURU, India

IN 75 days, the Indian men's hockey team will take the field at the Yves-du-Manoir Stadium in Paris to end their 44-year Gold Medal drought.

To realize this dream, they will have to overcome the reigning Olympic Champions Belgium (World No. 2), Australia (World No. 3), Argentina (World No. 7), New Zealand (World No. 10), and Ireland (World No. 11) in Pool B, and secure a top-four finish in the pool to progress to the Quarter-Finals.

Meanwhile, Pool A comprises the world's top-ranked team, the Netherlands, alongside Germany, Great Britain, Spain, South Africa, and hosts France, setting the stage for an intense battle in the 12-team men's hockey tournament at the Paris 2024 Olympics.

The Indian men's hockey team will begin their campaign on July 27 against New Zealand, followed by a match against Argentina on July 29 before facing Ireland and Belgium on July 30 and August 1. They will play their last group-stage game against Australia on August 2.

Shedding light on the preparation of the team for the Paris 2024 Olympics Captain Harmanpreet Singh said, "We are in the last stages of an intense training block right now. The team has worked on the areas we felt needed attention after the Tour of Australia.

"Soon, we will head to Europe to play some essential matches in the FIH Hockey Pro League 2023/24 to test ourselves against some tough opponents like Argentina, Belgium, Germany, and Great Britain. The chemistry in the squad continues to grow and with only 75 days left for the Paris 2024 Olympics we are working to be in the best shape possible."

Vice-captain Hardik Singh expressed his excitement for the Paris 2024 Olympics saying, "The team is leaving no stone unturned in our endeavour to change the colour of our previous medal and clinch Gold at the Olympics this time. We have players like PR Sreejesh and Manpreet Singh who could be playing their fourth Olympics along with quite a few players who could be playing their third Olympics, including our Captain.

"Their experience has been instrumental in moulding some of the younger players we have in the squad right now. Only 75 days remain for the Paris 2024 Olympics and we cannot wait to begin our Olympic journey."

India has a rich history in hockey at the Olympics. They won their first Gold Medal after beating the Netherlands 3-0 in the 1928 Olympics in Amsterdam and went on to dominate, winning Gold Medals in the 1932, 1936, 1948, 1952, 1956, 1964, and 1980 Olympics.

In addition to their 8 Gold Medals, India claimed a Silver medal in 1960 and 3 Bronze medals in 1968 and 1972, and the previous Olympic Games in Tokyo in 2020, making them the most successful Men's Hockey Team in the Olympics with 12 Medals.

(ANI)

Man City close in on Premier League title, Burnley relegated

LONDON

MANCHESTER City closed in on a fourth consecutive Premier League title by thrashing Fulham 4-0 on Saturday, while Burnley were relegated from the top flight after a 2-1 defeat at Tottenham.

Luton are also virtually down. A 3-1 defeat at West Ham left them three points adrift of safety and with a goal difference 12 worse than Nottingham Forest with just one game remaining.

There was no twist in the title race at Craven Cottage as defender Josko Gvardiol continued his hot streak in front of goal.

The Croatian settled any City nerves by firing in on his weaker right foot after just 13 minutes.

Pep Guardiola's men were dominant but had to wait until the hour to make the points safe when Phil Foden swept in his 25th goal of the season.

Gvardiol then turned in Bernardo Silva's cross at the back post for his fifth City goal, all of which have come in his past seven games.

A £77 million (\$96 million) signing from RB Leipzig last summer, Gvardiol could have become the first defender in Premier League history to score a hat-trick when City were awarded a penalty in stoppage time.

However, he turned down the chance to take it, allowing Julian Alvarez to round off the scoring.

Victory takes City two points clear at the top of the table



Manchester City's Josko Gvardiol celebrates after scoring his second goal during the match against Fulham. (AP pic)

and ramps up the pressure on second-placed Arsenal, ahead of their visit to Manchester United on Sunday.

Should the Gunners fail to win, City can wrap up the title when they travel to Tottenham on Tuesday.

"My players like to play with pressure, they are used to it. The players enjoy this feeling," Guardiola said.

"The destiny (of the title) is in our hands."

- Growing gulf -
Spurs kept their chance of Champions League football next season alive by coming from behind to send Burnley to the Championship.

Jacob Bruun Larsen had fired the Claret into a shock lead after Sander Berge's pass

cut the Tottenham defence wide open.

Spurs had lost their last four matches, but they turned the game around to move within four points of fourth-placed Aston Villa.

Pedro Porro blasted an equaliser high past Arijanet Muric.

Micky Van de Ven then curled in the winner to at least guarantee Spurs will be in Europe next season.

"Today the Premier League is over but tomorrow we start day one of doing everything we can to get back to the Premier League," said Burnley boss Vincent Kompany.

Luton will also be back in the Championship next season after blowing a 1-0 lead

and losing to West Ham in David Moyes' final home game in charge of the Hammers.

Albert Sambi Lokonga's early header gave the visitors hope of a great escape.

But second-half strikes from James Ward-Prowse, Tomas Soucek and George Earthy all but ended Luton's Premier League stay after a remarkable rise back through the leagues to get back to the top flight for the first time in 32 years.

"These players and supporters have given me the best 18 months of my life," said Luton manager Rob Edwards, who broke down in tears after full-time.

"It's a huge sorry, but a huge thank you."

AFP

Suarez on target as Miami fight back in Montreal

MONTREAL

INTER Miami fought back from two goals down to win 3-2 at Montreal in Major League Soccer on Saturday with Luis Suarez on target again as the league leaders won their fifth straight game.

Miami have made a habit of slow starts this season and they were caught cold yet again when Montreal took the lead in the 22nd minute to the delight of a capacity crowd.

Former Miami player Bryce Duke slipped the ball between the legs of Drake Callender after clever work from Jules-Anthony Vilsaint down the left.

Montreal thought they should have had a penalty when Mathieu Choiniere went down under a challenge from Marcelo Weigandt but referee Drew Fischer waved away the appeals.

Montreal had enjoyed an upset win in Florida against a weakened Miami team in March and another surprise looked on the cards when they went 2-0 up in the 32nd.

Vilsaint collected Ariel Lassiter's sharp pull back from the left and showed great poise as he picked his spot with a side-foot finish into the far corner.

Lionel Messi briefly left the field for attention after a heavy challenge and while the Argentine was on the sidelines, his team won a free-kick in the area -- where the World Cup winner can be so deadly.

In the absence of the



Inter Miami striker Luis Suarez celebrates their goal against Montreal. Agencies

eight-times Ballon d'Or winner, Paraguayan Matias Rojas took the free-kick and delivered a finish worthy of his captain, curling the ball over the wall and into the corner.

On the stroke of half-time, Miami drew level when Julian Gressel whipped in a low corner and Suarez bundled the ball home from close range for his 11th league goal of the season.

Miami looked a different team and it was no surprise when they got the winner in the 59th minute, the impressive Rojas clipping the ball over a pushed up Montreal defence and Benjamin Cremaschi latched on to the pass before poking home.

Montreal produced some late pressure but Miami held firm as they secured their eighth win in 13 games.

Inter coach Gerardo Martino said he had taken the wrong approach to the match.

"I shouldn't change the way the team plays, we didn't feel comfortable, today I tried to change it because of the strengths the opponent and in the minutes I tried to do it we were losing 2-0," he said.

- Crew defeated -
MLS champions Columbus Crew suffered a 2-1 defeat in the Ohio derby at home to FC

Cincinnati, who avenged their loss to their in-state rivals in last year's Eastern Conference final.

Cincy, second in the East, went ahead in the 74th minute when MLS Most Valuable Player Luciano Acosta got to the byline and chipped a cross to the back post which was headed in by Kevin Kelsy.

Two minutes later,

Acosta doubled the advantage, picking up a smart ball from Pavel Bucha and showing his smart footwork before slotting home.

Maximilian Arfsten pulled a goal back for Columbus in the 89th minute but it was too late for a comeback from Wilfried Nancy's side.

Belgian international Christian Ben-

teke scored a hat-trick of headers as D.C. United won 3-2 at Atlanta, including a 55th minute bullet from a corner to win the contest.

Colombian Luis Muriel scored twice for Orlando City as they pulled off an impressive 3-2 win at the Philadelphia Union.

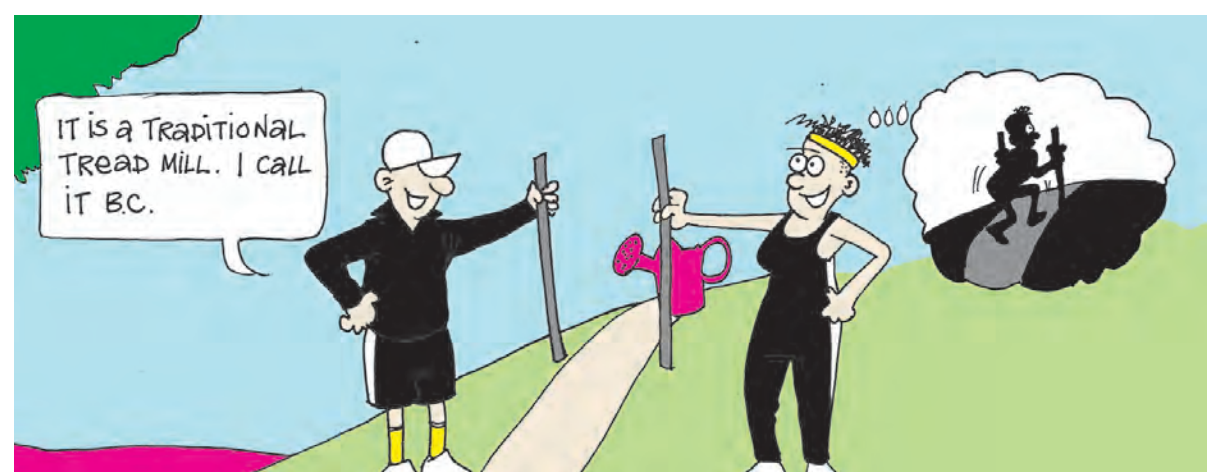
Muriel, the former Atalanta winger fired Orlando in a 2-1 lead in the 42nd minute with a stunning long-distance strike after cutting in from the right.

He added a second just after the break, with a calm finish after he was put through on goal by Nicolas Lodeiro and although Daniel Gazdag got one back for Philadelphia from the spot, Orlando took the three points.

Brazilian Joao Klauss scored a brace for St.Louis in their 3-1 derby win over the Chicago Fire, while in the Texas derby, Dallas beat Austin 2-1.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Simba, Ihefu clash as U20 Premier League top eight begins

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

THE NBC U20 Premier League Super 8 competition kicks off today with two matches on the cards at the Azam Chamazi Complex.

Ihefu will face Simba in the opening game of the tournament scheduled for an early afternoon kick off at 2pm. Then Dodoma Jiji will take on JKT Tanzania at 4:15 PM.

The top eight tournament is a reserve for teams which finish in the top four bracket in the League early stage that involves two groups of eight sides.

It is a tournament that involves U20 sides of NBC Premier League teams in the current season.

At this stage, the tournament features eight teams divided into two groups of four.

Group A has Ihefu, Simba, Dodoma Jiji and JKT Tanzania while Azam, Kagera Sugar, Geita Gold and Coastal Union are pooled together in Group B.

Tomorrow afternoon will see the first Group B encounter at Chamazi, as Azam will entertain Kagera Sugar in the opening game of the day.

Last year's finalists Geita Gold, who lost to Mtibwa Sugar, will take on Coastal Union in the second Group B game of the day.

The first round involving the eight teams will run for six consecutive days - May 13 to May 18 - when the last group stage match will be played before a one-day rest.

The top two teams from each group will progress to the semi-finals.

The semi-final matches will be played on May 20 and finals will be played on May 22 at the same venue.

Mtibwa Sugar, who are the defending champions, failed to progress to the top after they were deducted 12 points for forfeiting their group stage game in Dodoma.

Another notable absentee are Young Africans who also finished outside the top four in their group.

Title and relegation on line as Yanga face Mtibwa Sugar



Young Africans coach Miguel Gamondi. (Agencies)

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

BOTH the title and relegation are at stake this afternoon in the NBC Premier League in a clash between teams at the top and bottom.

Young Africans will be able to secure the NBC Premier League title for the third successive time when they take on bottom club Mtibwa Sugar at the Manungu Stadium, in Morogoro.

The visitors enter this match eleven points ahead of second-placed Azam, who were set to play KMC yesterday, meaning that even a single point from this match will see Wananchi crowned as champions if KMC managed to stop Azam from taking maximum points.

The defending champions

moved one step closer to securing the title when they orchestrated a hard fought late victory over Kagera Sugar in their rescheduled game week 26 fixture, which was played on Wednesday evening.

That result saw them move within three points of

the title after Azam's second half collapse against Simba in a 3-0 loss on Thursday.

Despite the best efforts of Azam this season, there is no denying that Wananchi deserve to lift the trophy for a record extending 29th time. Their supremacy has been undeniable, as Miguel

Gamondi's team have maintained their position at the top of the league standings for the longest part of the campaign.

They have won 22 of their 26 games so far, having only lost twice in the campaign.

In addition, Young Africans boasts the league's

best defence and attacking units. They have scored 57 goals, averaging two goals per game while conceding only 12.

In complete contrast, Mtibwa Sugar enter round 27 on the verge of relegation, nine points behind Ihefu and Singida Fountain Gate, who are the safe side of the dotted line and three behind second-bottom Tabora United.

Despite only having 20 points up to this point, Mtibwa Sugar managed to keep their survival hopes alive last time out with a 3-0 victory over fellow strugglers Tabora United.

While that result would have given the side some joy, it is difficult to see them managing to go a second successive match without defeat against an opponent that demolished them 4-1 in the reverse fixture back in December.

In addition, Young Africans have won their last seven matches against Mtibwa Sugar in the league, with an aggregate score of 13-1.

To make matters worse, Mtibwa Sugar have only managed four wins and a total of 14 points in 13 home games this season, which is the joint-worst tally of any side in the top flight in 2023-24.

Coach Dabo urges Azam FC players: Stay focused, victory is within reach

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

AZAM FC are setting their sights on securing 12 crucial points in the remaining four matches of the Premier League, with hopes pinned on Simba slipping up allowing them to clinch second place and secure a spot in the CAF Champions League next season.

Despite the challenging calculations, Azam remain optimistic, even though Simba appear to have the upper hand in the race for second place.

Azam's coach Youssouph Dabo, emphasized the team's determination: "We still have a good chance. The big thing is to increase attention in our next games, I have urged my players not to succumb to pressure but to focus on securing victories in our upcoming fixtures."

The recent defeat against Simba, where Azam suffered a 3-0 loss, narrowed the gap between the two teams to just one point.

With Azam at 57 points and Simba at 56 with a game in hand, the race for second place has intensified.

Azam's fate now hinges on their performance in the remaining matches.

The journey was to start later yesterday when Azam were to face KMC at the Azam Complex Stadium.

Following the KMC clash, Azam will meet JKT Tanzania on May 20 at Major General Isamuhyo Stadium.

The team is determined to replicate their previous success, having secured a 2-1 victory in their earlier encounter.

Next in line is a crucial fixture against Kagera Sugar on May 25. Although Azam suffered a 4-0 defeat in their previous meeting, they aim to turn the tables in front of their home crowd at Chamazi Stadium.

The season concludes for Azam with an away match against Geita Gold on May 28. With a previous 2-1 victory against Geita Gold this year, Azam are hopeful of ending the season on a high note.

However, securing second place remains a challenging task for Azam. Even if they win all four remaining matches, they will finish with 69 points, while Simba, currently third with 56 points, could potentially end their five games with 71 points, leaving Azam out of the second-place contention.

Meanwhile, Simba are gearing up for their remaining fixtures, starting with matches against Dodoma Jiji.

With three home games against Geita Gold, KMC, and JKT Tanzania, Simba aim to win their next matches and maintain their position to secure the spot for CAF Champions League next season.

As the NBC Premier League season nears its conclusion, the battle for second place intensifies, with Azam FC and Simba locked in a fierce competition.

With both teams eyeing a spot in the CAF Champions League, every match becomes crucial in determining their fate.



Azam coach Youssouph Dabo. (Agencies)

Flexibles by David Chikoko

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