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A pupil of Songea's Chief Zulu English Medium Nursery and Primary Schools gifts President Samia Suluhu Hassan 50/- yesterday. The president is on a working tour of Ruvuma Region. Photo: State House

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By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has announced that by the end of 2025, every village will have access to piped water, an initiative that aims to alleviate the longstanding burden on women and girls who often carry water over long distances. Laying the foundation stone for a water project benefiting three villages in Madaba

District, Ruvuma Region, she said that the project, billed at 5.5bn/- is part of a broader strategy to provide clean and safe water across the country. She referred to her campaign to take off the bucket on a woman's head, she was happy about the project as it seeks to reduce the time and effort women spend fetching water, by increasing investment in domestic water supply.

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AU seeks global commitments for usable education in Africa by 2030

By Special Correspondent, New York

THE African Union (AU) has appealed to the international community to work on the urgent need for long-term commitment to education in regions facing severe crises. Moussa Faki Mahamat, the chairman of the African Union Commission, made this appeal when opening the African Union and global partnership for education summit here yesterday. He said that data shows that in Africa, nine out of ten children cannot read with understanding or perform basic math when aged ten years, hence the need for a long-term focus on education. An annual education summit needs to be convened at the AU mission during the United Nations General Assembly series of meetings, he said, insisting that the global community must acknowledge that the formulation of annual themes is not enough. "The journey is long and we need longer term, innovative and bold responses. We have unacceptable levels of education poverty at a time when more than 80 percent of our workforce in 20 years will be youthful."

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Tanzania set to host global energy conference Jan 2025

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA is set to host an energy conference that aims to raise \$190bn to provide electricity to over 300m people across Africa by 2030. Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa aired this expectation at the United Nations headquarters on Monday, addressing an energy access meeting for Africa, organized by the Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP). He said that this initiative aligns with the government's strategy of rapidly expanding



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electricity access to rural and remote areas, attracting the attention of institutions such as the World Bank and the African Development Bank (AfDB). These organizations have decided to hold the major conference in January 2025, impressed with the performance in Tanzania's energy sector, where the government's strategy is to bring electricity to rural areas, not just to the villages but to every household. "They have decided to convene a major conference in Africa, bringing together various stakeholders, international institutions

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Treasury unit setting out PPP model for ferries, workshops

By Guardian Reporter

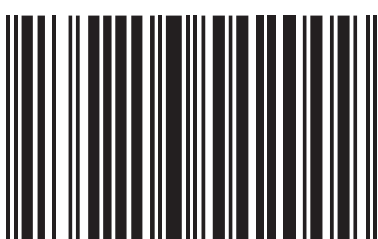
THE government is actively seeking partnerships with the private sector to manage ferries and garages operated by the Tanzania Electrical, Mechanical and Electronics Services Agency (TEMESA) across the country. David Kafulila (pictured), the Treasury public private partnership (PPP) director, said in an interview yesterday that the PPP model has emerged as a viable alternative for public entities setting up projects or overhauling entities. "We aim to leverage the skills, innovation and capital from public and private sources to deliver quality public services," he said, affirming that the PPP model is a game-changer in public service delivery, fostering a symbiotic relationship on the basis of a beneficial partnership. TEMESA has recently opened a window for local and foreign investors to express interest in modernizing its workshops through the PPP framework, as it oversees a network of 30 workshops in 26 regions, maintaining upwards of 30,000 mainly government motor vehicles annually.

Initially, TEMESA plans to operate 13 of the workshops under a PPP arrangement, in Katavi, Rukwa, Shinyanga, Kagera, Singida, Iringa, Mara, Manyara, Coast, Lindi, Ruvuma,

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Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Mwinyi welcomes Salha Shamim and Ramlat Abdullah (holding trophies), students from Zanzibar's Lumumba Secondary School who emerged overall winners in this year's edition of the Young Scientists Tanzania exhibition held in Dar es Salaam recently with Karimjee Foundation support. The others are winners in the Climate Change and Environmental Sciences category, Mwanaarab Mbwana and Sharifa Khamis, supported by Concern Worldwide. Looking on are Zanzibar's Education minister, Leila Mohamed Mussa, and YST coordinator (Zanzibar) Ame Haji (L). Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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and loan-providing institutions for entrepreneurs and companies to invest in electricity," he elaborated.

The conference, to be jointly organized by the World Bank, AfDB and the African Union Commission, is expected to bring together global leaders, industry experts and civil society organizations to explore ways to ensure access to reliable energy, innovative clean energy technologies, tied up with sustainable policies, he specified.

"I commend the government of Norway and the Rockefeller Foundation for supporting the efforts of the World Bank and AfDB in ensuring electricity reaches 300 million people by 2030," he stated, underlining that this plan is particularly important for Sub-Saharan Africa.

More than 600 million people lack access to electricity, precluding sustainable development if the situation is not addressed urgently, he said, hailing the World Bank and AfDB for working with the government in its rural areas electricity rollout plan by 2030, to every

household.

AfDB President Dr Akinwumi Adesina highlighted that 900 million women suffer from a lack of clean cooking energy each year, demanding that cooking should be a dignified activity.

Each year, 130 million women need to be reached with clean cooking energy service as the continent is losing many women and children due to inappropriate cooking energy, he said

Dr Adesina praised President Samia Suluhu Hassan for strong leadership in the energy sector, particularly in promoting clean cooking energy, underlining that the AfDB has a strong desire to see the shift from using wood and charcoal to clean energy completed by 2030.

The premier, sitting in for President Samia, was accompanied by Ambassador Thabit Kombo, the Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister, Planning and Investment state minister Prof. Kitila Mkumbo, the Zanzibar Health minister Nassor Ahmed Mazrui, and various top government officials.



Deputy Prime Minister and Energy minister Dr Doto Biteko (2nd-L) represents President Samia Suluhu Hassan at a meeting with a visiting delegation of members of Vietnam's Communist Party Central Committee held in Dar es Salaam on Monday. Photo: DPMO

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Njombe and Simiyu.

TEMESA also operates 32 ferries based in 12 ports of different regions, facilitating 22 crossing points on a daily basis, with eight new ferries being built, five for Lake Victoria and three for the coastal zone, he said, noting that the ferries transport around 80,000 passengers and 4,000 vehicles daily.

"The government intends to manage all ferries through the PPP model," he stated, noting that private investors will have an option to rent out entire ferry crossings, form joint ventures with TEMESA or operate their own ferries alongside government boats.

Additional investment opportunities at each ferry crossing include land, buildings and structures such as waiting lounges, canteens, ramps

and offices, he pointed out, hinting at plans to involve private investors in equipment hiring services.

TEMESA operates a network of 41 hireable units in four regions, he said, affirming that modernizing workshops, ferries and equipment hiring services through PPPs is a timely response to surging demand for these services.

"Engaging private investors will introduce new technology, enhance operational efficiency and improve service delivery," he declared, in another briefing on PPP Centre activities starting earlier this year.

It has made significant progress in structuring feasible projects for public-private partnerships, as the PPP Centre strives to be a one-stop hub for PPP activities. "We anticipate even more developments in public-private collaborations," he added.

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he emphasized.

African leaders, the African Union, and global development partners gathered for the UN General Assembly annual plenary session yesterday met in a side-line summit to showcase the transformational impact of prioritising foundational learning in the continent.

The AU chief executive stated that the World Bank estimates that the learning crisis will result in \$21trn of lost productivity globally if urgent action is not taken, apparently on the basis of the end of decade sustainable development goals framework.

However, if addressed, ensuring that children are learning can add \$6.5trn of additional global value by 2030, he stated, while Prof Mohammed Belhocine, the AU commissioner for Education, Science, Technology and Innovation (ESTI) urged bold investments, an international effort to support Africa's children and deliver global returns.

"Foundational learning is an enabler for Africa's long-term development and the key to unlocking the potential of millions of African children, the changemakers of tomorrow," he stated.

The AU is committed to making foundational learning a key part of its agenda beyond 2024 and to tracking progress, provide support where needed and advocate for comprehensive reforms, he further noted.

Zambian President Hakainde Hichilema said that on the basis of current trends, by 2050 at least one-third of all young people worldwide aged 15 to 24 years old will be living in Africa.

"At present, four in five children are unable to read and understand simple text by the age of ten. This is unacceptable and we must urgently prioritise investments in education.

Collectively, we must set clear milestones beyond 2024 as the year of education, ensuring that no child in Africa is left behind," he told the gathering.

Dr Joyce Banda, the former Malawian president, said that a continental crisis requires a continental response, stressing that more Heads of State need to become champions for foundational learning.

"We need accountability mechanisms and a robust peer review process to help us hold ourselves accountable for the promises we make to our children," she said, elaborating that the prosperity Africa dreams of will be built from the classroom, with a child learning to read and count.

"Let us commit today to make that dream a reality and unlock the potential of our continent," she emphatically appealed, while Jakaya Kikwete, a former Tanzanian president and chairman of the Global Partnership for Education said that Africa is the world's youngest and fastest growing continent.

"By 2050 one in every four people will be an African. Our workforce will be bigger than China. We must equip them. If we fail to act we risk further disenfranchising them," he stated.

Dr Obiageli Ezekwesili, the founder of Human Capital Africa, moderated a panel of African ministers of education implementing African-owned solutions to enhance learning outcomes. She urged the gathered ministers to highlight the two most critical investments required to deliver results, focusing on education and youth-level human capital investments.

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making access to clean water more convenient.

She talked of the bucket removal campaign as part of the 2020 electoral campaign, noting that the promise is now being fulfilled by expanding water access nationwide.

She tasked the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA) to complete the Mtangimbole water project in three months, urging the residents to protect water sources, as vital to human and livestock drinking needs.

Everyone should be responsible to safeguard the Mtichi River water sources in Matogoro B Mountains, she said, underlining that protecting this resource is not solely the job of water authorities, as it requires

community commitment.

While in Ruvuma Region, she inspected, laying the foundation stone for 30 ongoing water projects, where officials said that the Mtangimbole project, thanks to its abundant water supply, is expected to be extended to a fourth village.

Mwajuma Waziri, the Water permanent secretary, reported that the Mtangimbole project was already 50 percent complete, featuring an intake structure generating 1.6m liters of water per day.

"Later, we will install pipes extending 20.9 meters to two tanks on the spot," she said, noting that one tank with a capacity for 150,000 liters is already complete, serving 16 water collection points.

The second tank, holding

200,000 litres, will serve Luhimba and Likarangiro villages, with the overall network covering 52.7 kilometers and around 40 collection points, she specified.

Water demand in these villages stands at 634,000 litres but the system will produce 1.9m litres thus ensuring that it will be sufficient for a while to come.

"The foundation stone for this project symbolizes all 30 water initiatives underway in Ruvuma. Once completed, these projects will provide access to clean water for 14,000 residents, up to now relying on old wells," she stated.

Water minister Juma Aweso remarked on the progress made in the water sector, often a source of complaints due to shortages, as 10,000

have been covered and upwards of 2,000 villages are left.

"We have secured over 53bn/- for the projects. In the first phase, we will drill 900 wells to ensure all villages have water access. Our goal is to provide abundant water throughout the country," he declared.

President Samia similarly laid the foundation stone for 28-grain storage warehouses at the Luhimba storage facility. The National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA) has already begun using five of the warehouses, as it finishes refurbishing others.

Plans are also in place for larger warehouses, each with a capacity of 5,000 tonnes, to be built in Katavi, Rukwa, Ruvuma, Songwe and Tabora, all of them major grain-producing regions, he added.



Tanzania Red Cross Society first aid trainer Peter Bongo demonstrates in Dar es Salaam yesterday how to assist a person involved in a traffic accident. It was during the launch of a road safety programme for motorcycle taxi operators in the region implemented by the agency in collaboration with various other stakeholders, including the police. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

KAMPALA

A THREE-MONTH-OLD baby boy has been admitted to a hospital after he was attacked and critically injured by a chimpanzee in the western Ugandan district of Hoima.

Fred Atugonza, the local council chairperson for Bubaale North Cell village, reported to Xinhua yesterday that a chimpanzee attack took place on Sunday evening.

"The chimpanzee targeted a 13-year-old boy who was carrying his three-month-old brother to their mother in the garden," Atugonza stated.

Infant hospitalised after chimp attack in Uganda

He explained that the chimpanzee overpowered the boy, seized the baby, and fled to a nearby farm.

"The boy raised an alarm, drawing the attention of neighbours. Unfortunately, by the time help arrived, the baby had already suffered an eye injury and had his hand and toes mauled," the village

leader added.

"We urge the Uganda Wildlife Authority to relocate these animals as they pose a serious threat to the community," Atugonza emphasized.

He also noted that the local chimpanzee population has grown significantly. "Killing a chimpanzee can result in imprisonment for

many years, and we don't want to take the law into our own hands. However, this is the fourth attack on our children this year," he said.

Moses Africa, the warden in charge of Kabwoya Wildlife Reserve, which is near the site of the incident, stated that he would visit the victim before initiating compensation procedures.



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa pictured at the Rockefeller Foundation headquarters in New York City on Tuesday addressing a meeting on the energy access agenda organised by the Global Energy Alliance for the People and Planet. Photo: PMO

Peace, security stakeholders meet to converse issues affecting Africa

By Getrude Mbago

PEACE and security experts as well as other stakeholders from various African countries gathered in Dar es Salaam yesterday to discuss pressing political, security and humanitarian issues facing the continent.

Organised by the Centre for International Policy (CIP) Africa in collaboration with the Institute for Security Studies (ISS), the meeting focused on identifying effective strategies to foster peace in conflict-affected regions, particularly within the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

Addressing reporters on the sidelines of the meeting, Omar Mjenga, President and Chief Executive Officer of CIP Africa, highlighted considerable economic toll that conflicts and insecurity impose on nations.

He emphasised the need for robust collaborative efforts to combat these challenges.

"As Tanzania assumes leadership of SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation, it is essential for think tanks like ours to complement government initiatives through research and expert consultations. Our goal is to present well-informed proposals that can guide government decision-making in the region," he said.

He urged all regional stakeholders to work together in promoting peace in eastern DRC, Northern Mozambique, Sudan and other conflict zones, noting the severe economic, social and political repercussions of ongoing instability.

"While some countries in the region enjoy peace, others are mired in insecurity and conflicts which disrupt lives of citizens. This underscores the urgent need for unified efforts to restore peace and facilitate development," he said.

Mjenga described the meeting as crucial, asserting that recommendations generated would empower heads of state to intensify their conflict resolution initiatives.

He said as scholars and experts see Luanda and Nairobi processes as failure to bring peace in conflicting zones, it is important to come up with another process to achieve the intended goal.

He also raised alarm about the rising issues of abductions, disappearances and killings in Tanzania, calling for heightened investigations by security agencies to address the concerns effectively.

Buyelwa Sonjica, a participant from South Africa, emphasised the necessity of a coherent strategy to maintain stability and advance economic development.

She highlighted the importance of fostering a common language to enhancing understanding among Africans

"The insights from this meeting will assist Tanzania in implementing effective strategies to promote peace and security, driving transformative development," she said.

Ambassador Liberata Mulamula, former Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, said that peace, security and development are interconnected.

"People can only prosper in a peaceful environment. It is vital for every citizen to actively promote and protect peace," she said.

The outcomes of the meeting are expected to play a critical role in shaping future policies and actions across SADC region, ultimately fostering a more secure and prosperous Africa.

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By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

Govt pledges tax waiver to project that wrestles post-harvest crop loss

THE government has pledged tax exemptions to USAID's Feed the Future Tuhifadhi Chakula project which is designed to address the chronic challenge of post-harvest loss in horticulture and cereal crops.

Gerald Mweli, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture, made the pledge here yesterday when launching a two-day exhibition on post-harvest loss management and value addition technologies.

Feed the Future Tanzania Tuhifadhi Chakula project funded by the US government and executed by Tanzania Horticultural Association (TAHA) aims to reduce post-harvest food loss from between 30 to 40 percent to 15 percent for horticulture and from between 13 to 7 percent for grains by 2028.

Mweli said that the government's contribution to the project valued at 50bn/-, includes offering import

duties exemption on purchases.

"This measure will help the project serve farmers at a lower cost," he said, noting that ways to deliver technology to farmers include providing tax exemptions, subsidies and loans from financial institutions.

He said that lack of technology leads to significant post-harvest loss in food as well as damage from pests, jeopardizing consumer health.

He explained that a farmer with 10 acres of sunflower could buy a machine for just 3m/-, enough to produce cooking oil for the community.

"Enough is enough; we cannot continue to import cooking oil every year when we have all the raw materials for sunflower processing," Mweli said, highlighting government support for farmer groups to

process cooking oil.

Due to the government's subsidy for high-quality sunflower seeds in 2022, sunflower production has increased from 490,000 tonnes to 1.1 million tonnes.

Approximately 30 companies participated in the exhibition at the Arusha Declaration Museum, showcasing various technologies including soil health assessment, harvesting, storage, processing, packaging and value addition.

Mweli mentioned that among the challenges facing African countries in agriculture is production costs exceeding market prices, resulting in uncompetitive sector.

To address this, the government is investing in soil health to enhance agriculture productivity.

Amani Temu, Feed the Future Tanzania Tuhifadhi Chakula

project chief of party, said that the exhibition would be an annual event taking place in various regions to reach technology users, enabling them to harvest and add value to their crops.

The project will focus on enhancing food preservation, crop processing and access to both regional and international markets.

Dr Jacqueline Mkindi, TAHA Chief Executive Officer, expressed gratitude to the ministry for the continued support to TAHA and horticulture industry in the country. She also thanked the US government for building a strong foundation for horticulture industry from its inception.

"We take pride in the logistics and other services of TAHA's subsidiary TAHAFRESH as USAID played a role in its development," she said.



Deus Sangu (R), Deputy Minister of State in the President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance), pictured in Dodoma city yesterday bids farewell to Public Service commissioners shortly after witnessing the hearing of appeals and complaints submitted by government employees dissatisfied with decisions made by their employment and disciplinary authorities. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

WASHINGTON

US to donate 1m mpox vaccine doses to halt outbreak in Africa

US President Joe Biden was late yesterday scheduled to announce the donation of 1 million mpox vaccine doses and at least \$500 million to African countries to support their response to the outbreak, according to a senior administration official.

Biden was to make the announcement in New York, where he is attending the United Nations General Assembly, and call on other countries to follow suit.

In August, the World Health Organization declared mpox a global public health emergency for the second time in two years, following an outbreak of the viral infection in Democratic Republic of Congo that has spread to neighbouring countries and beyond, including India, raising alarm.

"It wouldn't be a huge surprise if there were a case in the United States, either," the official said, noting that recent cuts in pandemic support by Congress may hamper a domestic response.

"We're really squeezing right now to be able to respond effectively in

this moment. And I think anticipating potentially additional cuts in the future will make it more and more difficult for us to have a robust response to these types of outbreaks."

Mpox can spread through close contact. Usually mild, it is fatal in rare cases. It causes flu-like symptoms and pus-filled lesions on the body.

The outbreak in Congo began with the spread of an endemic strain, known as clade I. But a new variant, clade Ib, appears to spread more easily through routine close contact, including sexual contact.

The expectation is that the U.S.-donated doses will be of the Bavarian Nordic (BAVA.CO), opens new tab vaccine known as Jynneos in the United States, and many will come from a stockpile in the United States. The 1 million doses is in addition to the 60,000 previously donated shots.

The U.S. official said the admin-

istration expects Gavi, a public-private alliance which co-funds vaccine purchases for low-income countries, to distribute the donated vaccines.

"We feel really strongly that Gavi is the multilateral institution that is best positioned to procure and equitably distribute vaccines," the official said.

Last week, Gavi said it will buy 500,000 doses of Bavarian Nordic's vaccine, its first purchase to help battle the outbreak.

The Biden administration is also pushing for more vaccines to be manufactured in low and middle-income countries, and is working with Brazil to identify how the Group of 20 club of nations can support the mpox response.

There is not currently a manufacturer in Africa that is able to make the complex drug substance needed to make the vaccine, the US official said.

CO-OPERATIVE BANK OF TANZANIA (CBT)

VACANCIES - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Cooperative Bank of Tanzania (CBT) was registered in 26th May 2024 after the amalgamation of two banks namely Kilimanjaro Co-operative Bank Limited (KCBL), Tandahimba Co-operative Bank Limited (TCBL) and new share investments from Cooperative Societies, Private institutions and Individuals. The Bank has been licensed by the Bank of Tanzania (BOT) and will be commencing its operation in October 2024.

The CBT Board of Directors invites applications from suitably qualified candidates to fill four (4) vacant positions representing Minority Shareholders and Independent Board Directors. The names of the shortlisted candidates will be presented to the 1st General Meeting for election to be held on **Thursday 17th October 2024**.

Knowledge and Education background

In line with Section 5(2) of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act (Corporate Governance) Regulations, 2021 candidates for the Board of Directors positions should have expertise and knowledge in the following academia: Banking; or Finance; or Accounting; or Auditing; or Law; or Economics.

Skills and Expertise

Considering the ongoing developments in technology and growth in digital banking the following skills are required: Data science, Cyber Security, Credit, Law, Accounting, Information Technology, Insurance, Microfinance, Banking, Cooperative Management, Strategic Communication, Investment and Capital ventures.

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- Determine the Bank's vision, mission and values aimed at providing continuity and legal existence of the Bank.
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 - The Bank complies with all relevant laws, regulations and codes of best practices; and
 - The technology and systems used in the Bank are adequate to properly run the Bank for it to compete through efficient use of its assets, processes and human resources.
- Monitor risk identification and its management to enhance shareholder value in the long run.
- Appoint the Managing Director and Senior Management to whom the responsibility of managing the Bank shall be delegated. The Directors shall review and evaluate the Group Managing Director's performance regularly.

Mode of Application

- The applicant should be a member of Cooperative Bank of Tanzania (CBT).
- The applicant must submit an application letter, curriculum vitae, certified copies of relevant academic and professional certificates and awards, two passport size photographs, certified copies of the last page of their passports, and letters of recommendation from three (3) references and declaration of indebtedness to banks.
- Applications should only be channeled through e mail address: cbt-boardapplications@kcblbank.co.tz
- Notification of receipt of application and other details will be sent to all applicants upon receipt of the application. Successful candidates will serve for three (3) renewable terms. Kindly note that the deadline for submission of applications is **4.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 2nd October 2024**.

The contact for communication is:

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COMPANY SECRETARY

23rd September 2024

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

Over 100 districts connected to ICT broadband, says TTCL

A TOTAL of 106 districts in the country have been connected to the national fibre-optic communication network, according to the Tanzania Telecommunications Company Limited (TTCL).

Known as 'National ICT Broadband Backbone (NICTBB)', the network has linked many areas with a few districts that are yet to be connected.

TTCL director of technical and development Cecil Francis said this here recently at the Connect 2 Connect conference, adding that the government aims to expand the service to every district to ensure seamless integration of even the most remote areas into the digital age.

The event, opened by Minister for Information, Communication and Information Technology Jerry Silaa, brought together stakeholders from the communication sector from Tanzania and abroad.

Francis said that for the remaining 33 districts, the government has allocated funds in the 2024/2025 financial year to complete the project to ensure comprehensive connectivity and improved service delivery across the country.

He explained that the NICTBB serves as the primary link for voice and internet communications, connecting to undersea cables that bring internet access to Tanzania.

"Our national fibre-optic network is essential for voice and internet communications. It also connects to undersea cables, linking us with neighbouring countries such as Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Zambia and Malawi. We have also established connections to

Mozambique and are beginning to extend our reach to the Democratic Republic of Congo via Lake Tanganyika," he said.

He noted that TTCL strives to enhance fibre-optic connections, including links to undersea stations in Mombasa, Kenya.

"Our major responsibility is to enhance communications infrastructure through our fibre-optic network to ensure high-quality services reach every location and help reduce costs for citizens," he said.

Through the fibre-optic network, TTCL has connected various regions and districts, fulfilling its mandate as a government entity tasked with providing communication services

nationwide.

Gwakisa Stadi, Helios Towers

chief executive officer, said that the company operates over 400 towers

in the country, serving more than 10,000 customers.

He explained that the towers are crucial for providing communication services, with major clients including telecommunications companies, internet service providers and television companies that have installed their equipment on the towers.



Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) election director Kailima Ramadhani pictured in Dodoma on Monday addressing participants of training for Biometric Voter Registration assistant clerks and operators of equipment picked for the upcoming updating of the national Permanent Voters' Register in the city. Photo courtesy of INEC

Tarura engages 22 contractors in road repair works worth 12.2bn/-

By Guardian Correspondent, Tabora

RURAL and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) in Tabora Region has signed 27 contracts worth 12.2bn/- with 22 contractors for road maintenance and improvement projects across seven councils.

During the signing ceremony yesterday, Tabora Regional Commissioner Paul Chacha warned contractors against fraudulent practices and delays in project completion.

"I will not tolerate any contractor who engages in fraudulent activities or delays completion of road maintenance project," he said.

He also urged residents to protect roads and refrain from damaging the valuable infrastructure for the benefit of the public.

Lusako Kilembe, TARURA regional manager announced that for the fiscal year 2024/25, the agency has been allocated 25.09bn/- for road maintenance

and repairs from various budget sources.

Kilembe noted that 12.2bn/- from the budget will be dedicated to constructing and repairing the road network, which includes building culverts, installing street lights and maintaining roads across all seven councils in the region.

"Our goal is to ensure that all signed contracts are implemented promptly and by adhering to established regulations, laws and procedures," Kilembe said.



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North Mara Gold Mine Limited



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Tanga regional commissioner Dr Batilda Burian (in head-cloth) launches a tourism information centre during earlier this week's Usambara 2024 tourism festival held in Lushoto District. Photo: Correspondent Ashrack Miraji

Farmers in Mlimba pocket 2.2bn/- since June through warehouse receipt system

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

COCOA farmers in Mlimba District Council, Kilombero District in Morogoro Region have earned 2.2bn/- since June this year through a warehouse receipt system.

Juma Abeleu, Cooperative Officer for Mlimba District Council, shared the information yesterday during a meeting to evaluate progress of crop sales via the warehouse receipt system which was implemented in June.

By September, four cocoa auctions were held, resulting in the sale of 117,180 kilograms of cocoa and earning farmers 2.2bn/-.

The district council collected 80.3m/- in levy, equal to 3percent of the total crop sales.

Robert Mede, Chairman of Ulanga and Kilombero Cooperative Union (UKIKU), urged leaders of Agricultural Marketing Cooperative

Societies (AMCOS) to strengthen their associations to better serve farmers and reduce exploitation by middlemen.

"This plan will ensure that once a farmer agrees on a price, they stick to it, addressing issues that frequently arise. Currently, brokers and traders—often with questionable intentions—are the ones bringing crops to the warehouse, not the farmers," he said.

He advised cooperative chairpersons in Mlimba District Council to prioritize farmers' interests when managing the auctions.

Some cooperative leaders suggested continuing education on the warehouse receipt system, emphasizing strategic crops.

They also recommended enhancing the capacity of ward and village executives to better manage crop sales and educate farmers about the system.

Uganda to immunise 2.7m children against polio virus

KAMPALA

UGANDA is set to immunise over 2.7 million children below the age of five in the eastern part of the country against polio, health ministry officials said here yesterday.

Michael Baganizi, head of Uganda National Expanded Programme on Immunisation said that children in 49 districts of the region would be immunised in a door-to-door exercise to be done from October 3 to 6.

Baganizi said the exercise aims to stop the spread of polio which broke out in Mbale, a city in the Eastern Region of Uganda.

Ministry of Health Spokesperson Emmanuel Ainebyoona called on

parents and guardians to ensure that all children aged five and under are vaccinated.

Uganda was certified polio-free in October 2006 by the World Health Organization (WHO) after having reported no indigenous cases for 10 years.

Children under the age of five in Uganda remain at risk of polio, a dangerous disease that can cripple or cause death as neighboring Kenya, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and South Sudan continue to register outbreaks.

Polio is a highly infectious disease caused by a virus that mainly affects children under five years of age, according to WHO. The virus is transmitted by the fecal-oral route and by aerosol droplets.

SADC electricity regulators hold 2024 meeting in Z'bar

By Guardian Reporter

THE Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) is the host of this year's meetings of subcommittees of Regional Electricity Regulators Association of Southern Africa (RERA).

According to a statement released by EWURA yesterday, the primary aim of RERA meetings is

to facilitate exchange of regulatory and operational experiences in the energy sector among member institutions within the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

The statement noted that regulatory authorities from Angola, Botswana, South Africa, Namibia, Lesotho, Eswatini, Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique, Zimbabwe

and Tanzania participate in the meetings which began on Monday in Zanzibar and will run until Friday.

"The meetings focus on improving energy regulation in areas such as finance, human resources, customer service, information technology, pricing, tariffs and service standards in electricity, oil and natural gas," the statement said.

Zanzibar Utility Regulatory Authority (ZURA) attends as an observer since it is not an official member of the association.

RERA meetings are being held in two phases: the first phase involves meetings of executive staff in six subcommittees while the second phase which includes heads of RERA member institutions is scheduled for October 8 to 11.



Kisesa constituency legislator Luhanga Mpina (foreground, in specs) pictured yesterday leaving the High Court of Tanzania in Dar es Salaam, where he attended the hearing of his case relating to the tax exemptions granted for sugar imports. Photo: Correspondent Imani Nathaniel

Russia declines to support UN's plan for global peace

NEW YORK

RUSSIA has declined to support a UN blueprint aimed at bringing the world's increasingly divided nations together to tackle 21st-century challenges ranging from climate change and artificial intelligence to escalating conflicts and increasing inequality and poverty.

Speaking on Monday in New York at the Summit of the Future meeting, Russian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Sergey Vershinin said "we'd like to underscore that the summit's outcome documents do not impose any obligations on the Russian Federation under provisions which did not achieve consensus."

The UN General Assembly approved the blueprint on Sunday.

The 42-page "Pact for the Future" challenges leaders of the 193 UN member nations to turn promises into real actions that make a difference to the lives of the world's more than 8 billion people.

The pact was adopted at the opening of the two-day "Summit of the Future" called by U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, who thanked leaders and diplomats for taking the first steps and unlocking "the door" to a better future.

The UN General Assembly adopted a "Pact for the Future" to meet the challenges of the 21st century. Now comes the hard part: uniting the world's divided nations to move quickly to implement the agreement's 56 actions.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken said "simply preserving the status quo is not an option," as he signalled U.S. support for the pact.

"The United States is committed to adapting the UN system to reflect this world of today and tomorrow, not the one that existed in 1945," he said. "We will not accept efforts to tear down, dilute or fundamentally alter the core principles of the UN

Charter," he added.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres thanked the 193-member world body for approving the pact. He says it unlocks the door for nations to join forces to tackle challenges ranging from climate change and artificial intelligence to escalating conflicts and increasing inequality and poverty.

The pact was adopted at Sunday's opening of a two-day "Summit of the Future." Right up to Sunday's vote, it was unclear whether the pact would be adopted. In fact, there was so much suspense that UN Secretary-General António Guterres had three prepared speeches, one for approval, one for rejection, and one if things weren't clear, UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric said.



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Cote d'Ivoire asks investors to invest in cashew industry

ABIDJAN

AT the opening of an investment forum for cashew industry held Monday in Abidjan, Ivorian Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Food Production Kobenan Kouassi Adjoumani strongly encouraged national and international investors to invest in cashew subsectors in the country.

The minister emphasized that the annual production of cashew nuts in Cote d'Ivoire has significantly increased, rising from 500,000 tons in 2013 to 1.2 million tons in 2023. This growth is the result of several government programs and projects aimed at energizing the cashew sector and boosting investments.

However, he pointed out that the added value from the local

processing of this product is still largely underexploited. In fact, in 2023, only 21 percent of the Ivorian cashew nut production was processed locally, which is far from the government's goal of achieving 50 percent local processing by 2030.

To achieve this objective, the minister called for massive investments to competitively increase national production and

processing capacities of cashew nuts in Cote d'Ivoire.

It is worth noting that Cote d'Ivoire is the world's leading producer of cashew nuts. On the first day of this forum, which will continue until Wednesday, the Cotton-Cashew Council announced the signing of three memorandums of understanding worth 16 billion CFA francs (about \$27 million) with investors.

Chalinze MP appeals for stronger partnerships to lift social services

By Guardian Correspondent, Chalinze

CHALINZE legislator Ridhiwani Kikwete has called for robust partnerships among stakeholders to improve social services.

He made the call yesterday when receiving medical supplies for Chalinze District Council Hospital in Coast Region as well as school furniture and the donations are worth 18m/-.

Kikwete who also serves as Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth Employment and Persons with Disabilities), said leaders in Chalinze District Council will continue to enhance relations with various stakeholders to stimulate development and support the government's efforts to provide quality social services across Tanzania.

He commended NMB Bank for the donation, noting that its impactful social investments should serve as a model for other stakeholders determined to support government efforts in improving lives.

"We should consolidate our partnership and amplify our efforts in supporting the government's development agenda not only in Chalinze but throughout Tanzania," he said.

Kikwete highlighted Chalinze's significant contribution to the bank's financial performance while also benefiting from its support in delivering essential services, particularly in education and healthcare.

"When this hospital began operations, the bank provided some of our first bed sheets and it continues to assist us. The bank has also supported numerous schools and we urge you to keep helping us whenever we reach out to you," he said.

Earlier, NMB's head of branch network and retail sales, Donatus Richard, said that in addition to 100 bed sheets, the bank has also donated five patient beds to Chalinze District Council Hospital.

He added that the corporate social responsibility support includes 70 desks for Mwetemo Primary School and 50 for Misani Primary School.

He explained that the bank's CSR policy which focuses on education, health services and humanitarian aid, allocates one percent of its annual net profit for social investments.

The event was also attended by Bagamoyo District Commissioner, Shaibu Ndemanga and Chalinze District Council chairman Hassan Mwinvikondo.



Ridhiwani Kikwete (3rd-R), Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and People with Disabilities), pictured at Msoga in Chalinze District yesterday receiving five beds and 100 bed sheets from NMB Bank's Head of Sales and Branch Network, Donatus Richard, the bank has gifted Chalinze District Council Hospital. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

DODOMA Regional Commissioner Rosemary Senyamule has called on residents who want to change or update their vote registration details to turn out as the exercise begins in the region today.

Addressing a press conference in Dodoma city yesterday, she said the nationwide exercise is scheduled to begin in the region from today and continue until 1st October.

She noted that at least 1,777,834 are estimated to update or change their vote registration information in the region whereby 845,976 are

RC appeals for turnout as voter register upgrade kicks off today

those who did not participate in the last election.

The RC noted that already the registration centres have been earmarked with Dodoma Municipal Council having 429 centres, Bahi (191) Kongwa (229) and Chamwino (805).

She appealed to residents to understand the significance of their

votes in shaping their futures by electing qualified leaders.

Every citizen of the United Republic of Tanzania who has attained the age of 18 years is entitled to vote in any election held in Tanzania, according to article 5(1) of the Constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania of 1977.

This constitutional requirement

cannot be fulfilled if procedures, criteria and conditions set are not fulfilled.

For example, article 74(6)(a) and (d) state that the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has the role of supervising and coordinating registration of voters in Presidential and Parliamentary elections in the

United Republic and Councillors election in Tanzania Mainland.

Another is section 16(5) of The Presidential, Parliamentary and Councillors Elections Act No. 1 of 2024 which reads "for the purpose of this section, the commission shall update the register twice between the period commencing immediately after the general

elections and the date preceding the nomination day."

INEC has already started update of the Permanent National Voters' Register (PNVR) whereby several activities have been done, including nine stakeholders' meetings at national level held in Dar es Salaam from 07th through 15th June, 2024 and one meeting held in Kigoma Region on 19th June, 2024.

According to the election management authority, similar meetings are in order throughout the country in accordance with the schedule for the update of the register.

Public Announcement

UNDER REGULATION 9(6) OF THE CAPITAL MARKETS AND SECURITIES (SUBSTANTIAL ACQUISITIONS, TAKEOVERS AND MERGERS) REGULATIONS, 2006

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FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE SHAREHOLDERS OF TANGA CEMENT PLC

- Scancem acquired 68.33% (sixty eight point thirty three percent) of the entire issued share capital of **Tanga Cement PLC** ("Tanga Cement") from AfriSam Mauritius Investment Holdings Limited ("**AfriSam**"), comprising 43 504 403 (forty-three million five hundred and four thousand four hundred and three) shares ("Shares") pursuant to a share purchase agreement dated 22 October 2021 ("SPA").
- Under the SPA, the Provisional Purchase Price, which was subject to a number of adjustments was US\$42 492 369 (forty two million four hundred and ninety two thousand three hundred and sixty nine United States Dollars), on 22 November 2023 ("**Provisional Date**"), being the TZS equivalent of TZS 106 383 896 028 (one hundred and six billion, three hundred and eighty three million, eight hundred and ninety six thousand and twenty eight Tanzanian Shillings), equating to TZS 2445 (two thousand four hundred and forty five Tanzanian Shillings) per share.
- Post adjustments to the Provisional Purchase Price, Scancem and AfriSam under a written addendum to the SPA dated 13 September 2024, agreed on the final Purchase Price of the Shares as US\$39 492 369 (thirty nine million four hundred and ninety two thousand three hundred and sixty nine

United States Dollars), being the TZS equivalent of TZS 98 873 095 028.40 (ninety eight billion, eight hundred and seventy three million and ninety five thousand and twenty eight Tanzanian Shillings and forty cents), equating to TZS 2273 (two thousand two hundred and seventy three Tanzanian Shillings) per share.

- The TZS equivalents of the US\$ amounts quoted and provided for in paragraphs 2 and 3 above are determined by applying the USD to TZS currency conversion rate determined in accordance with the spot reference rate for a transaction between those currencies as quoted at 2.00 p.m by Bloomberg BFIX on the Provisional Date, being 2503.60TZS/1US\$ (two thousand five hundred and three Tanzanian Shillings and sixty cents per 1(one) United States Dollar).
- Pursuant to the conclusion of the SPA and the final determination of the Purchase Price of the Shares, Scancem intends to make a general takeover offer to shareholders of Tanga Cement to acquire the issued share capital of Tanga Cement other than those already owned or controlled by Scancem, pursuant to and in accordance with General Principle 2 of the Regulations (hereafter referred to as the "**General Takeover Offer**").

- Scancem is engaging with the CMSA regarding the regulatory approvals and requirements relating to the General Takeover Offer, in accordance with the Regulations and will make further announcements as required in due course.

About Tanga

Tanga Cement was incorporated in Tanzania in 1980 under the Tanzanian Companies Act of 2002 as a public company limited by shares. Located approximately 15 kilometres from Tanga city centre, the company has the capacity to produce clinker and cement using limestone sourced directly from the plant site.

About Scancem

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Dodoma regional commissioner Rosemary Senyamule briefs journalists in Dodoma city yesterday on the region-after-region updating of the national Permanent Voters' Register. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Ibrahim

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

Govt imports 60,000 tonnes of tobacco fertiliser for the season

THE government has begun preparations for the new tobacco farming season by importing over 60,000 tonnes of subsidised fertilizer from neighbouring Zambia, meant to improve access to the essential input for farmers.

The import aligns with President Samia Suluhu Hassan's recent directive to the Ministry of Agriculture, which instructed urgent delivery of agricultural inputs to coincide with the farming season.

Upon receiving the fertilizer shipment at the weekend, Agriculture Deputy Minister David Silinde announced that more than 170 trucks carrying the product had arrived in the country. He noted that this marks the first phase of

the importation agreement. Silinde explained that the initial phase focuses on tobacco fertilizer, with plans to import additional types of fertilizer for food crop farming thereafter. He reassured farmers that they will have access to subsidized fertilizer before rains begin.

"Today we are here in Mbeya to receive subsidized fertilizer. We hand over the fertilizer to the regional commissioner to ensure its security and distribution to all farmers," he said.

Samuel Mshote, Director General of Tanzania Fertilizer Company

(TFC), confirmed that the received fertilizer was adequate for the needs of tobacco farmers and encouraged them to take advantage of the opportunity to boost productivity.

He mentioned that for the 2024/2025 fiscal year, the government has instructed TFC to import 130,000 tonnes of fertilizer from Zambia, with delivery being part of that total.

"We urge farmers to acquire the fertilizer early and prepare for the upcoming farming season which will start soon," he said.

Mbeya Regional Commissioner

Juma Homera acknowledged that tobacco farmers have long expressed concerns about being excluded from the subsidized fertilizer programme. He noted that the delivery addresses those issues.

Homera stated that the region expects to increase tobacco production from 24,000 tonnes last season to over 30,000 tonnes this year.

He assured farmers that a proper distribution system was in place to ensure that the fertilizer reaches primary cooperatives and farmers in the villages.

Indian heart institute out to work with JKCI in human resources enhancement

By Correspondent Christina Mwakangale

ONE of the leading heart institutes in India has expressed commitment to collaborating with Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI) to enhance the capacity of healthcare providers, particularly specialist doctors and nurses in utilising the latest medical technologies available globally.

Dr Praveen Chandra, chairman of Interventional Cardiology Division at Medanta Heart Institute and a renowned cardiology specialist, made the announcement in Dar es Salaam yesterday during a press briefing.

Dr Chandra stated that Medanta aims to offer short-term, medium-term and long-term training based on specific needs identified by JKCI, with the objective of exchanging expertise and introducing advanced treatment techniques.

"Our institute receives patients from various countries in the Americas, Africa and Asia. We provide specialised medical care, particularly a new type of aortic valve surgery known as Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI) which does not require opening of the chest," he said.

"We also perform advanced surgeries for blocked arteries without the need for open-heart procedures. Patients typically stay in hospital for just one day and are discharged the following day. There are various modern treatments available globally."

Dr Chandra said, given the advanced specialised services offered at JKCI, the expectation is that over the next 10 years, the institute will be able to conduct a wider range of complex surgeries.

"Medanta is prepared to provide

training for JKCI specialists for a minimum of one year in India."

Dr Tatizo Waane, a cardiologist and director of cardiac diseases at JKCI, said that Dr Chandra's visit aimed at enhancing skills of the institute's medical professionals.

"Yesterday, upon his arrival, Dr Chandra successfully performed two heart surgeries through small incisions, working alongside the JKCI team. Today, we are scheduled to operate on three or four more patients before he departs," Dr Waane said.

He emphasised that Medanta is one of India's leading specialised medical institutions, known for its extensive expertise and has committed to collaborating with JKCI to strengthen the capacity of cardiac specialists.



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Nigeria president orders crackdown on stolen vehicles trafficking cartels

ABUJA

NIGERIAN President Bola Tinubu has directed local security and law enforcement agencies to crack down on individuals involved in trafficking of stolen vehicles, a move aimed at further strengthening the country's economic and financial integrity against infiltration of organized crime.

In a statement issued late on Sunday, Tinubu said Nigeria will continue to work with its international partners to ensure that cyber criminals and organized crime groups involved in transnational car theft are deprived of the benefits of their

illegal activities.

Noting that one of the most effective tools available to law enforcement agencies is depriving criminals of the proceeds of their illicit activities, the Nigerian leader acknowledged the recent handover of 53 vehicles and 180,300 U.S. dollars by the country's Economic and Financial Crimes Commission to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), on behalf of two Canadian citizens who were victims of cybercrime perpetrated by Nigerian nationals.

While expressing concern over the involvement of transnational organized criminal groups in exporting stolen vehicles to

Nigeria, Tinubu commended the local anti-corruption police for working with partners to ensure a coordinated and professional response to the menace.

The Nigerian president also ordered that the value of seized and confiscated moveable assets be preserved for the state, society, and victims in line with existing legislation and international conventions.

"Nigeria is not a destination for stolen vehicles and a haven for illicit wealth from foreign countries," he said, affirming that his administration remains committed to tackling money laundering, cybercrime, and other financial crimes.



Zanzibar's Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children minister, Riziki Pembe Juma, follows proceedings during a Zanzibar House of Representatives session yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



Invitation for Bids Disposal of Assets Tender No. PIT/DA/03/2024

1. Plan International is an independent development and humanitarian organization that advances children's rights and equality for girls. Plan has over 80 years' experience and works in more than 75 countries across the world. Working together with children, young people, our supporters and partners, we strive for a just world, tackling the root causes of the challenges facing girls and all vulnerable children. Plan International Tanzania (PIT) operates in 8 regions with footprints within 16 regions since 1991, currently supporting 25,000 vulnerable children and their families to access health care, quality education, safe sanitation and water, productive livelihoods and protection of their wellbeing.

2. Plan International Tanzania now invite sealed bids from interested parties for purchase of the assets listed below:

a) Motor vehicles

| S/No | Item Description | Registration number | Year of Man | Condition | Location | Tax Status |
|------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|
| 1. | Nissan Patrol Station Wagon | T 220 CDC | 2011 | Running | Plan offices, DSM | Paid |
| 2. | Toyota Land Cruiser Hardtop | DFP 8893 | 2011 | Running | Plan offices, DSM | Not paid |
| 3. | Nissan Patrol Station Wagon | DFP 8895 | 2011 | Running | Plan offices, DSM | Not paid |

b) Various furniture, electronic and IT equipment in Dar es Salaam

3. The above-mentioned assets will be sold on "as is where is" basis, Plan International Tanzania shall have no further liability after sale.

4. Asset Inspection should be conducted during the working days between 9am-3pm on Monday to Thursday, 9am - 2.30pm on Friday. For inquiries and further inspection arrangements bidders may call the Procurement and Logistics unit on + 255 767 77 32 64

5. Bidders shall submit the bid forms to be supplied from Plan offices, properly filled with all the required information in a plain sealed envelope marked the above tender number, with complete asset description and registration or number before 11AM Tuesday, 15th October 2024 physically by hand to: Plan International Tanzania, Country Office, Plot 96 Mikocheni Light Industrial Area, New Bagamoyo Road - Next to TBCI&NECTA, P. O. Box 3517, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

6. Successful applicant will be required to pay 25% of the bid price soon after receiving the letter of award and remaining 75% paid within 7 days

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To be forewarned about taxing tourists is also to be forearmed

STAKEHOLDERS among major travel agencies have been raising fears on the possibility of destinations like Mauritius and the Seychelles being favoured for inbound tourists, on account of Zanzibar instituting a mandatory health insurance policy usable within the Isles.

It is expected to be applicable early next week, adding a US\$44 bill to the e-visa for all foreign tourists, with inbound tourists likely starting preferring neighbouring destinations. They become more attractive to potential visitors.

More recently the public has been put to unflattering remarks from the Tanzania Local Tour Operators (TLTO) public relations office that the formally approved mandatory travel insurance "contains seeds of destruction in the local tourism industry".

It is much the case with what the Chinese say - of one lifting a stone only to drop it on one's own feet. This is if it was that the US\$44 surcharge - as health insurance proper is embedded in the travel arrangements with their agencies back home - had the sort of effects that industrial veterans are worrying about.

What is unclear about the US\$44 health insurance requirement enunciated by the Zanzibar authorities to start on October 1 is the source of such advice, and why it needed to be accepted by the relevant authorities.

With a week to go before the move takes effect, it is not clear yet if some bookings have silently been cancelled even before it starts being applied, or the relevant agencies are clasp their fingers to see if there is a change before the fateful day.

But one thing is that not one voice has been heard to say that the move is positive, either in its health insurance need per se or as additional costing.

Maintaining that position until October 1 and start using the rule will be kind of experimenting, whether an additional US\$44 on top of what a tourist has to pay matters.

Here much depends on what studies on refers to, and indeed the preferences of those who conduct such studies, or adopt those conclusions as political advice.

There was a time in the past that certain analysts even with the government were urging that the country adopts quality tourism rather than flooding beaches and safari parks with budget tourists, with underlining projections that revenues would even rise.

None of this was accepted by the Union authorities, and now it is being taken up by Zanzibar without much debate, amidst fears of a massive impact of the move on budget tourists.

If this effect has already been staked in, what it implies is that those who come to leased islands, to the extent that they are operating or the leading hotels and all other hotels, expect to have their visitors. It is to say that they will not be deterred by the US\$44 surcharge on the basis of a health insurance 'pretext'.

Tourism sector advisers in Zanzibar thus need to have exhausted the range of possibilities and worked out the financial or revenue implications scenario.

One can't insist that they are wrong in the health insurance requirement per se as it is neither here nor there, but as an attempt to cut down on budget tourists to retain quality tourists as they are often called.

If the Zanzibar authorities have actually worked out the math, the fallout will likely be minimal if the rollout runs as planned. However, if they did not actually make the calculations focused on revenues, things will be vastly different.

Visible calm in Ngorongoro salutary, given the vast anti-relocation clamour

ATOP presidential adviser has been on a rare field trip to the northern tourism corridor, spending part of the weekend in Ngorongoro District.

The presidential advisor on political and community relations, Rajab Omar Luhwavi, said President Samia Suluhu Hassan was happy with the positive response to further ensure that the Ngorongoro Conservation Area is conserved.

That means the heads of state is satisfied that people in the area understand what the government is trying to do and on the whole accept that it is acting fairly.

It wasn't surprising that the presidential adviser pointed at the peaceful environment as having prompted the president to instruct aides to monitor the implementation of current directives in the area.

The point is that the government intends to proceed with moves to ensure the sustainability of conserving the Ngorongoro 'wonderland' from devastation.

Assuming that what the presidential adviser said is right, it follows that the impression created by the remarks is correct. The very presence of a top State House official being invited to speak in public as part of vital consultations is evidence of the climate there.

Noticeably, the presidential adviser used the rostrum to illustrate how the calm in the area is a compliment to the president's

governance philosophy, which a range of other stakeholders are finding difficult to accommodate.

The State House emissary commended the people in the area for the show of unity, peace and tranquility, if sporadic events in the past are put aside, as embodying the spirit of the 4Rs - reconciliation, resilience, reforms and rebuilding. The point is that if someone somewhere moves to do what is morally right, the 4Rs are exhibited.

So the 4Rs aren't something one needs to go to a school of diplomacy or public administration to grasp their meaning or relevance.

Indeed, all meaningful social engagement where the needs of the wider public and national economy are uppermost will unavoidably be embedded in the 4Rs.

There are likely to remain a few areas that the State House in liaison with the relevant regulatory authorities may need to work upon, but there is much hope that the matter will not get out of hand.

There may be people possibly with reasons for detesting tourism, convinced that conservation means leaving indigenous people on the land so the rest shall work out for itself. Obviously this isn't the view of the government.

Heavy doses of focused sensitisation, education and popularisation will surely come in handy in ensuring meaningful dialogue for the good of our country and nation runs on.



In the shadow of jealousy: The untold stories of Tanzania's femicide victims

By Dorothy Ndalul

Achilling wave of murders driven by jealousy among couples is gripping Tanzania, leaving behind a trail of unanswered questions. As the body count rises, so does the urgency for action to confront this disturbing trend.

With each tragic case, the need for answers and solutions becomes ever more critical for the future of relationships and safety in the country.

In 2023, Tanzania's Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) documented 50 incidents of intimate partner homicide (IPH), with 45 of the victims (90 per cent) being female and five (10 per cent) male. This points to an increase of 17 incidents compared to 2022.

Since 2019, LHRC has documented 162 incidents, with concerns that many more may have gone unreported.

While femicide in Tanzania is addressed through multiple legal mechanisms, from constitutional guarantees to criminalisation and prevention measures embedded within sectoral laws targeting gender-based violence (GBV), the country does not have specific pieces of legislation explicitly addressing GBV or the crime of femicide.

However, various existing laws can be applied to cases involving violence against women, including murder and other forms of GBV.

Fausta Raymond Tesha, a resident of Moshi in Kilimanjaro Region, experienced a horrific event that paints a clear picture of what is happening in the country.

Fausta (26), a mother of two, was murdered in 2023 by her estranged husband following ongoing family conflicts. The husband, angered upon discovering that Fausta had become pregnant following an affair with another man after their separation, took drastic and violent action.

After the separation, Fausta returned to her parents' home, where she lived with her newborn child. Late one night, her estranged husband broke into the family home and murdered both Fausta and her one-week-old baby.

Alerted by her screams, members of Fausta's family found the door to her room locked from outside. After breaking it, they discovered Fausta and the child in critical condition - covered in blood. Despite being rushed to hospital, both Fausta and the baby succumbed to their injuries.

The lack of support from the husband's family, who neither visited the hospital nor attended the subsequent funeral, further deepened the tragedy.

Fausta's mother now bears the burden of raising Fausta's two surviving children without any assistance from the ex-husband's family. The estranged husband later died in police custody after being intercepted in a forest where he had fled to following the attack.

Fausta's father, Raymond John Tesha, shares the heartbreaking account of his daughter's married life. He says that his daughter and son-in-law initially lived with the husband's family but later moved into a rented house. The relationship deteriorated, and the husband abandoned Fausta without. After a period of separation, Fausta met another man and became pregnant.

Upon his return, the estranged husband discovered that Fausta had given birth to a child who was not his, and turned inconsolably angry and violent. Although he initially appeared ready for reconciliation, Fausta's parents were reluctant to allow their daughter and grandchildren to return to him, particularly since the child was not his biological offspring.

The night he was supposed to resume, the estranged husband committed the violent act that led to Fausta and her baby's deaths.

Fausta's father recounted how they had hoped to protect her daughter and the child by taking them to hospital. Despite their efforts, though, both Fausta and the baby died.

Police later arrested the man in a forest where he had been hiding but he died sometime after being taken to court. The two families eventually agreed that Fausta's two surviving children would stay with her side of the family until they completed primary school. However, the husband's family is said to have shown no cooperation in raising the children.

Fausta's father described the intermittent and long-running "challenges" is his daughter's marriage, noting that her husband was a jealous and negligent man who routinely neglected his family. He expressed his frustration with many women's sufferings and both resented and regretted the excessive patience that can lead to such tragic incidents.

The 2023 edition of the Tanzania Human Rights Report describes intimate partner homicide (IPH) as an extreme outcome of intimate partner violence (IPV) which is a significant problem in Tanzania, particularly for women who are married or otherwise in relationships.

This is not the only case of such horrific incidents in Tanzania. The case of Mecktrida Simon Mabula from the Katoro ward in Geita District, Geita Region, presents another grim picture of the violence being inflicted on women in the country.

Mecktrida (38) left behind six children - three daughters and as many sons. Her life with her husband had been stable; she ran a food business to support the family, while her husband worked as a gardener.

However, the six children are now at serious risk and in poor condition. Their relatives have not visited them since their mother's death six months ago. A neighbour doubling as friend, a widow, has volunteered to care for them.

The couple had long-running

domestic conflicts, particularly over the husband's desire to sell their property, including their house, while the wife would not have any of that. In February 2024, the husband became enraged and started a fight at night, which tragically ended in the wife's death.

The neighbour claims that the children have faced numerous challenges, including acute food scarcity, since their mother's death and their father's imprisonment. She says that sometimes, however little she gets, she helps them with food and lodging, despite having six children of her own who depend on her.

The neighbour says she "balances" this by trying to meet the needs of her own family and the other children under her care. She added that the latter don't even have proper clothing, the ones they had having started to wear out.

The victim's eldest (male) child, now aged 18, explained that he was in their farm with their father when the incident occurred. He said his father told him that he had heard that their mother was in Geita engaging in prostitution and mentioned that when he returned home, he wished not to see her again.

According to the narration, the father told him that their mother had caused him a lot of trouble by starting relationships with other men.

At that time, his father lived with another woman on their family farm. Once, while in the farm, the young man learned that his father had killed his mother.

He said that the cause of his mother's killing was a dispute over land ownership and use, with the father also still claiming that the mother was involved in promiscuity.

He narrated some of the last words he had with his father while on the farm, including that he didn't want to find that woman (his wife) in his house and that one day his son would not see him because he would disappear without a trace.

The son made it clear that although their father appeared to be very jealous of their mother, the father was also far from faithful in his marriage - and that back on their village farm he was living with another woman. He added that their late mother had been very supportive of their father, but their father was a person overburdened with debts and loans.

A few days later, the father sent him to the farm, instructing him to take maize for home use there, where they were living with his mistress. While the son was at the farm, the man went to a nearby village with friends. However, to the son's surprise, the father did not return home.

The next day, the boy received a message to the effect that his father had instructed him to pack up and return to his biological mother's home. It then dawned on him that the purpose was to hide the fact that his father had already killed his mother. Eventually,

though, they told him the truth: his father had set out the previous day to visit his mother - and had murdered her.

The deceased's second child reported that, aside from the particular this incident, his parents had generally lived happily together, providing them with love, care and all other basic needs, such as clothing and food.

However, things began to turn sour following a series of domestic disputes and the father's jealousy towards his wife - their mother.

The narration goes on thus: All efforts to calm down the father were in vain. The father, under the influence of alcohol, pushed his wife, causing her to hit her head on the wall. She began to bleed from the head, but the father did not seem to notice the severity of the resultant injuries.

This incident led to the woman's deteriorating health and eventual death. When the man realised that his wife was dead, and it was well into the night, he left the house and ordered his son to lock the door. The son asked where he was going, but the father simply instructed him to lock the door.

The son went back to sleep and when he woke up in the morning to get ready for school, he went straight to his parents' room to give his mother money for some essential items.

He found her still asleep and spent quite some time trying to wake her up, but without success. He started shouting, only to realize that she had already passed away.

Advocate Getrude Dyabene, LHRC's senior programme officer for cases involving women, children and people with disabilities, has called for urgent action to address femicide.

She emphasizes the need for policies that prevent violence against women and girls, early detection of threats and proper support for victims. She also stresses the importance of responsible media coverage, urging enhanced transparency and stepped-up respect for victims and their families.

She elaborates: "To promote a gender-focused approach and uphold the rights of women throughout the processes of support, investigation and prosecution of violence cases, it is essential to establish multi-disciplinary training, re-training, and professionalisation programmes for public servants involved in these tasks."

This includes those attending to and advising victims, conducting police, forensic or prosecutorial investigations and handling trials.

According to Dyabene, cases like Fausta's serve as painful reminders that more must be done to protect women from the consequences of intimate partner violence. Only through coordinated efforts can we hope to prevent such tragedies and create a safer, more just society for all women in Tanzania.

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By Parfait Onanga-Anyanga

Making the ‘pact for the future’ a pact for peace

PEACE is a common good. Oftentimes it eludes us, in part because of our own actions and omissions. However, it is undeniable that peace has never been so coveted as it is today.

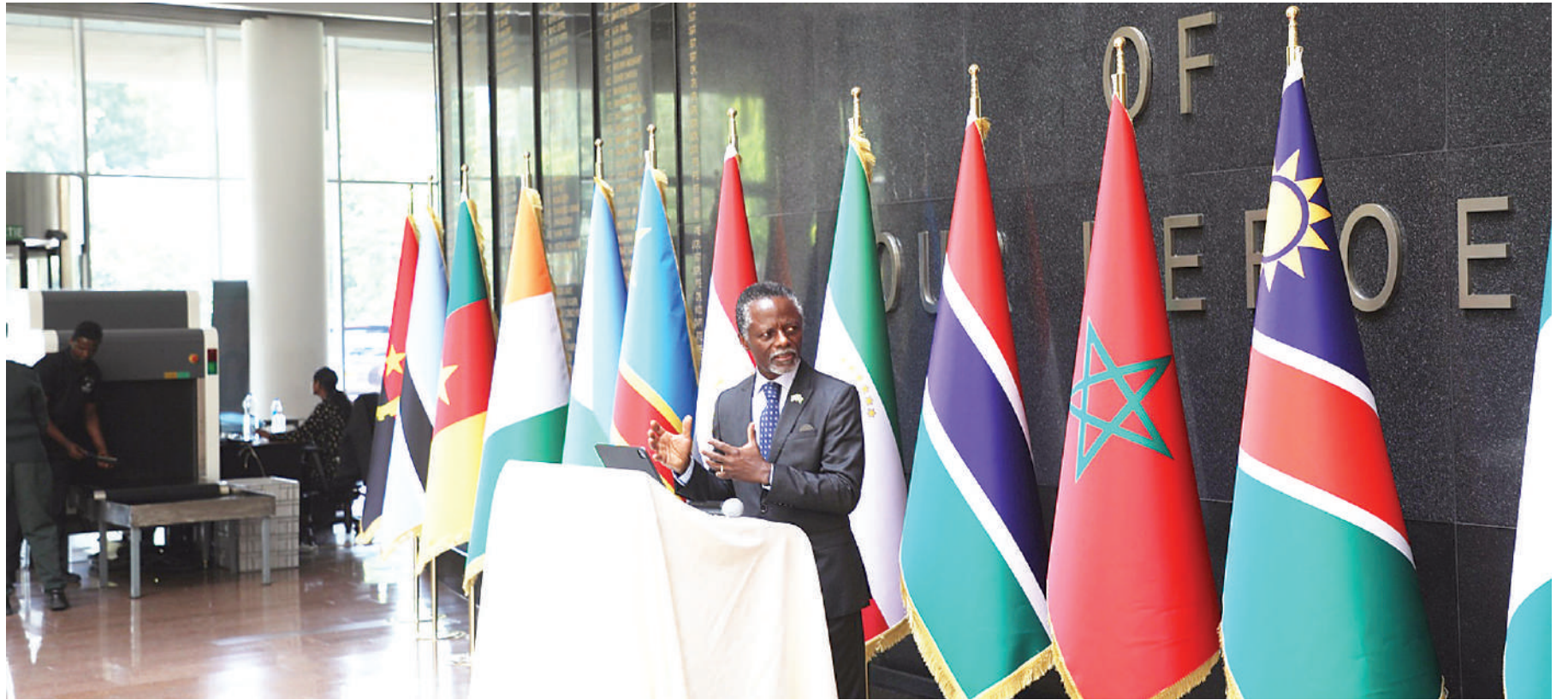
While presenting ‘Our Common Agenda’, United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres characterized our era as the “biggest shared test since the Second World War, where humanity faces a stark and urgent choice: a breakdown or a breakthrough”. The findings on progress towards attaining the sustainable development goals (SDGs) are instructive. High levels of poverty compound already complex socio-economic realities, which outdated education systems cannot address. Food systems, unless transformed, will not allow us to eradicate hunger by 2030, leaving a projected 2 billion people food insecure by 2050.

The Covid-19 pandemic exposed the fragilities of global health systems, underscoring the need for collective solutions. Gender inequality continues to hinder social progress. Essential services such as water, sanitation, affordable and sustainable energy, and decent employment, prerequisites for inclusive and sustainable economic growth, are moving backwards in relation to the SDGs and the aspirations of African Union Agenda 2063. Infrastructure for inclusive, safer, sustainable and resilient human settlements is lacking. We are experiencing unprecedented extreme weather events and climate patterns.

On the peace and security front, multilateralism is evidently under severe strain. We are witnessing mistrust among nations and competition among great powers; a growing sense of global instability, turmoil and polarization; increasing militarization; and flagrant challenges to the normative order and international law, including instances of disregard for the most fundamental principle of the territorial integrity of sovereign states. The institutions and mechanisms established to promote cooperation and understanding between states, and to prevent ‘the scourge of war’, have become inadequate, at times putting into question the viability of peace.

This year, the Summit of the Future will be held on the sidelines of the General Assembly. It is designed to forge a global consensus on what our common future should look like and what we can do today to secure it. The summit will call for decisive action on sustainable development, financing for development, international peace and security, technology and innovation, youth and future generations, and transforming global governance.

A peace, security and development nexus approach must be central to these efforts, to ensure peace, security and shared prosperity, rooted in the purposes and principles of the UN Charter. In a world in transition, expectations are high that the ‘Pact for the Future’ will reflect principles of unity, equity, inclusivity and solidarity, aligned with the realities of the 21st



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century, and where peace reigns.

Strengthening preventive diplomacy for peace is essential. This requires making greater use of the United Nations as an inclusive arena for diplomacy; enhancing the Secretary-General’s ‘Good Offices’ role; strengthening collaboration between the United Nations and regional organizations such as the African Union; and building stronger national prevention strategies.

Reforming the United Nations, particularly the Security Council, is also vital to make it more representative, agile, responsive, accountable and resilient, reinforcing its ability to facilitate a rules-based peaceful international order.

The Secretary-General has also prioritized response to conflict, including through conflict prevention and management, peacekeeping and AU-led peace support operations, and addressing root causes of conflict. Innovative financing mechanisms for peace support operations are crucial, particularly in Africa, which faces significant vulnerabilities, to more effectively respond to evolving asymmetrical threats and a changing security landscape.

This in turn should make the United Nations Security Council more credible since more than 70 percent of its agenda focuses on Africa.

By adopting, in December 2023, resolution 2719, the Security Council pro-

vided itself another tool for a more tailored response to address peace and security challenges in Africa, through greater collaboration with regional intergovernmental bodies, notably the African Union, consistent with Chapter VIII of the UN Charter.

We are at a pivotal moment in global history, with a unique opportunity to make bold and more intelligent choices for future generations. The stakes cannot be higher. Sounding the alarm bell, Secretary-General Guterres stressed that “The world is faced with a stark choice: reform or rupture”, and warned that “it may be our last chance to act decisively and responsibly.”

I echo the Secretary General’s call at this year’s International Peace Day:

“Now is the time to re-embrace global solidarity and find new ways to work together for peace; ...to renew the social contract between governments and their people within societies; ...to rebuild trust in global institutions, and embrace a comprehensive vision of human rights where gender biases are eradicated and the promises of a world free from discrimination are realized; ...to ensure young people and succeeding generations are change agents better prepared for the challenges ahead; ...to build a stronger, more networked and inclusive multilateral system that is anchored within the United Nations and works for all of humanity.”

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Hard work drives national development and self-reliance

By Thomas Lyimo

THE late father of the nation and first President—Julius Kambarage Nyerere, had once stated that ‘freedom without limits is insanity’, emphasizing that human life must be guided by rules and principles to be meaningful.

Nyerere believed that work gives a person value and is essential for personal and national development. In today’s era, however, there is confusion between the concepts of work and employment. While employment is often seen as the primary goal, it is actually the work itself—whether within a formal job or otherwise—that drives progress.

The government has frequently pointed out that while employment opportunities may be limited; there is no shortage of work. It urges citizens to work hard to drive national development, highlighting that those who create jobs are individuals who value work above all.

Former Tanzanian President Benjamin William Mkapa underscored this by stating that it is not the hours spent in a workplace that matter but the actual work accomplished. He further stressed that the government cannot place money directly into the pockets of citizens but can only create an enabling environment for them to prosper through hard work.

A nation earns international respect and economic strength when its citizens are working hard. Increased domestic productivity reduces dependency on foreign assistance, enhancing the country’s standing in the global community. Nyerere warned that reliance on loans and grants from development partners and developed countries could undermine national independence—a belief that fueled his policies promoting self-reliance, such as the establishment of Ujamaa villages, where everyone worked collectively for the country’s growth.

Self-reliance cannot be achieved if citizens are allowed to be idle. The government’s stance that there is a shortage of jobs but not work should be taken seriously. To prevent economic stagnation, the government must combat loitering for several reasons:

Reduced Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and tax revenue: Loitering decreases the amount of work done, reducing individual productivity and, consequently, the nation’s GDP. When people are unproductive, the government collects less tax, often resulting in budget deficits that force it to borrow, compromising the nation’s financial independence.

Food insecurity: Despite Tanzania’s vast arable land, food shortages persist, often due to the underutilization of available land rather than adverse weather conditions alone. The government should encourage citizens to engage in agriculture, the backbone of the economy, to ensure food security and economic sta-



bility. Escalation of poverty: Idleness exacerbates poverty. It is troubling when rural residents buy agricultural products they could grow themselves. This trend drains savings and keeps people trapped in poverty. Local authorities should ensure that everyone has productive work to do.

Increase in crime: Idle individuals may turn

to crime, such as theft and robbery, to meet their needs. This social unrest discourages hard work, further hindering development. By eliminating loitering, the government can reduce crime rates and promote a more productive society.

Developing countries, including Tanzania, have been criticized by international organi-

zations for poor tax collection, often missing the connection between unproductivity and the lack of taxable income. Tax evasion is criminalized, but idleness, which similarly undermines national revenue, must also be combated with equal determination. For the nation to advance, every citizen must contribute meaningfully, turning the fight against

loitering into a fight for development.

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By Joseph Ogutu

Mass animal extinctions: New tools show why large mammals like topi are in decline



Topis are under threat in eastern Africa.

WE could be witnessing the sixth mass extinction at an alarming rate worldwide. It's marked by the rapid loss of species due to human activities like habitat destruction, pollution and climate change. Unlike previous mass extinctions, which were caused by natural events, this one is driven by human impact - like growing populations, pollution, invasive plant species and human-wildlife conflict.

Large mammals are especially at risk, in Africa as elsewhere. For instance, nearly 60 percent of wild herbivores - such as elephants and hippos - are already threatened with extinction.

Effective conservation and recovery strategies are needed. To develop them, you need to know how the population of a certain animal is doing and, if it is in decline, what's causing it.

One tool that's useful here is a model, using biology, maths, statistics and computer software.

The problem is that there aren't enough of these realistic, effective models for large mammals. There's a shortage of appropriate data and the models are complex to build.

I was part of a team that developed a model to help fill that void. It's the first to account for how large mammal populations interact with each other and their environment while also incorporating their detailed biology. It draws on valuable existing data and can be adapted for various wildlife species.

We tested the model on populations of east Africa's topi (a large antelope). From the results we're able to deduce that the drivers of the topi's massive population decline were habitat loss, poaching and killing by predators. Knowing what's driving population declines is extremely valuable. Large mammals play a critical role in ecosystems. Changes to their populations will also affect many other species and could cause the extinction of connected species.

How the model works

Our model combines different types of data, like total population size from aerial surveys and ground vehicle counts, with predicted data on population figures. This allows us to estimate and track population trends that can't be captured by just one data type. It considers factors like animal age, sex, gestation length, weaning period, calves per birth per year, birth rates, survival, and environmental influences like rainfall and temperature.

Essentially, the model starts with educated guesses, then updates these guesses as it processes more observed data.

The model can tell what causes a decline in two ways.

First, it finds out which factors (such as rainfall) have a strong negative impact on things like birth

rates, survival or recruitment, and shows exactly how they affect each other.

Second, it lets us use simulations to see how changing one of these factors, while keeping others unchanged, changes the population by influencing its key characteristics (such as birth rate).

Testing the model on topi

We tested our model on the topi population found in Kenya, Tanzania and other African countries. We chose the topi because it's a large herbivore in decline.

The topi is an elegant antelope weighing between 91kg and 147kg, with a long face and uniquely twisted horns. One of the largest remaining topi populations in east Africa occurs in the Greater Mara-Serengeti Ecosystem, which straddles the border between Kenya and Tanzania.

Kenya's Directorate of Resource Surveys and Remote Sensing has, since 1977, monitored numbers and distribution of topi, and other large wild herbivores

and livestock, using aerial surveys in the country's rangelands, covering 88 percent of Kenya.

Based on this data, we can see that topi numbers have declined persistently and strikingly (by 84.5 percent) in Kenya's Masai Mara ecosystem between 1977 and 2022, even those in protected conservation areas.

This decline indicates a high risk of extinction if the trend persists. This is a serious concern, since other antelope species, such as the roan, have gone extinct in the Mara in recent decades.

But the causes haven't been fully established.

We ran the aerial and ground survey data into the model in a computer on a monthly interval. This approach allows the model to capture patterns in trends and dynamics on a monthly scale. It allows us to see the distribution of births per month, the timing of births, the degree to which multiple females in a population give birth around the same time, the proportion of females in a population that give birth, the total number

of individuals of each age and sex in each month, and the proportion of young that survive to adulthood.

The model starts with initial guesses based on existing knowledge, and refines the guesses as it processes more actual data.

It produces results that match the observed patterns of population decline, seasonality of births and how many animals survive to become juveniles or to adulthood.

Based on these findings, we see that the decline in the topi population is driven by a combination of low adult female numbers, low newborn survival and low recruitment into the adult class because most young (over 95 percent) die before they become adults.

Based on the model, we attribute these changes to impacts from environmental changes, human activities and predation. For instance, since adult animals are the least sensitive to climatic changes, this suggests other factors - such as habitat loss or deterioration, poaching or high predation rates - are likely contributing to the decline.

The new model enhances our understanding of large herbivore population dynamics besides confirming existing knowledge.

By combining different kinds of data from different sources, the model helps estimate and track important population details that one type of data alone can't show. For example, for the first time data is captured that can track the total number of topi of each age and sex in each month, how many adult female topi are ready to conceive and the various stages of pregnancy. This method also estimates changes in the total topi population by age and sex in all four zones of the Mara, even in zones without direct ground age and sex data.

Refining and enhancing the model

The team is now extending the model to include more features (like the influence of livestock numbers), make it user friendly, apply it to more wildlife species and assess the effectiveness of ongoing and planned management actions.

Improving our understanding of the drivers of large mammal losses will ensure that the right conservation actions are taken. It'll also ensure resources aren't wasted because solutions could include investing in major infrastructure, changing wildlife conservation and livestock production policies, changing law enforcement and rehabilitation of wildlife habitats - all of which are costly.

Why West Africa is now world's top terrorism hotspot

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HAVING slipped undetected into Mali's capital weeks ago, the jihadists struck just before dawn prayers. They killed dozens of students at an elite police training academy, stormed Bamako's airport and set the presidential jet on fire.

The Sept 17 attack was the most brazen since 2016 in a capital city in the Sahel, a vast arid region stretching across sub-Saharan Africa south of the Sahara Desert.

It showed that jihadist groups with links to al Qaeda or Islamic State, whose largely rural insurgency has killed thousands of civilians and displaced millions in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger, can also launch a major attack.

Overshadowed by conflicts in Ukraine, the Middle East and Sudan, the fighting in the Sahel rarely garners global headlines, yet it is contributing to a sharp rise in migration from the region towards Europe at a time when anti-immigrant far-right parties are on the rise and some EU states are tightening their

borders.

According to the UN's International Organization for Migration (IOM), the route to Europe with the steepest rise in numbers this year is via West African coastal nations to Spain's Canary Islands.

IOM data shows the number of migrants arriving in Europe from Sahel countries (Burkina, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal) rose 62 percent to 17,300 in the first six months of 2024 from 10,700 a year earlier, a rise the UN and the IOM have blamed on conflict and climate change.

Fifteen diplomats and experts told Reuters the swathes of territory under jihadist control also risk becoming training grounds and launchpads for more attacks on major cities such as Bamako, or neighboring states and Western targets, in the region or beyond.

Jihadist violence, especially the heavy toll it has taken on government troops, was a major factor in a wave of military coups since 2020 against Western-backed governments in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger, the countries at the heart of

the Sahel.

Global terrorism hotspot

Western powers that previously invested in trying to beat back the jihadists have very little capacity left on the ground, especially since the junta in Niger last year ordered the US to leave a sprawling desert drone base in Agadez.

US troops and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) used drones to track jihadists and shared intelligence with allies such as the French, who launched air strikes against the militants, and West African armies.

But the Americans were booted out after they angered Niger's coup leaders by refusing to share intelligence and warning them against working with the Russians. The US is still looking for a place to reposition its assets.

A Reuters analysis of data from US crisis-monitoring group Armed Conflict Location & Event Data (ACLED) found that the number of violent events involving jihadi groups in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger has almost doubled since 2021.

Since the start of this year, there have been 224 attacks a month on

average, up from 128 in 2021.

Insa Moussa Ba Sane, regional migration and displacement coordinator for the International Federation of the Red Cross, said conflict was a major factor behind the increase in migration from the West African coast, with rising numbers of women and families seen along the route.

"Conflicts are at the root of the problem, combined with the effects of climate change," he said, describing how floods and droughts are both contributing to the violence and driving an exodus from rural to urban areas.

In Burkina Faso, perhaps the worst affected of all, jihadists affiliated with al Qaeda slaughtered hundreds of civilians in a day on Aug 24 in the town of Barsalogho, two hours from the capital Ouagadougou.

The Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) in Sydney said Burkina Faso topped its Global Terrorism Index for the first time this year, with fatalities rising 68 percent to 1,907 - a quarter of all terrorism-linked deaths worldwide.

"The two, big veteran terrorist

(groups) are gaining ground. The threat is spreading geographically," said Seidik Abba, president of the CIRES think-tank in Paris, referring to al Qaeda and Islamic State.

A UN panel of experts that monitors the two organizations' activities estimates that JNIM, the al Qaeda-aligned faction most active in the Sahel, had 5,000-6,000 fighters while 2,000-3,000 militants were linked to Islamic State.

"Their declared goal is to establish Islamic rule," said Wassim Nasr, a senior research fellow at The Soufan Center, a think-tank in New York.

Jihadists use a mixture of coercion and the offer of basic services, including local courts, to install their systems of governance over rural communities that have long complained of neglect by weak, corrupt, central governments.

"Come with us. We will leave your parents, sisters and brothers alone. Come with us and we will help you, we will give you money," said a man from Mali, describing his encounters as a teenager with jihadists who attacked his village. "But you can't trust them, because they kill your

friends in front of you."

The young man fled and made it to the Canary Islands last year before moving to Barcelona. He declined to be identified fearing reprisal attacks on family members still in Mali.

Launchpad scenario

The jihadi groups operate in different areas, at times fighting each other, though they have also struck localized, non-aggression pacts, reports by UN experts say.

The groups receive some financial support, training and guidance from their respective global leaderships, but also collect taxes in areas they control and seize weapons after battles with government forces, the reports say.

European governments are divided on how to respond to the conflict. Southern European nations who receive most migrants favor keeping communication with the juntas open, nine diplomats in the region told Reuters.

One African diplomat said the EU needed to remain engaged as the issue of migration was not going to go away.

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Empowering Tanzania's youth with digital skills for a brighter tomorrow

By Guardian Correspondent

TANZANIA is on the verge of a digital transformation with the potential to reshape its economy and society. Yet, while urban centres buzz with technological advances, many rural areas remain starkly disconnected. This digital divide is not merely about access but also about acquiring the crucial skills needed to excel in today's technology-driven world.

The World Economic Forum's Future of Jobs Report 2023 underscores a pressing reality: by 2025, half of all employees will need reskilling due to the rapid pace of technological change. In Tanzania, this challenge is particularly acute among the youth, who face a significant digital skills gap. Bridging this divide is essential for fostering inclusive growth and advancing the nation's digital economy.

Tanzania's digital landscape paints a stark contrast. While urban areas are advancing with 5G services, many rural communities still rely on outdated 2G and 3G networks. This disparity is compounded by high costs for internet-enabled devices, low levels of digital literacy, distrust in digital platforms, insufficient online privacy protections, and erratic electricity supply.

The 2020 Tanzania Youth Digital Summit revealed a striking statistic: 41 percent of attendees were unaware of the internet's benefits, while an overwhelming 99 percent recognized the need for improved digital skills to enhance their business and career prospects.

The Digital Skills Gap Index (2021) places Tanzania 13th out of 26 African countries, with a meager score of 3.3 out of 10. Furthermore, the GSMA's 2023 report highlights that about 40 percent of those with mobile broadband access are not utilizing mobile internet services, revealing critical barriers to digital adoption.

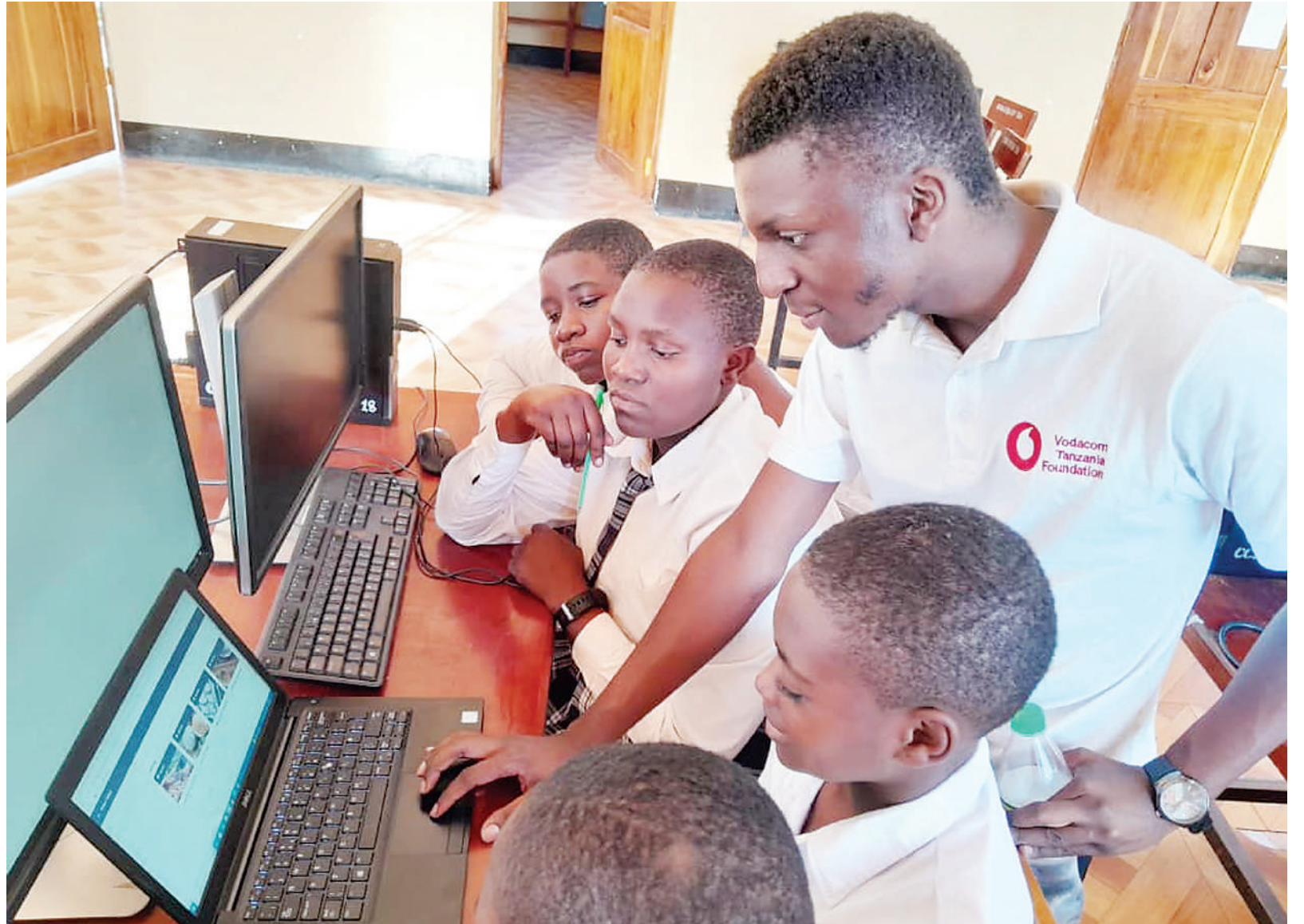
Addressing these challenges requires a collaborative effort from both public and private sectors. Vodacom Tanzania is leading the charge with innovative initiatives designed to close the digital skills gap.

One standout initiative is Vodacom's 'Code Like a Girl' programme, which empowers young women by introducing them to coding and STEM careers. This program is vital for increasing digital inclusion and building a future workforce equipped with the skills needed for tomorrow's technology-driven jobs.

Mariam Rajabu, a participant with hearing impairment, shares her excitement: "I've always been fascinated by how computers work. This training has opened up new possibilities for me. We've learned how to create websites and use technology to reach our goals. I'm thrilled about how these skills can help me in the future and make a difference in my community."

Another key player is the e-Fahamu platform offered free of charge for Vodacom customers courtesy of the Vodacom Tanzania Foundation, thus enhancing digital skills among students across Tanzania. By providing online educational content, e-Fahamu enables students and teachers to engage with digital tools, improving their tech proficiency and access to both learning and teaching material. As students interact with e-Fahamu to access materials and complete assignments, they gain valuable skills like information retrieval, online collaboration, and digital literacy, preparing them for future careers in a tech-centric world.

Elisha Lazaro, a student at Mgama Secondary School in Iringa Region, shares: "e-Fahamu programme has been a tremendous help to us. I can now use a computer to learn and easily access educational resources online. Through the e-Fahamu website, we're able to find valuable



Christian Mwikuyu, an expert from African Child Projects demonstrates to secondary school students how to use the e-Fahamu platform, designed to provide them with online access to educational content. The platform also supports teachers by helping them plan lessons and access valuable teaching materials.

information and enhance our studies."

Earlier this year, Vodacom Tanzania hosted the 'Future Ready Summit,' a dynamic event that united tech enthusiasts, industry experts, and dignitaries from across the continent and abroad. This summit was more than just a showcase of technological innovation; it provided practical insights and hands-on experiences that sparked a deeper interest in digital skills among young Tanzanians.

Moreover, at a side event during the Summit, Vodacom and Huawei signed an MoU for the acceleration of digital education in public schools across the country.

Philip Besiimire, firm's managing director,

emphasizes: "We are dedicated to bridging the digital divide and empowering the next generation with essential digital skills. Supporting initiatives such as 'Code Like a Girl,' the Future Ready Summit, Innovation Week Tanzania, the Vodacom Digital Accelerator, and the Foundation's e-Fahamu platform, is part of our broader mission to ensure that every Tanzanian has access to the tools and opportunities needed to thrive in the digital age. By investing in education and fostering inclusivity, we are contributing to a more equitable society and driving innovations that will shape Tanzania's future."

Despite the progress made, the journey to fully bridge the digital divide is ongoing. It

requires continued collaboration between the public and private sectors, focused investments in education, and a commitment to ensuring that every young person, regardless of their background, has the chance to thrive in a digital world.

By prioritising digital literacy and fostering innovation, Tanzania can unlock the full potential of its youth, driving sustainable growth and paving the way for a future where every citizen can participate and succeed in the digital economy. Together, we can build a brighter, more equitable future for Tanzania—one where no one is left behind in the race toward digital transformation.

300 industries to take part at TIMEXPO 2024

By Guardian Reporter

MORE than 300 local and foreign industries have confirmed their participation in the Tanzania International Manufacturers Expo (TIMEXPO 2024), scheduled to start tomorrow at the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF).

The Expo is organized by the Confederation of Tanzania Industries (CTI) in collaboration with the Tanzania Trade Development Authority (TanTrade), and coordinated by Radian Limited.

CTI's Public Relations Manager, Shenina Mangula, said yesterday that Vice President Dr Philip Mpango is expected to inaugurate the event, which will commence on October 2 and conclude on October 26 in Dar es Salaam.

Mangula mentioned that the event will feature companies from 21 countries worldwide and that preparations are in their final stages.

"We have companies from East Africa, Europe, Asia, South Africa, the Middle East, Israel, and many other countries. We are very optimistic about the outcome and expect this to be the best event of the year," said Mangula.

She added that this year's exhibition will boast a wide range of exhibitors showcasing cutting-edge products and services from both local and international industrial players.

The event will also provide a platform for numerous international companies looking to introduce and expand their operations, products, and services in Africa.



Light plane manufactured by the Morogoro-based aircraft manufacturer—Airplanes Africa Limited (AAL).

"The expo will be an invaluable platform for manufacturers, both local and international, to showcase their industrial capabilities, build partnerships, and explore new opportunities. We welcome you to join the manufacturing companies that will be exhibiting at TIMEXPO, including some of the largest industries in Tanzania," she said.

Freddie Manento, event coordinator, who is also the Chief Executive Officer of Radian Limited, noted that a special attraction at the event will be the showcase of Tanzania's locally made airplane, the Skyleader 600.

Manento explained that the plane is designed to accommodate two passengers, including the pilot, and is ideal for business travelers on longer journeys.

He added that, apart from one plane being showcased at the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF), another will be at Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA Terminal 3) for testing.

The plane is manufactured by Airplanes Africa Limited (AAL), a Morogoro-based aircraft manufacturer.

AI, skills devt to feature in this year's leadership event

By Guardian Reporter

CRITICAL intersection of artificial intelligence (AI) and skill development in the digital era are among major focus areas of discussion in the annual leadership event- Sahara Sparks 2024.

Kicked off yesterday in Dar es Salaam, the event will dig deep into how innovation can cultivate a workforce equipped to thrive amid technological advancements.

A statement availed to the media yesterday, stated that the event began with a panel discussion titled "AI and the Future of Journalism," hosted in partnership with the Tanzania Media Foundation (TMF).

Journalists, AI enthusiasts and media stakeholders explored the transformative potential of AI in reshaping journalism, discussing both opportunities and challenges in this new digital era.

The dialogue is part of a broader series of events leading up to the main highlights of Sahara Sparks 2024, scheduled for September 27 and 28.

Themed "People Skills Future," the event will delve into how emerging technologies can be leveraged to create sustainable employment opportunities while addressing pressing issues in skill development.

Dr Amos Nungu, Director General of the Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH) commended Sahara Ventures for spearheading the important initiative.

"With over 800,000 young people entering the labour market annually, our skills development capacity, as outlined in the National Five-Year Development Plan II, remains inadequate. We must collaborate with development partners to enhance our workforce's tech capabilities," he said.

Jumanne Mtambalike, Sahara Ventures chief



executive officer noted: "Our discussions are strategically aligned with the National Skills Development Strategy, focusing on sectors like agriculture, agro-economy, and information and communication technology (ICT). By incorporating AI into our panel discussions, we aim to drive systemic interventions in the labour market, addressing the needs of the digital age."

The upcoming climax of the event will feature sessions on EdTech, envisioning Digital Tanzania 2050, AI's impact on the future of work, and strategies for scaling businesses in emerging markets.

There will also be discussions centred on fostering engagement between startups and corporate entities.

By Afeez Bolaji

Paying in plastics: Nigerian school's innovative tuition plan risks collapse

MUJANATU Musa's one-roomed apartment - built mainly of rusty iron sheets - cuts a sorry sight in Ajegunle, a sprawling slum in Nigeria's economic hub of Lagos.

Flanked by old, decrepit buildings, the makeshift structure shelters the 40-year-old mother and her three children, Abdulrahman, 12, and 9-year-old twins, Abdulwaris and Abdulmalik.

Since Musa and her husband separated more than three years ago, the family has been living on her irregular earnings of about 2,000 naira (\$1.30) a day from hairdressing work. In dry spells when there are no customers, she is forced to borrow money from neighbours, she said.

Times are tough for the family, who fit into the fold of the 133 million, or 63 percent, of Nigeria's population living in multidimensional poverty, according to government data.

If not for the privately run school in the community that charges low tuition and allows underprivileged parents to pay school fees with used plastic bottles, the children would have no access to formal education, Musa said.

"Their father has left us since 2020. The plastic is what helps me pay their tuition," the mother said.

"I couldn't afford to send them to school. My children and I are always picking up used plastic bottles around us.

"They know their education depends on it, and we even go to event venues to pick."

Plastic for tuition

In Ajegunle and other parts of Lagos, privately run and government schools co-exist, but parents prefer the former because most public schools are overstretched, which negatively affects the quality of education the children get.

While all government schools in Lagos are "free", school managements charge roughly 5,000 naira (about \$3) per student per term to cover some overhead costs.

The school the Musas attend, Morit International School, is located about 1km from their residence.

It was first established as a fee-paying school in 2010 by Patrick Mbamarah, a chemistry graduate. Tuition was initially 6,000 naira (\$3.66) per term, but most parents and guardians in the area could not afford it.

After outstanding fees piled up and the losses started affecting the school, it was forced to shut down in 2012.

Mbamarah was able to resume operations in 2014, yet it was on the verge of being crippled by debt yet again when he came up with a "plastic-for-tuition" initiative.

"I was walking down the street one day when the sight of plastic bottles scattered everywhere struck me," he said. "This is money," Mbamarah thought to himself.

He decided that for those who could not afford to pay tuition in naira, he'd allow them to pay in used polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottles and sachet water waste, which the school would collect and then send out for recycling - earning them some money.

"I introduced it to the parents as an alternative means of paying their children's school fees while also Growing up in Ajegunle, a heavily populated low-income neighbourhood, Mbamarah lost his way on the streets as a young person. He was hooked on drugs and indulged in other vices, which, he said, almost wrecked him before education helped give him a second chance at a decent life.

Buoyed by the resolve to prevent underprivileged children from suffering similar challenges he faced as a young person, he established the primary school. He later founded a secondary school in the community, working tirelessly to get both institutions running.

"We currently have 158 students: 112 in the primary school, including my 3 kids, and 46 in the secondary school. The tuition is now 10,000 naira (about \$6) for primary school and 21,000 naira (\$13) for secondary school per term. I don't want to charge much in order not to scare the parents away," he said.

"A kilogram of plastic bottles consists of 21 units sold for 100 naira. This means the tuition for a pupil is equivalent to 100kg," he explained, saying parents who choose to pay in plastic always meet their quota.

Fears the school could close

When Morit International first started, there were five pupils, including one of Mbamarah's children. In the years since, enrolments have increased and, with it, the volume of plastic bottles at the school has swelled, keeping the environment clean. They em-



Morit International School in Lagos accepts tuition payment in plastic waste

braced the idea wholeheartedly," Mbamarah said.

While ordinarily this would be a blessing, the payment scheme has created logistical issues that have proven a bigger challenge - and cost - than Mbamarah anticipated.

Every week, parents bring in the plastic payment, but there is no storage facility on site to keep tonnes of bottles for days, Mbamarah explained.

Hiring a pick-up van to regularly carry them to recycling points for sale comes at a huge cost that considerably drains the school's proceeds.

A few recyclers who provide such service for free or at a little cost only come for pick-up occasionally, he added.

The logistics crisis is now affecting school operations. It has limited the "plastic-for-tuition" initiative to only the primary school, putting the whole project on the cusp of extinction.

Mbamarah has also had to cut back on the collection of plastic bottles because they end up littering the school premises, causing environmental problems the initiative seeks to solve in the first place.

"Plastic waste in Ajegunle is huge, but we currently collect way below what we should. We collect about 500kg every two weeks, whereas

we can actually get at least 2 tonnes [2,000 kg] per week," he said.

"Parents bring enough plastic bottles, but most times they take them back home because we don't have space to keep them. I work with two recycling companies, but they hardly come on time to pick. So both the school and the parents often have excess plastic bottles."

With the challenges and costs, the proprietor said he's also defaulting on the repayment of loans he took from two banks to pay rent and staff salaries.

He had borrowed 300,000 naira (\$183) to renew the primary school's yearly rent in December 2023, while that of the secondary school gulps 800,000 naira (\$488) annually.

"A time will come when I won't be able to pay the rent again, and they [the property owners] will just ask us to leave the school premises. I fear that in a very short time I won't be able to run the [primary] school again. I have been doing everything to cut costs," he said.

Mbamarah said though the primary school needs at least 11 teachers, "we only have five teachers, including my wife and I". The secondary school has seven teachers, when it needs a minimum of 12.

"I teach in both primary and secondary schools. A teacher teaches more than two subjects, and I am still considering downsizing so I can pay the staff. The distance between the two schools is about an 18-minute walk. I shuttle both three times a day. For how long can I do that? I will just break down one day," he lamented.

"It is getting worse"

Rhoda Adebayo, one of the schoolteachers, equally fears the situation could get out of hand sooner than expected. When she joined the primary school two years ago, she was teaching seven subjects.

"Now I teach 13 [subjects]. It is stressful, but the passion keeps me going. Like Mr Patrick, I also grew up in Ajegunle. I know what many children go through. My salary is very poor, but I find the [plastic-for-tuition] initiative laudable and decided to assist the children.

"The school population keeps growing. We have been managing the situation. Sadly, it is getting worse. The paucity of funds is really telling on the school operations," she said.

A couple of non-profits have promised to assist the school, but none have yet redeemed their promises, Mbamarah said. Some Lagos state government officials also visited the school last year and promised to forge

a partnership, though nothing has happened since. However, some individuals do support the school through donations, he added.

The school deserves every bit of support from individuals and corporate bodies to stay afloat and thrive, said Debo Adeniyi, the CEO and chief sustainability lead at a nonprofit think tank, the Centre for Global Solutions and Sustainable Development.

"The initiative is highly commendable, and it helps the environment a lot. The amount of plastic that goes into the environment, especially water bodies, will reduce, and invariably, the environmental impact will reduce," he said.

In the meantime, Adeniyi advised the school to look for more recyclers to mitigate the difficulty of storing plastic bottles.

"Imagine if one million plastic bottles got off the drainage system. More importantly, the initiative is addressing the out-of-school children menace, which has become a serious challenge in Nigeria," he added.

For Musa and many parents who could not afford their children's tuition in cash, a looming shutdown of the school would spell doom.

Without Morit, the pupils may add to the alarming number of out-of-school children aged 5-14 in Nigeria, estimated at 10.5 million, according to UNICEF.

"I am worried," Musa declared, looking downcast.

"See my room," she said, gesturing inside her small apartment. "I don't have any appliances there. No television, no fan, nothing. The consolation is that my children are in school.

"Abdulrahman is in Primary 4, and his siblings, the twins, are in Primary 2. Where will I find money to send them to another school if this one shuts down?"

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BUSINESS

DSE equities indices start the week in mixed trends

By Guardian Reporter

THE Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) share indices opened the week in mixed trends, as only DSE all share Share Index (DSEI) gained due to increased share prices among three cross listed and one locally listed counters, while others including TSI and BI declined.

The market report shows the DSEI gained by 11.51 points after closing at 2,122.20 points on Monday, due to an increase of East Breweries Limited (EABL), Jubilee Holdings Limited (JHL), KCB and NICO share prices.

Highest increase of share price was recorded on NICO counter after closing 4.23 percent high at 740/-, followed by EABL which gained by 3.41 percent after closing at 3,340/-, JHL by 1.8 percent to 3,400/- and KCB counter which its share went up by 1.43 percent to 710/-.

According to the daily market report, the Tanzania Share Index (TSI) declined by 9.44 points to 4,606.38

points due to the decrease of CRDB and Afriprise share prices, while the Banks, Finance and Investment (BI) counter closed 31.27 points down at 5,703.67 points.

A total market turnover of 922.2m/- was recorded following the transactions of 425,394 shares traded at 305 deals, including block trades pre-arranged market board on NMB Bank and Tanzania Cigarette Company (TCC) counters.

Top movers were CRDB counter, which transacted 278,664 shares at a price of 660/- per share, followed by NMB counter which transacted 100,225 shares traded at a price of 5,300/- per share and TCC which transacted 33,366 shares at a price of 17,000/-.

On Block trade pre-arranged market board, NMB counter traded a block of 100,000 shares, while TCC counter traded a block of 33,366 shares.

Market analyst outlooks show that the equity market may experience a slight sell-off in the coming weeks.



"As we approach the end of the third quarter, the focus will shift to Q3 earnings reports, expected to be released in the last week of October. These reports will provide crucial insights into corporate performance and are likely to have a significant impact on market sentiment," says a weekly outlook by Zan Securities Limited.

According to the broking firm and fund manager, companies in the banking and investment sectors, which have performed well through

the year, are expected to report strong results, potentially boosting investor confidence.

Other notable stocks like TCC and TBL continued trading without major shifts in prices. Investors are keeping an eye on dividend declarations, particularly from companies like Vodacom, with payouts expected in October.

Foreign investors appeared in the market by selling shares valued 200m/-, which was equivalent to 21.71 percent of total value of shares sold and all shares were bought by local

investors. Report by Statista, The market capitalization in the Stock market is projected to reach US\$6.54bn in 2024.

It is expected to show an annual growth rate (CAGR 2024-2025) of -0.46 percent resulting in a projected total amount of US\$6.51bn by 2025. The market volume in the Stock market amounts to US\$195.40m in 2024.

Govt to import 60,000 tonnes of fertiliser for tobacco farmers

By Correspondent Nebart Msokwa, Mbeya

THE government has started preparations for the new tobacco farming season by importing 60,000 tons of subsidized fertilizer from Zambia to ease farmers' access to the product.

This importation of fertilizer is in response to President Samia Suluhu Hassan's recent directive to the Ministry of Agriculture to ensure that inputs reach farmers on time so that they align with the farming season.

Receiving the consignment of fertilizer, the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, David Silinde, said that more than 170 trucks carrying the product have arrived in the country, and this is the first phase based on the importation agreements made.

He mentioned that this first phase is intended for tobacco fertilizer, and after that, they will begin importing other fertilizers for the cultivation of other crops, including food crops.

He said the Ministry will continue implementing President Samia's directives to ensure that farmers get agricultural inputs on time. He also assured all farmers in the country that they will receive subsidized fertilizer before the rains start.

"Today we are here in Mbeya to receive the subsidized fertilizer; these are the instructions from President Samia, and we have fulfilled her directives. We are handing it over to the regional commissioner to ensure the security of this fertilizer and that it reaches



Tobacco remains a significant export crop for Tanzania, with demand in international markets like Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. File Photo

all farmers," Silinde said.

The Director General of the Tanzania Fertilizer Company (TFC), Samuel Mshote, said that the fertilizer that has arrived in the country is sufficient for the needs of tobacco farmers. Therefore, they should take advantage of this opportunity to increase the productivity of the crop in the country.

He said that for the fiscal year 2024/2025, the government has directed TFC to import

130,000 tonnes of fertilizer from Zambia, so the arrival of these tons for tobacco farmers is part of that total.

"For now, we ask farmers to rush and purchase this fertilizer quickly to prepare for the new farming season, which will begin soon," Mshote said.

The Mbeya Regional Commissioner, Juma Homera, said that for a long time, tobacco farmers have been complaining about being

excluded from the subsidized fertilizer program, so the arrival of this fertilizer addresses their concerns. He said that in the upcoming season, the region expects to increase the production of the crop from 24,000 tons last season to over 30,000 tonnes.

However, he said that they have already arranged a good system for distributing the fertilizer to primary cooperatives and ensuring that it reaches farmers in all villages.

He urged tobacco farmers to remain calm as each one will be reached according to the planned system.

Tobacco production in Tanzania in 2024/2025 is expected to experience a positive boost due to the government's initiatives to support farmers and enhance agricultural productivity.

Tobacco is one of the key cash crops in the country, especially in regions like Tabora, Mbeya, and Ruvuma. Tanzania is among the top tobacco pro-

ducers in Africa, contributing significantly to the country's agricultural exports.

Tobacco remains a significant export crop for Tanzania, with demand in international markets like Europe, Asia, and the Middle East.

However, the sector faces challenges such as fluctuating global prices and increasing regulations on tobacco consumption in many countries.

During the year ended in July, the crop injected a total of US\$455 million in foreign exchange, which is equivalent to combined income of coffee and cashewnuts.

Despite the government's efforts, tobacco farmers face challenges like unpredictable weather patterns, market price fluctuations, and competition from other tobacco-producing countries.

Furthermore, there is growing pressure from global health organizations to reduce tobacco consumption, which might affect long-term demand.

Oil climbs on China stimulus, Middle East conflict

By Paul Carsten

OIL prices rose on Tuesday on news of monetary stimulus from top importer China and concerns that conflict in the Middle East could hit regional supply while another hurricane threatened supply in the United States, the world's biggest crude producer.

Brent crude futures were up \$1.34, or 1.8 percent, at \$75.24 a barrel by 0853 GMT. U.S. WTI crude futures rose \$1.38, or 2 percent, to \$71.75.

"The crude oil market has been looking desperately towards Chinese authorities for further easing measures to counter the economic slowdown," said IG market analyst Tony Sycamore.

Earlier in the day, China's central bank announced its biggest stimulus since the COVID-19 pandemic to pull the economy out of its deflationary funk and back towards the government's growth target.

The broader than expected package offering more funding and rate cuts is Beijing's latest attempt to restore confidence after a slew of disappointing data raised fears of a prolonged structural slowdown.

"Today's announcement will go some way to removing downside risks to the crude oil price," Sycamore said.

But for the oil price rally to last, China's accommodative monetary policies need to be matched by expansionary fiscal policies to boost internal demand, said Kelvin Wong, senior market analyst at OANDA.

In the Middle East, a key oil-producing region, Israel's military said it launched airstrikes against Hezbollah sites in Lebanon on Monday, which Lebanese authorities said killed 492 people and sent tens of thousands fleeing for safety.

The strikes risk pulling OPEC producer Iran, which backs Hezbollah, closer to conflict with Israel and could ignite a broader war across the region.

US oil producers, meanwhile, were scrambling to evacuate staff from oil production platforms in the Gulf of Mexico as the second hurricane in two weeks was predicted to tear through offshore oilfields. Several oil companies paused some of their production.

In September 2024, OPEC+ production increased by approximately 170,000 barrels per day (b/d), reaching its highest level since April



2020.

The total output from OPEC's 13 member countries was about 29.75 million b/d, which is a rise of 190,000 b/d from August.

However, this production still significantly lags behind the group's quotas by around 3.6 million b/d.

Key contributors to this increase included

Saudi Arabia, which produced nearly its quota at 11.02 million b/d, and Iraq, which saw an output increase to 4.50 million b/d despite some operational challenges.

Conversely, Nigeria's production fell to a record low of 1.07 million b/d due to ongoing issues such as pipeline sabotage and theft.

OPEC+ is set to gradually phase out some

of its voluntary production cuts, which were extended until the end of September 2024, with plans for a gradual increase in output starting in October.

In its early forecasts for 2025, OPEC anticipates a significant increase in global oil demand, projecting a rise of approximately 1.85 million barrels per day (bpd), reaching a total of about 106.21 million bp.

This growth is primarily driven by demand from China and the Middle East, suggesting a robust market outlook despite competing narratives about a potential peak in oil demand.

OPEC has maintained a positive stance on long-term oil consumption, contrary to organizations like the International Energy Agency (IEA), which predicts that oil demand may peak by 2030 as global energy transitions toward cleaner sources.

OPEC's Secretary General has emphasized the need for continued investment in the oil sector, asserting that indications of peak demand are not evident in current forecasts.

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

Bank digitises services to promote financial inclusion

IN an effort to promote financial inclusion in the country, the Bank of Africa (BoA) Tanzania has ventured into digitalizing its products and services.

Fortunatus Joachim, bank's product & digital coordinator unveiled this on Monday in Arusha, when speaking at the function to

award winners of the final raffle draw for its digital campaign, which was conducted in the presence of the Senior Gaming Inspector from the Gaming Board of Tanzania, Irene Kawili.

Joachim said: "As the campaign draws to an end we're pleased with the engagement

and excitement it has brought to our customers."

According to him, the campaign has further reflected in the performance of this campaign via the revenue growth.

"This campaign reflects the bank's strategic objective to digitize its products and

services in promoting financial inclusion as well as ease for customers to access the bank's services," he said.

Nandi Mwiombella, the bank's head of marketing & communications unit, said that the bank is looking forward to continuing with more engaging campaigns and activi-

ties that will lead to more interaction with the bank's products and services and more exciting rewards.

Kicked off on 11th June 2024 and running for 3 months, the campaign is dubbed: "Ingia B-Mobile uotoke na iPhone 15 Pro," whereby Innocent Kisole, the bank's customer emerged as the lucky winner of the iPhone 15 Pro prize.

Global passenger traffic in 2024 to top 9.5bn

DUBAI

AIRPORTS Council International (ACI) World has projected passenger traffic in 2024 to reach 9.5 billion – a growth of 10 percent growth – in its annual report that draws data from over 2,700 airports across more than 180 countries and territories, a report said.

Its 2024 Annual World Airport Traffic Report offers a comprehensive overview of the global airport industry and aviation markets for the operating year 2023 and the first half of 2024, Emirates News Agency, WAM, said.

It includes full rankings for passenger, cargo, and aircraft traffic.

Justin Erbacci, ACI World Director General, said: “The release of the 2024 Annual World Airport Traffic Report highlights the resilience and adaptability of the global aviation industry and demonstrates ACI World’s unmatched ability to predict and analyse industry trends.

“As we continue to navigate an increasingly complex and evolving landscape, ACI World remains committed to supporting our airport members through advocacy and the development of timely resources.

“The report also revealed that global passenger traffic in 2023 reached 8.7 billion, an increase of 30.6 percent compared to 2022,



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with a recovery rate of 95 percent compared to pre-pandemic levels in 2019. “Current estimates indicate that total passenger traffic expected in 2024 will be equivalent to 104 percent of 2019 levels.”

The council predicts that international passenger traffic will reach 4.1 billion by the end of 2024, representing 43 percent of the total passengers, while domestic passenger traffic is expected to reach 5.4 billion by the end of 2024, accounting for 57 percent of global passenger

traffic.

Key growth regions include Asia-Pacific, where pent-up demand is driving a rapid recovery, and Africa, which is forecasted to see a gradual increase in passenger numbers.

By 2024, Africa is expected to handle 221 million passengers, further boosting the region’s aviation infrastructure.

African airlines are set to earn a modest collective profit of \$100

million in 2024, reflecting the resilience of the sector after the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the profitability per passenger remains low at \$0.90, well below the global average.

Issues such as high operational costs, inadequate infrastructure, and taxation continue to burden the continent’s airlines.

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has encouraged African governments to leverage aviation as a key driver of economic growth, especially through more liberalized air services and better connectivity across countries.

The industry is also focusing on decarbonization, with airlines prioritizing the replacement of older aircraft to more fuel-efficient models.

Airbus, for instance, forecasts that by 2043, over 42,000 new aircraft will be delivered globally, significantly contributing to reduced fuel consumption and emissions.

Sustainable aviation fuels (SAF) and emerging technologies like hydrogen and hybrid planes are central to these efforts.

Overall, the air transport sector in 2024 is characterized by a strong return to growth, driven by increasing demand, sustainability initiatives, and the gradual modernization of airline fleets.

100 wheat farmers to benefit from training

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo

THE Agricultural Seed Agency (ASA), in collaboration with the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), has provided specialized training to over 100 wheat farmers in the Kilimanjaro and Arusha regions.

The initiative aims to enhance agronomic practices for the professional cultivation of wheat, a key cash crop in northern Tanzania.

The training, held at ASA’s Arusha-based seed estate, focused on equipping farmers with practical knowledge essential for boosting wheat production and productivity.

Experts from both ASA and AGRA led the sessions, guiding the farmers through recommended cultivation techniques and modern growing principles.

Dr. Justin Ringo, ASA’s Produc-

tion Manager, highlighted the positive impact of the training. “Through these initiatives, we have increased wheat seed production to over 1,200 tonnes, significantly improving yields for local farmers,” he said.

Dr. Ringo also emphasized the agency’s commitment to further empowering wheat farmers by providing improved seeds and sharing advanced farming techniques.

Wheat is considered a strategic crop in Tanzania, and ASA aims to continue its support through additional training and seed distribution.

Dr. Ringo encouraged the participating farmers to apply the newly acquired skills to increase their productivity and to share the knowledge with fellow farmers in their communities.

ASA’s Acting Business Development Director, Mary Machaku, re-



Wheat production in Tanzania remains low, with annual output hovering around 100,000 tonnes. File photo

assured farmers that the agency would maintain efforts to ensure the availability of improved seeds at government-subsidized prices, further boosting the sector’s pro-

ductivity.

As part of these efforts, ASA has introduced a new wheat variety, SST 884, imported from Zambia. This hybrid variety, with its broad

adaptability, takes between 90 and 110 days to mature and can yield between 14 to 18 sacks per acre.

Wheat production plays a criti-

cal role in Tanzania’s agricultural sector, serving as a major source of food and income for rural communities.

It is primarily cultivated in high-altitude regions such as Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Manyara, and parts of the Southern Highlands, including Iringa and Njombe.

The Makete district in Njombe is particularly noted for its significant wheat output.

To further bolster wheat production, the government launched a strategy in the 2023/2024 farming season, providing Makete district with 1,000 metric tons of subsidized wheat seeds through ASA.

Plans are also underway to establish two wheat processing plants, with Makete identified as a potential site for one of the factories.

Despite its importance, wheat production in Tanzania remains low, with annual output hovering around 100,000 metric tonnes – far below the national demand of 1,000,000 metric tons.

As a result, the country relies on imports for 90 percent of its wheat consumption.

America, China dominate the super-rich club

LONDON

THERE are currently 29,350 individuals worldwide with liquid investable assets of US\$100 million or more, according to the Centi-Millionaire Report 2024 released last week by wealth and investment migration advisors Henley & Partners and featuring exclusive data from global wealth intelligence firm New World Wealth.

This exclusive club has grown globally by 54 percent over the last decade but the geographic distribution of this super-rich explosion across different regions is revealing. America and China have experienced what can only be described as a centi-millionaire boom, significantly outperforming their European counterparts.

China’s ascent has been the most dramatic, with its centi-millionaire population expanding by 108 percent over the past 10 years – outpacing even the stellar performance of the US, whose super-wealthy ranks swelled by 81 percent over the same period. In contrast, Europe’s centi-millionaire growth has been anemic, increasing by only 26 percent over the past decade.

Dr. Juerg Steffen, CEO of Henley & Partners, says the lethargic performance in Europe can be attrib-



uted to the slow growth of major markets such as the UK, Germany, and France. “Pockets of dynamism exist, with smaller European markets such as Monaco, Malta, Montenegro, and Poland seeing their centi-millionaire populations surge by 75 percent or more. The geography of extreme affluence is shifting. As this elite group continues to grow and migrate, its influence on global economics, politics, and society is likely to be profound and far-reaching.”

New World Wealth’s Head of Research, Andrew Amoils, points out that over 60 percent of centi-millionaires are entrepreneurs and company founders, which makes them especially important when it comes to wealth creation.

“The businesses started by centi-millionaires have a significant positive spillover effect on the middle class as they create large numbers of well-paying jobs in their base country. It is also worth noting that most of the companies on the Fortune 500, the S&P 500, the CAC 40, the FTSE 100 and the Nikkei 225 were started by individuals who went on to become centi-millionaires.”

The report reveals that one-third of the world’s centi-millionaires reside in 50 key cities across the world. The US continues to dominate the centi-city landscape, claiming 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in the Top 50 Cities for Centi-Millionaires, and boasting a total of 15 metropolises on the elite list.

New York City reigns supreme with 744 resident centi-millionaires, followed closely by the Bay Area (which includes San Francisco and Silicon Valley) with 675, and Los Angeles with 496 super rich residents. These cities have not only maintained their leading positions globally over the past decade but are expected to see significant growth of over 50 percent in their ultra-wealthy populations over the next 10 years.

However, as David Young, President of the Committee for Economic Development at the leading US think tank The Conference Board points out in the Centi-Millionaire Report 2024, “existing centi-millionaire growth and migration trends will depend largely on the upcoming US presidential elections where we anticipate drastic differences in fiscal, monetary, economic, and social policies. The results may cause a shift from North America be-

ing so attractive, as centi-millionaires turn to countries that provide greater economic and political security”.

Dr. Steffen adds that wealthy Americans have become the firm’s single largest client cohort, with a five-fold increase in investment migration enquiries this year. “We are witnessing a fascinating paradox. On one hand, the US remains the world’s top wealth hub, accounting for over 30% of global liquid investable wealth – a massive USD 67 trillion. Yet, on the other hand, we’re seeing an unprecedented surge in affluent Americans seeking alternative residence and citizenship options.”

Democratic presidential nominee Kamala Harris recently endorsed the tax increases proposed by President Biden in his fiscal year 2025 budget – including a new idea that would require taxpayers with net wealth above USD 100 million to pay a minimum tax on their unrealized capital gains.

Lagos gov impounds 488 vehicles for breaching BRT lane regulations

LAGOS

THE Lagos State Government on Monday, admonished all motorists, both private and commercial, to desist forthwith from the continued infringement on Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) lanes across the State.

According to a statement signed by the Director, Public Affairs and Enlightenment of the Lagos State Transport Management Authority (LASTMA), Adebayo Taofiq, “The directive follows the impoundment of over 488 vehicles by the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) for breaching BRT lane regulations between January and August 2024.

“All offenders have been charged to the Lagos State Mobile Court for prosecution.

“Particular attention is drawn to motorists traversing the Abule-Egba BRT corridor. They are strongly urged to cease further contraventions, as the Lagos State Public Works Corporation (LSPWC) has recently completed extensive road rehabilitation from Abule-Egba to Iyana-Ipaja, especially near ‘Super Ile-Epo’ and ‘Katangura Market.’ The road’s improved condition renders the unlawful use of BRT lanes both redundant and inexcusable.

“The government reiterates that motorists plying routes from Abule-Egba through Iyana-Ipaja, Dopemu, and Oshodi must strictly adhere to designated lanes. Any individual found encroaching upon the BRT lanes will be duly prosecuted by the Lagos State Mobile Court.

“While the Lagos State Government remains resolute in its mission to provide cutting-edge infrastructure for the benefit of all citizens, such efforts require the active cooperation of road users. Motorists are thus enjoined to exhibit discipline and patience, fostering a safer and more efficient traffic environment.

WORLD

Africa's exclusion from UNSC must be addressed – African Union

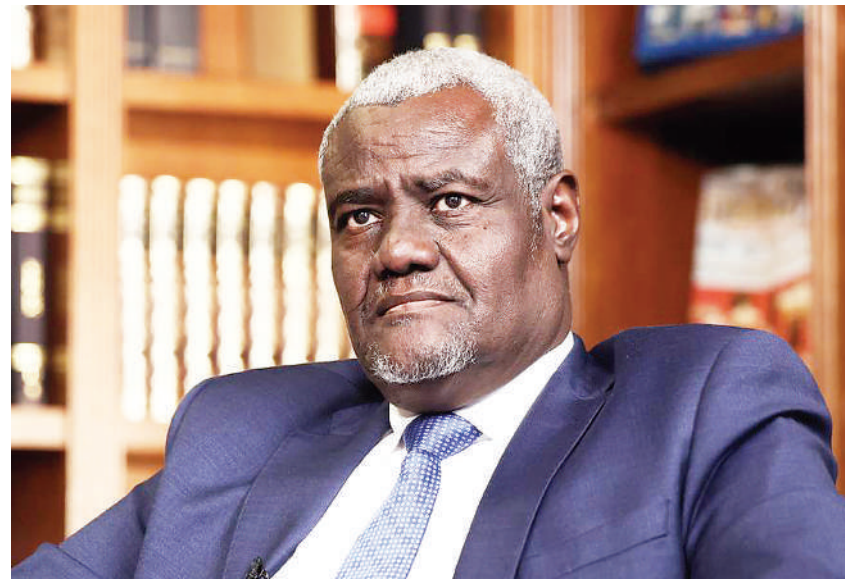
MOSCOW

IT isn't right that African nations are not represented in the UN Security Council, and this must be corrected, African Union Commission Chairperson Moussa Faki Mahamat said in an interview with TASS First Deputy Director General Mikhail Gusman.

"In our opinion, debates on United Nations reform have been taking too long. It's absolutely abnormal and unfair that 54 countries with a total population of 1.4 billion people aren't represented in the United Nations Security Council. This is a historical injustice that should be corrected," he pointed out.

Faki Mahamat expressed regret that discussions on the issue were dragging on, while the current developments required countries to take quick collective action. "Today's climate problems, as well as today's economic and financial crisis, the issues of peace, stability and the fight against terrorism and extremism, are the priorities that need to be addressed together."

The desire to maintain what was developed right after World War II will not work, which is proved by the fact that the Security Council itself has come to an impasse on a number of issues," he added.



African Union Commission Chairman Moussa Faki Mahamat

"We believe that Russia must play its role as a permanent Security Council member. We must act fast. The so-called Summit of the Future will take place in a few days (on September 22-23 - TASS), and I hope that the future that is going to be created will be a common future for all of humanity. Achieving this goal requires reforms, deep reforms," the African Union Commission chairperson maintained.

According to him, "restricting Africa to a secondary role in international administration is unacceptable and no longer feasible."

"Global stability and security are at stake. I believe that all those who seek peace and justice for the whole world should be fighting for exactly that," Faki Mahamat concluded.

African Union

The African Union, which brings together 55 countries, is the continent's biggest and most influential organization.

Founded in the summer of 2002 as the successor of the Organization of African Unity, the African Union is headquartered in Ethiopia's capital of Addis Ababa.

For India, One Earth, One Family and One Future is a commitment : PM Modi

NEW YORK

ASSERTING that India is committed to protecting the interests of humanity, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said that 'One earth, One Family and One future' is a commitment of the country.

In his address at the UN's 'Summit of the Future' PM Modi said India has elevated 250 million people out of poverty and shown that sustainable development can be successful.

"For India, One Earth, One Family, One Future is a commitment. This commitment is also reflected in our initiatives such as 'One Earth, One Health, and 'One Sun, One World, One Grid'. India will continue to work in thought, words and deeds to protect the interests of all humanity and for global prosperity."

He called for balanced regulation at a global level for safe and responsible use of technology.

"There is a need for balanced regulation at a global level for safe and responsible use of technology. We need global digital governance, which ensures that national sovereignty and integrity are upheld. Digital Public Infrastructure should be a bridge, not a barrier. For global good, India is ready to share its digital infrastructure with the entire world."

The Prime Minister expressed India's willingness to share its experiences of success with the Global South. He said that the success of humanity lies in "collective strength" and not the battlefield.

"In the biggest elections of human history held in June, people of India gave me the opportunity to serve them for a



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses Summit of the Future (SOTF) at 79th UN General Assembly session, in New York on Monday. ANI

third straight time. Today, I have come to bring the voice of one-sixth humanity to you. When we discuss about the global future, we must accord the highest priority to a human centric approach."

"While prioritising sustainable development, we must also ensure human welfare, food, health security. By lifting 250 million people out of poverty in India, we have demonstrated that sustainable development can be successful. We are ready to share our experiences of our success with the Global South. Success of humanity lies in our collective strength, not in the battlefield," he added.

He called for reforms in the global institutions and termed reform as the key to relevance.

"For ensuring global peace and development, reforms are necessary in the global institutions. Reform is the key to relevance. Permanent membership of African Union to the G20 at the New Delhi Summit was an important step in this direction," he added.

He said terrorism is a serious threat to global peace. "While on one hand, terrorism continues to be a serious threat to global peace and security, on the other hand, cyber, maritime and space are emerging

as new theatres of conflict. On all these issues, I will stress that global action must match global ambition," he said. At the UN Summit of the Future, world leaders adopted a Pact for the Future that included a Global Digital Compact and a Declaration on Future Generations.

The Pact covers a broad range of themes, including peace and security, sustainable development, climate change, digital cooperation, human rights, gender, youth and future generations, and the transformation of global governance.

ANI

INS Talwar docks in Mombasa; aims to strengthen ties, further collaboration between navies

NEW DELHI

THE Indian Navy's frontline stealth frigate, INS Talwar, arrived in Mombasa, Kenya for strengthening ties between the two nations. The frigate arrived in the harbours of Mombasa on Sunday.

The visit aims to strengthen ties further and reaffirm India's commitment to constructive collaboration and mutual growth.

According to a statement by the Ministry of Defence, the navies of Kenya

and India would be engaging in various interactions to strengthen cooperation and interoperability.

"During the ship's stay in the harbour, personnel from the Kenyan and Indian navies will engage in a wide range of professional interactions and cross-exchange visits to enhance cooperation and bolster interoperability," the statement said.

Highlighting the bond between the two countries linked by the Indian Ocean, the press release highlighted

the increasing trade, investment and people-to-people contact.

"India and Kenya share a strong bond built on a foundation of centuries-old historical ties. As geographic neighbours linked by the Indian Ocean, the two nations cherish a natural partnership, further strengthened over the years by regular high-level visits, increasing trade and investment, and extensive people-to-people contact," the statement added.

The statement also highlighted the

'Joint Vision Statement' released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Kenyan President William Samoei Ruto in December 2023.

"Maritime cooperation between India and Kenya is guided by the Vision Statement 'BAHARI', meaning 'Ocean' in Swahili. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Kenyan President William Samoei Ruto released the Joint Vision Statement in December 2023 during the Kenyan president's state visit to India," the statement said.

ANI

US aims to bring attempted assassination charge against Trump suspect

WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

THE US Justice Department plans to charge the man accused of hiding with a gun at former president Donald Trump's Florida golf course with attempting to assassinate a major political candidate, carrying a life sentence if convicted, a prosecutor said on Monday.

Ryan Routh, 58, was ordered by US Magistrate Judge Ryon McCabe to remain in jail without bond pending trial on the two gun-related charges brought against him after his Sept 15 arrest. McCabe said prosecutors had documented Routh's effort to "stalk" Trump during a roughly month-long period in south Florida "in an apparent attempt to assassinate him".

Prosecutor Mark Disposito said the Justice Department will ask a grand jury to bring the more serious attempted assassination charge against Routh, who was handcuffed and shackled at the waist during a hearing before McCabe in which prosecutors detailed some of the evidence collected against him.

Routh wrote a letter, prosecutors said, months earlier referencing an "assassination attempt" on the Republican presidential candidate and a \$150,000 bounty on his life.

He also assembled a "sniper's nest" near the sixth hole of Trump's West Palm Beach golf club in an attempt to kill him, Disposito said, but was stopped when a US Secret Service agent opened fire after spotting a rifle poking through the fence. "This was an easy shot," Disposito said of Routh's position, adding that Trump would have arrived in that area roughly 15 minutes later.

Lawyers representing Routh unsuccessfully sought his release on a \$250,000 bond.

Routh wore a navy blue jumpsuit during the hearing. He did not speak.

Prosecutors said that several months prior to the incident, Routh dropped off at the home of an unidentified civilian witness a box including ammunition, a metal pipe, four phones and a handwritten letter addressed to "the world" that offered a bounty on Trump.

"This was an assassination attempt on Donald Trump but I failed you," the suspect wrote, according to a court filing by prosecutors. "I will offer \$150,000 to whomever can complete the job."

Kristy Militello, a lawyer representing Routh, argued that the letter indicated "an intent to fail" at the assassination.

"Perhaps this was more of a publicity stunt than anything," Militello said.

FBI Special Agent Christian Hull, who testified during the hearing, revealed that another letter had been found near Routh's alleged perch at the golf course that was addressed to The New York Times. Hull did not reveal its contents and it was not used as evidence by the prosecution.

Special operation to end after Russia achieves its goals – Kremlin

MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S special operation in Ukraine will end as soon as Moscow achieves its goals in one way or another, Russian Presidential Spokesman Dmitry Peskov told a news briefing, calling such a march of events an alternativeless option.

"Any war ends in peace one way or another," the Kremlin spokesman commented on Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky's statements that the conflict would end sooner than expected.

"For us there is absolutely no alternative to achieving our set goals," Peskov emphasized. "As soon as these goals have been achieved in one way or another, the special military operation will be completed."

Zelensky said in an interview with ABC that the end of the conflict in his country was closer than many believed. He argued that some "victory plan" he proposed on the basis of his own "peace formula" was a means to achieve a settlement. Moscow has repeatedly criticized Kiev's "formula" as unrealistic and pointed to the need for taking into account the realities on the ground. Also, Russia supported the peace plan proposed by China and Brazil, which Ukraine criticized as "unrealistic" and not corresponding to the "peace formula."

Russian President Vladimir Putin repeatedly mentioned the fundamental goals of the special military operation, such as the demilitarization and denazification of Ukraine, its neutral status, and recognition of the realities on the ground, including the wish of the Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics and Kherson and Zaporozhye regions to reunite with Russia the way Crimea and Sevastopol did in 2014.

Agencies



Leaders at UN urge world's richest to do more on climate

NEW YORK

DEVELOPING nations on Monday pleaded at the UN General Assembly for the world's richest to do more to help them cope with the hardships they face from climate extremes.

Leaders of small island states most at risk from rising sea levels said it was time for those countries that burn most of the fossil fuels blamed for rising temperatures to stop paying "lip service" to the issue.

"I wonder if our countries are moving further and further

away from the unity and the moral fortitude we require to protect our people," said Samoan Natural Resources and Environment Minister Cedric Schuster, who chairs the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS).

The island nations of AOSIS have gained a powerful voice in global climate talks. During a news conference on Monday, Schuster called out the world's biggest economies in the Group of 20, which together account for more than 80 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions.

"We need all countries, but particularly the G20, to lead the way" on emissions cuts and climate finance, Schuster told reporters. "The vulnerable people of our world are drained by the lip service."

Delivering a similar message on behalf of the Least Developed Country negotiating bloc, Malawi's climate and natural resources minister, Yusuf Mkungula, said: "Industrialized countries must lead the way." The pleas underscore the widening disparity between the nations contributing most to global

warming and those suffering its worst effects, demonstrating how climate change has become not just an environmental issue, but a matter of global justice.

Some country leaders spoke during a special UN "Summit for the Future," while others addressed reporters and panels at one of the 900 or so climate-themed events being held this week across New York City.

Separately, scientists at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research warned that humanity has now damaged at

least six of the planet's natural systems including the climate equilibrium, with a seventh - the ocean's chemistry - now threatened by acidification, which occurs as the ocean absorbs carbon dioxide from the air.

"Climate events are coming at us faster and more frequent," said Bahamas Prime Minister Phillip Davis told Reuters, adding that he was pleading with wealthy nations to "stay focused" on the problem.

So far, he said, "the signals being sent [by countries] do not

match the commitments that were made."

Conversion energy

Earlier on Monday, executives from major companies including massive energy-user Amazon.com and power producers like Vestas and Iberdrola urged world leaders to follow through on an agreement made at last year's COP28 summit to triple renewable-energy capacity by 2030.

Elsewhere, 50 US banks announced plans to cooperate on accelerating investment in

clean energy, while a separate group of 14 banks including Citi and Bank of America called for a tripling of nuclear energy capacity globally.

But new research by Moody's Ratings agency warned that, overall, global climate investments were trillions of dollars short of what was needed to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050 and to adapt to climate impacts. It said that while these investments would lead to higher debts for national governments, not investing would prove far more costly.

China achieves remarkable results in protection, management of world natural heritage

By Yan Bing

THE world's cultural and natural heritage is an important outcome of the development of human civilization and natural evolution.

The recently held 46th session of the World Heritage Committee of UNESCO included China's cultural heritage nomination: the Beijing Central Axis: A Building Ensemble Exhibiting the Ideal Order of the Chinese Capital on the World Heritage List. It also included two natural heritage nominations, respectively Badain Jaran Desert - Towers of Sand and Lakes, and Migratory Bird Sanctuaries along the Coast of Yellow Sea-Bohai Gulf of China (Phase II).

To date, there are 59 sites of world heritage in China, including 15 natural sites and four mixed cultural and natural heritage sites. The country ranks first in the world in terms of the number of natural heritage sites.

The inclusion exactly mirrored China's unremitting efforts to protect and inherit cultural and natural heritage, conserve ecology and build itself into a beautiful country.

For some time, China has placed unprecedented emphasis on ecological conservation. The nature reserves system with national parks be-



Photo shows the Jiuzhaigou scenic spot in Aba Tibetan and Qiang autonomous prefecture, southwest China's Sichuan province. (Photo by Xie Shangguo/ People's Daily Online)

ing the main component has been continuously improved, providing a solid institutional guarantee for the protection of world natural heritage and mixed cultural and natural heritage.

At present, China's world natural heritage sites and mixed cultural and natural heritage sites cover an area of 79,000 square kilometers, including over 100 protected natural areas such as national parks, nature reserves and various types of natural parks. The country has put important ecological systems and natural heritage under effective protection, demonstrating to the world its relentless efforts and responsibility in protecting the nature and hu-

man civilization.

In recent years, China has witnessed a large number of outstanding cases of ecological conservation and management.

Huangshan Mountain in east China's Anhui province has innovatively introduced a rotating closure system and a paid rescue system. The Sichuan Giant Panda Sanctuaries in southwest China's Sichuan province has implemented a development model that calls for joint efforts from relevant enterprises, cooperatives, farmers and research bases, actively exploring sustainable development for communities within heritage sites.

Shandong province's Taishan Mountain has built a com-

prehensive intelligent protection and management system. Wuyi Mountain in southeast China's Fujian province has established a two-tier national park management system of "management bureau - management station." The Three Parallel Rivers of Yunnan Protected Areas has completely banned all prospecting and mining rights within the heritage site and buffer zones.

Huanglong Scenic and Historic Interest Area in Sichuan province has made clonal propagation research of endangered orchid species its flagship scientific project. Mount Fanjing in southwest China's Guizhou province has implemented a conservation program for gray snub-nosed monkeys.

According to the World Heritage Outlook released by the International Union for Conservation of Nature in 2020, for 63 percent of all natural heritage sites and mixed cultural and natural heritage sites in the world, the conservation outlook is either "good" or "good with some concerns," while the figure stands at 89 percent in China. For seven percent of these sites, the outlook is assessed as "critical," and none of them is in China.

This indicates that China has not only met international standards but also clearly surpassed the global average



Photo shows the Hoh Xil National Nature Reserve in northwest China's Qinghai province. (Photo by Zhao Guangliang/ People's Daily Online)

in the conservation of natural heritage sites and mixed cultural and natural heritage sites, demonstrating outstanding conservation achievements.

With the development of China's world heritage conservation, the country has not only gained international recognition but also garnered high praise for its exemplary work in the protection, restoration, and sustainable utilization of world heritage sites.

China has done a good job in the protection and restoration of habitats of endangered species.

The "100+ Biodiversity Positive Practices and Actions Around the World" of the 15th meeting of the Conference of

the Parties to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity included two projects in China. One is the vegetation restoration in the habitat of gray snub-nosed monkeys and the restoration of an ecological corridor in the Three Parallel Rivers of Yunnan Protected Areas. The other one is the restoration project for the coastal wetland in Yancheng of east China's Jiangsu province, which is a part of the migratory bird sanctuaries along the coast of Yellow Sea-Bohai Gulf of China.

Besides, the integrity and protection management of the Hoh Xil heritage site in northwest China's Qinghai province have been further strengthened and improved with the

ongoing development of the Sanjiangyuan National Park. The population of flagship species, including Tibetan antelopes and wild yaks, keeps growing, and their distribution areas are expanding.

China emphasizes both resource conservation and the development of people's livelihoods in protecting and utilizing its world natural heritage sites.

In sites like the karst landscapes in southern China, the Danxia landforms, and the Three Parallel Rivers of Yunnan Protected Areas, governments at all levels have implemented various measures tailored to local characteristics, such as franchising, profit sharing, ecological compensation, and living subsidies, to benefit the local population.

These efforts have yielded remarkable achievements in striking a balance among world heritage preservation, sustainable tourism, poverty alleviation, and the safeguarding of heritage values.

Some regions in China have received prestigious accolades, including the Shanghai Global Award for Sustainable Development in Cities set by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the "Best Tourism Villages" award set by the United Nations World Tourism Organization, among others.

China: A rising star in global coffee industry

By Gao Qiao, Liu Yaoyang

CHINA'S coffee industry has experienced significant growth in the past few years, leading to its emergence as a prominent player in the international coffee market.

According to data from the International Coffee Organization, China's demand for coffee in 2023 has increased by 15 percent year-on-year.

Algebra World Coffee Portal, a leading information platform for the global coffee industry, said that China has overtaken the United States as the largest branded coffee shop market in the world by outlets, after growing a whopping 58 percent year on year in 2023.

Li Hong, vice president of Yunnan Agricultural University in southwest China's Yunnan province, said that the explosive growth of the Chinese coffee industry is manifested in every link of the country's coffee industrial chain.

In breeding and cultivation, China is rapidly developing superior domestic coffee varieties while also introducing high-quality foreign strains, to build a solid genetic foundation. Meanwhile, the country is applying modern agricultural technologies to coffee plantations, boosting the yield and quality of Chinese coffee.

In coffee processing, China considers it important to promote and apply green and low-carbon technologies, striving to mitigate pollution during the early stages of coffee processing. For instance,

Yunnan Agricultural University has developed an automatic production line that involves waterless skin removal and micro-water degumming, resulting in lower pollution and water consumption.

Currently, new development models that integrate the entire coffee industrial chain are being explored across China, with the emergence of coffee estates being a particularly noteworthy trend.

Xinzhai village in Baoshan city, Yunnan province has employed a "coffee estate+" model, which facilitates coffee estates' cooperation with village committees, relevant research institutions, cooperatives and farmers. It helps impart new techniques to coffee growers, commercializes new research outcomes, and provides consumers with a one-stop "from seed to cup" experience of local coffee culture. This model not only increases income for coffee growers, but contributes to the vitalization of rural industries.

Li attributed the rapid development of the Chinese coffee industry to the country's huge domestic market. The shift in the consumption preferences of the young Chinese, their increased consumption ability, and the constant release of new coffee products are all creating new market opportunities.

Besides, China has continuously strengthened its innovation ability in coffee-related



The China Kunshan International Fair for Coffee Industry 2024 is held in Kunshan, east China's Jiangsu province, May 16, 2024. (Photo by Zhang Feng/ People's Daily Online)

technologies, and made rapid progress in variety breeding, boutique coffee production and product innovation, laying a solid foundation for the quick advancement of the Chinese coffee industry, Li said. Coffee enterprises are also bringing forth new sales ideas and improving logistics services to expand their sales channels, he added.

Coffee-related organizations and renowned enterprises around the world are all optimistic about the potential of the Chinese market, and have lifted their input into it.

The emerging chain coffee shops in different business forms and the launch of new brands and products have to a large extent promoted

the consumption growth and cultural communication of coffee in China.

As international trade is more and more facilitated, a large quantity of raw materials including coffee beans are imported to China through different channels, offering strong support for the development of the coffee industry.

The competitiveness of the Chinese coffee industry is multifaceted. China presents a vast and lucrative market for coffee, with immense growth potential and robust consumer spending power.

Coffee-growing regions in the country enjoy natural advantages in coffee cultivation, and Yunnan province in particular, is quite a standout

in this regard, accounting for over 98 percent of the country's coffee planting area and producing more than 98 percent of the country's coffee yield, according to a 2023 report related to the development of coffee industry in Yunnan.

However, the Chinese coffee industry still faces development bottlenecks when compared to traditional coffee powerhouses overseas. For example, most coffee varieties still have to be imported, and there remains a notable gap between China's coffee production, processing technology and cutting-edge international standards. Besides, the branding and marketing capabilities of Chinese coffee enterprises still need to be improved.

An expert noted that China's unique consumer groups and consumption market of coffee products have shaped the country's own coffee culture that is more inclusive with Chinese characteristics.

China's coffee market holds enormous potential by tailoring products to diverse regional flavor preferences, developing a wide array of innovative offerings, and introducing more novel crossovers with Chinese styles, the expert added.

Looking ahead, China's coffee industry should further integrate all segments of its value chain while placing greater emphasis on consumer needs. By expanding the overall market, the industry can gradually achieve high-quality and sustainable development.

Highway-railway bridge in China's Jiangxi boosts regional development

By Li Xinping

IN the first six months of this year, fixed-asset investment in China's railway sector reached a record high. The investment has fully leveraged the advantages of the railway industry's long industrial chain, wide-ranging impact, and strong driving effects.

A railway project under construction today well explains the "multiplier effect" of this investment.

Standing on top of the 141-meter-high main tower G32 of the main bridge that spans the west tributary of the Ganjiang River, a part of the Yangzizhou Ganjiang Highway-Railway Bridge, one can overlook the sparkling Ganjiang River with cargo ships shuttling back and forth.

Factories, high-rise buildings, and vast fields in the distance are all within sight. Up close, construction workers on the bridge are busy, many of whom come from counties and townships nearby.

The Yangzizhou Ganjiang Highway-Railway Bridge is the controlling project of the entire route of the Nanchang-Jiujiang high-speed railway, while the latter remains an important part of the Beijing-Hong Kong high-speed railway, connecting the north and south, and integrating the east and west.

Upon completion, the Nanchang-Jiujiang high-speed railway will be crucial for the high-quality development of the Yangtze River Economic Belt and the social and economic development along the rail.

The driving force of the bridge has already become evident as the project commenced.

Let's first look at the investment stimulation. The Nanchang-Jiujiang high-speed railway, connecting Nanchang and Jiujiang in east China's Jiangxi province, has drawn a total investment of 32.41 billion yuan (\$4.51 billion). The investment in the main bridge that spans the west tributary of the Ganjiang River alone was nearly 1.08 billion yuan. Since the construction began, the purchases of local materials have added up to 13.99 million yuan, effectively driving procurement demand.

Xia Xiaoren, head of the Yangzizhou Ganjiang Highway-Railway Bridge with Nanchang-Jiujiang Intercity Railway Co., Ltd., said that apart from purchasing local materials such as stone, sand, steel bars, and cement, the company also leased machinery and vehicles from local providers. The project has created job opportunities for local people and cultivated a group of skilled personnel in project management, Xia added.

According to Xia, the construction of the Nanchang-Jiujiang high-speed railway, has provided jobs to over 5,100 people, whose everyday needs have boosted the businesses of convenience stores and restaurants in local villages.

"The project has effectively increased the income of local residents and propelled economic development," Xia noted.

Upon completion, the Yangzizhou Ganjiang Highway-Railway Bridge will set a number of world records:



Photo shows the construction site of the Yangzizhou Ganjiang Highway-Railway Bridge in east China's Jiangxi province. (Photo by Zhu Haipeng/ People's Daily Online)

it will become a highway-railway hybrid bridge with the most road lanes and largest capacity in the world, the world's largest-span highway-railway bridge supporting speeds up to 350 km/h, and the world's first harp-shaped cable-stayed bridge designed for trains running at 350 km/h.

New records mean new challenges. To address the difficulties, new technologies are indispensable. "Before the construction began, we virtually simulated the entire building process, identified the engineering difficulties, improved design param-

eters, and streamlined the construction process," said Zhong Lianggen, deputy head of the Yangzizhou Ganjiang Highway-Railway Bridge with Nanchang-Jiujiang Intercity Railway Co., Ltd. "The three-dimensional visualization of the simulation was equivalent to an online rehearsal."

The construction site of the main tower G32 resembled a sophisticated intelligent factory, with 31 monitoring points in each cofferdam foundation pit. Real-time monitoring was carried out through different methods such as radar water level gauges, strain

gauges, and video surveillance.

"Sensors provide real-time monitoring, and intelligent algorithms can automatically alert and correct any deviations, achieving precise construction," said Zhong.

When the bridge is completed, its virtual version will also be delivered simultaneously for future maintenance. The virtual bridge contains all the information during construction processes, including design, material, plan, quality and examination, and will serve as the digital archive of the physical bridge.

The Beijing-Hong Kong high-speed railway, along which the Nanchang-Jiujiang high-speed railway is located, is an important vertical line of China's high-speed rail network that centers around eight main vertical lines linking the north and south and eight horizontal lines connecting the east and west. It connects major city clusters such as Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei, the middle reaches of the Yangtze River, and the Pearl River Delta.

"The Beijing-Hong Kong high-speed railway will become another important route connecting the north and south of China. It will not only facilitate travel and transportation, but provide more capacity resources for railway freight transportation," said Xia.

SPORT

Diddy's music streams jump after arrest and indictment

NEW YORK

SEAN "Diddy" Combs' vast music catalog has seen a jump in streams since his arrest last week and the unsealing of an indictment against him.

Under his many musical monikers – including Diddy, Puff Daddy and P. Diddy – the industry data and analytics company Luminate said the mogul's music saw an average 18.3% increase in on-demand streams during the week of his arrest compared to the prior week.

George Howard, a distinguished professor of music business management at Berklee College of Music, said he's not surprised by the increase. To him, streaming is akin to a Google search of the artist as a means of satisfying curiosity.

"Music just becomes another piece of information as people try to comprehend the atrocities," Howard told The Associated Press. "It's like, 'What would someone whose brain works like that, allegedly, what would their music sound like?'"

With Combs' several business ventures – from Revolt TV to Ciroc vodka, both of which he's no longer affiliated with – Howard

said many people likely think of Combs as a businessman before they think of him as a musician.

"The natural curiosity that these types of charges evoke makes sense," Howard said. "It's like driving by a car crash. People want to look."

An increase in streaming numbers following controversy is not uncommon. After a documentary about R. Kelly accused the R&B singer of sexual misconduct involving women and underage girls, his numbers nearly doubled.

Howard said the "anonymization" of streaming is also a factor that could have led to the increases for Combs and Kelly alike. "Imagine walking into a record store now like, 'Yeah, I want to buy this Diddy CD,'" he said.

Combs is charged with federal sex trafficking and racketeering and the indictment, which details allegations dating back to 2008, accuses him of abusing, threatening and coercing women for years "to fulfill his sexual desires, protect his reputation, and conceal his conduct." He's pleaded not guilty to the charges.

AP



Coach Micho now praises Simba SC's dominant win against Al Ahli Tripoli

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

FORMER Young Africans head coach Milutin 'Micho' Sredojevic has heaped praise on Simba SC for their impressive performance in the CAF Confederation Cup return leg against Al Ahli Tripoli.

Simba secured a 3-1 victory on Sunday at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, advancing to the group stage of the competition with an aggregate score of 3-1.

Sredojevic, who currently coaches the Libya national team, expressed his admiration for Simba's performance and voiced confidence in their ability to compete at a higher level in CAF interclub competitions.

"Simba played with great mastery and utilized their chances effectively. They truly deserved this victory," Micho said, reflecting on Simba's strong showing.

Sredojevic, who was present at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, praised Simba's skill and efficiency on the field, noting that their performance demonstrated a level of quality that could see them progress beyond previous campaigns, where they have reached the quarter-finals but not advanced further.

While praising Simba, Micho also acknowledged the efforts of Al Ahli Tripoli's players and coaching staff. Despite their best efforts, he admitted that they faced a superior Simba side on the day.

Having a deep understanding of Tanzanian football from his time coaching Young Africans,

Sredojevic commended Simba head coach Fadlu Davids for leading the Msimbazi giants to the group stage of the CAF Confederation Cup.

Interestingly, Davids had previously served as Micho's assistant coach during their time together at Orlando Pirates.

The Serbian tactician emphasized that Simba's progress is a reflection of the hard work and dedication of both the coaching staff and players, and he encouraged other African teams to strive for similar success in international competitions.

"These competitions are crucial for African teams as they provide opportunities for our players to showcase their talent and elevate the status of our leagues," Micho stated, underscoring the importance of the CAF Confederation Cup for the development of African football.

Sredojevic also commended both Simba SC and their rivals, Young Africans, for their significant contributions to the growth of Tanzanian football. He highlighted their efforts in nurturing young talent and promoting the development of the sport.

As both teams prepare for the group stages of their respective African competitions, Micho expressed optimism that one day they could bring continental titles back to Tanzania.

The CAF Confederation Cup group stage matches are scheduled to take place between October and December 2024, with knockout rounds leading up to the final, which is slated for May 2025.

SPORTS

Could Singida Black Stars shock the Premier League this season?

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

SINGIDA Black Stars are four matches into the Premier League season and sit atop the table with 12 points.

It has been a fantastic start for the re-branded club, who have maintained a perfect record in their opening four fixtures.

Under the stewardship of former Simba coach Patrick Aussems (pictured), they kicked off their campaign with a dominant 3-1 victory over league newcomers Ken Gold, thanks largely to an assist and a goal from Mohamed Damaro.

On Matchday 2, Singida claimed a memorable 1-0 win against Kagera Sugar at Kaitaba Stadium, with Ivorian import Anthony Trabi netting a last-minute winner.

Despite seeing just 45% of the ball, Aussems' men managed to get the better of the Bukoba-based side.

A 2-1 victory over KMC sent them back to the top of the standings with Simba and Young Africans out of league action due to continental engagements. Another hard fought 1-0 victory over Pamba Jiji extended their winning run to four games to open up a two-point lead at the top.

Few onlookers would have expected Singida Black Stars to lead the pack.

However, a strong start to the season with wins over Ken Gold, Kagera Sugar, and KMC and Pamba Jiji has them sitting pretty.

However, a deeper look at Singida Black Stars' fixtures show a team that has played some of the Premier League's weaker teams.

Two of their wins came against newly promoted teams, Pamba Jiji and Ken Gold, who are both still finding their rhythm in the league's demanding environment.

The only game they have played against a team in the top six, KMC, ended in a narrow 2-1 home victory so, it will be interesting to see how Singida Black Stars cope when they start playing some of the teams around them in the league.

The goals have been spread across the team, which is a good sign and means injuries should not cost them a key player in terms of scoring.

Singida Black Stars have scored seven goals ahead of the match against JKT Tanzania and five different players



have found the back of the net.

Elsewhere, Andre Cirille and Ibrahim Imoro have occupied the full-back spots admirably. The midfield has been dominated by Idd Habib and Maruf Tchakei with Emmanuel Kayekeh and Damaro starring on the flanks.

While talk of winning the Premier League title is too much, Singida Black Stars are beginning to think about the possibility of finishing in the top three and qualifying for the CAF competitions next season.

The ambitiously assembled side have made a tremendous start and if they can keep picking up points until the new year, there is a strong possibility they can upset the order of the top three and qualify for the CAF Champions League for the first time in their history.

Even just four games into 2024/25, this is the first time in many years that a club other than Simba, Azam and Young Africans have won all their opening four fixtures.

As time goes on, and if Singida Black Stars keep winning, we can start talking of them being serious title rivals to Simba, Azam and Young Africans but at the moment it feels too early.

Singida Black Stars' relationship with the Minister of Finance also cannot be overlooked, but it should not completely take away from what has been a true footballing triumph for the players and staff involved so far.

Lastly, regardless how it ends, Singida Black Stars have earned the right to dream and their management can't be ridiculed for saying they are ready to upset the odds and win the league.

Azam eye victory as they face Simba in Zanzibar Premier League showdown

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

AZAM FC have arrived in Zanzibar, eager to maintain their winning streak as they face Simba SC in a highly anticipated Premier League match at the New Amaan Complex in Unguja tomorrow.

The Chamazi-based side heads into the match with momentum, following convincing victories over KMC (4-0) and Coastal Union (1-0) under the guidance of their Moroccan coach, Rachid Taoussi.

Taoussi (pictured), who started his tenure at Azam with a 0-0 draw against Pamba Jiji, has successfully implemented a 3-5-2 formation to address the team's balance issues, leading to improvements on the pitch.

This tactical adjustment has also seen the resurgence of players like Nathaniel Chilambo and Nassoro Saadun, who have regained their places in the starting lineup.

The upcoming match against Simba will be a significant test for Azam, especially as both teams are still in the process of integrating new players.

Simba, fresh from their CAF Confederation Cup victory over Al Ahli Tripoli, may hold a psychological advantage heading into the contest.

Azam's recent exit from the CAF Champions League, where they were eliminated in the first preliminary round by APR, still lingers. The tightly contested tie ended 4-3 on aggregate in APR's favor, dashing Azam's hopes of progressing further in the tournament.

For football fans in Zanzibar, this Premier League clash between Azam and Simba is a first. The match is being held at the New Amaan Complex due to ongoing renovations at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, offering Zanzibar fans a rare chance to witness these two Tanzanian giants face off in their home territory.

Azam FC spokesman Hashim Ibwe expressed confidence in the team's ability to



secure a positive result against a revamped Simba squad.

"This match against Simba is another chance for our players to showcase their abilities. We've been in good form recently, with players like Nassoro Saadun and Feisal Salum being particularly impressive," Ibwe said.

He continued: "Our fans in Unguja have always supported us, and we have a special bond with them. We've made history here before as champions of the Mapinduzi Cup, and we're confident and motivated to replicate last season's success."

Azam arrived in Zanzibar well ahead of the match, with Simba expected to arrive today, just one day before the showdown.

Last season, both teams finished level on 66 points, but Azam edged out Simba to secure a spot in the CAF Champions League preliminary stages due to a superior goal difference, while Simba qualified for the CAF Confederation Cup.

Nassoro Saadun and Feisal Salum are expected to be key players for Azam in tomorrow's encounter. There remains some uncertainty regarding Djibril Sillah's participation, but Idd Nado is likely to retain his starting position.

The midfield is expected to feature a pivot of Adolf Masingwa and James Akamiko, while Chilambo and Pascal Msindo will provide width as wingbacks.

Defensively, Captain Lusajo Mwaikenda will lead a back three that includes Yoro Diaby and Yeison Fuentes, with Zuberi Foba standing guard between the posts.

Azam will be hoping to continue their strong form and add to their growing points tally early in the season, while Simba look to maintain their momentum from their recent continental success.

The stage is set for a thrilling encounter as these two Tanzanian giants battle it out in Zanzibar.

Rodri injury: What we know about Man City star's return plus Pep Guardiola's reaction

By Jamie Braidwood

MANCHESTER City are sweating on the fitness of Rodri after the influential midfielder limped off their 2-2 draw against Arsenal on Sunday.

The European champion with Spain and Ballon d'Or contender was replaced in the 20th minute of the contest at the Etihad after appearing to hurt his right knee.

Rodri was pivotal as City won a fourth consecutive Premier League title last campaign and, for club and country, has just one defeat in the last 18 months.

The 28-year-old is set to undergo a scan on the injury early this week and Pep Guardiola was concerned following the fiery draw against title rivals Arsenal.

*What happened?

Rodri came off midway through the first half after appearing to twist his right knee while Manchester City attacked a corner. The midfielder was being marked by Arsenal's Thomas Partey and fell to the ground suddenly as the pair jostled for position in the box.

Rodri fell to the ground as his right leg appeared to jar in the turf, and the Spaniard immediately reached for his knee as he rolled onto his back.

Rodri was also involved in a collision with Kai Havertz within seconds of kick-off. Rodri was left floored by the Arsenal attacker and went down holding his face as he looked to block off Havertz's pressing run and the German international seemingly barged into him.

*How long could Rodri be sidelined for?

It depends on the nature of the injury, which is currently unknown. Rodri missed the start of the Premier League season with a hamstring injury, which followed a busy season and his involvement with Spain at Euro 2024.

But given Rodri appeared to hurt his knee, the worst-case scenario would be an injury to a knee ligament, such as his cruciate, and which could rule the midfielder out of action for a significant part of the season.

If the diagnosis is an injury to his ACL or similar, City would be braced for Rodri being ruled out for months, rather than weeks.

Reports from Spain on Monday, including by Marca and ESPN, indicate that Rodri could be ruled out for the rest of the season after initial tests confirmed an ACL injury - but he is set to undergo further assessment.

The Times also reported that Rodri "could miss the remainder of the season" based on scan results.

How injured Rodri's absence could hurt Man City's trophy quest

BBC

MANCHESTER City midfielder Rodri will have further tests on the knee injury that looks set to rule him out for an extended period of time.

The 28-year-old travelled to Spain on Monday for initial tests on the injury sustained in the early stages of City's 2-2 draw with Arsenal on Sunday.

Reports suggest it could be a lengthy absence and there are fears he may not return again this season.

Rodri is one of the favourites to win the Ballon d'Or next month - given to the world's best player - and considered by many to be City's most influential player.

The reigning English champions have not lost in the last 48 Premier League matches in which the Spaniard - also named player of the tournament when his country won Euro 2024 - has started.

But City did lose four out of the five games he missed last season, with Rodri tasting defeat just once in all competitions - not including penalty shootouts such as the Champions League tie with Real Madrid - the 2-1 FA Cup final upset by Manchester United.

Just how costly could his injury prove to be for their domestic and European hopes?

*Will sidelined Spaniard's loss sway title outcome?

After Rodri made his Manchester City debut in the 2019 Community Shield against Liverpool, team-mate Kevin de Bruyne described him as the "perfect fit" for the team.

He wasn't wrong.

Since arriving from Atletico Madrid, the Spain midfielder's influence has been extraordinary, with City having lost just 11% of their games with him in the side compared to 24% without him.

City's points-per-game average with Rodri in the side - albeit across all competitions - is 2.36. Without him, it is just 2.04.

Therefore, if Rodri was to miss the rest of the Premier League season, using those averages City would finish on 80 points, compared to a projected 91 points with him playing every week.

In three out of the past four seasons, 91 points would have been enough to win the title.

However, the last time a team won the league with as few as 80 points was Manchester United in 2010-11. City, with Roberto Mancini at the helm, finished third that year.

*What did Pep Guardiola say?

Speaking on Sunday, the Manchester City manager said he did not know the extent of Rodri's injury but suggested it would have to be serious enough to force him off such an important match.

"Rodri is strong, but he left the pitch, so for Rodri to do that, he must have felt something," Guardiola said. "I haven't spoken to the doctor."

Rodri's team-mate Bernardo Silva was unable to say what had happened but admitted Rodri was in a "bad way" when he was brought off from the pitch.

"I don't know, the truth is I don't know," Silva said. "He's walking, I don't know if there's anything else, but so far we don't know. I think we'll know more tomorrow."

"I don't think [he] left [on crutches], not now. But he left in a bad way, he wasn't very well, he asked to be substituted. Let's see what the doctors say."

*What games do City have coming up?

Rodri is almost certain to be ruled out of Tuesday's EFL Cup fixture at home to Watford, as well as Saturday's trip to Newcastle United in the Premier League.

On paper, the visit to St James' Park - where City have won 3-2 and drawn 3-3 in the last two seasons in the Premier League - is their hardest fixture until they travel to Brighton and host Tottenham either side of the November International break.

City then visit Liverpool and Anfield on Sunday 1 December. Before then, they will play Slovan Bratislava, Sparta Prague, Sporting and Feyenoord in the Champions League.

*How important is Rodri?

Very. Since Spain were beaten 2-0 by Scotland in March 2023, the midfielder has lost just one match for club and country - and that was the FA Cup final defeat to Manchester United at the end of last season.

City's defeats at Wolves, Arsenal and Aston Villa in the Premier League last season all came when Rodri was unavailable due to either injury or suspension, and they were unbeaten in the Premier League when he was in the team.

Rodri also started all seven of Spain's matches as La Roja won Euro 2024 - with the midfielder winning the player of the tournament award. He is considered a strong contender for this year's Ballon d'Or, along with Real Madrid and Brazil winger Vinicius Jr.

"He's the best holding midfielder in the world," Guardiola said. "He is a potential Ballon d'Or winner. I would love for him to win."

THE INDEPENDENT

Can 'momentous' Friedkin takeover propel Everton back to the top?

By Shamooun Hafez

BELEAGUERED Everton Football Club may finally be seeing some light at the end of a long, dark tunnel as they look set to welcome new owners.

On Monday, the Friedkin Group reached an agreement to buy Farhad Moshiri's majority 94% stake in the Toffees, seemingly bringing to an end the British-Iranian's tenure.

It's been a turbulent spell. After taking control in 2016, Moshiri spoke of ambitious aims and spent big. But his reign is not one Everton supporters will remember fondly.

Squandered money and deeper financial issues, thin squads struggling at the wrong end of the Premier League table, and fan protests over the way the club is run have been features of recent years, with Moshiri and some board members staying away from Goodison Park.

The club and supporters have been here before, of course, given hope when 777 Partners agreed a deal to buy the club last September.

The Miami-based investment firm were unable to complete the purchase. Mired in legal and financial problems, 777 were unable to satisfy the Premier League over its owners' and directors' test.

This is a hurdle which the Friedkin Group, who also own Roma, are expected to clear without any such issues.

"It is great news for the football club," former Everton captain Alan Stubbs told BBC Radio Merseyside. "Dan Friedkin brings a wealth of experience from the footballing side and it is really positive, but I am trying not to get too excited."

"We have been rudderless and going nowhere off the pitch for far too long."

Sources close to the deal - thought to worth more than £400m - have said there is "full confidence" in completing the transaction within the next eight to 12 weeks and there is no reason why the Friedkin Group

Exploring the 'dark arts' in Man City v Arsenal

By Sean Kearns

MANCHESTER City's Kyle Walker and John Stones accused Arsenal of employing 'dark arts' as the Gunners tried to see out Sunday's top-of-the-table Premier League match with 10 men.

BBC Sport's chief football writer Phil McNulty called Arsenal "streetwise", while boss Mikel Arteta described their rearguard display in the 2-2 draw - having had Leandro Trossard sent off just before half-time with the Londoners leading 2-1 at Etihad Stadium - as "a miracle".

City manager Pep Guardiola labelled his side, who snatched a point with a 98th-minute equaliser from substitute Stones, "an honest team".

He added: "I know what the opponents are going to do. Tactically there is always a way to try to do it. The behaviours we cannot control, don't go away from what is important."

"It's difficult to manage, which is why you have to be calm. Don't make fouls, give rhythm to their game as little as possible. I understand, 10 against 11, [Arsenal goalkeeper David] Raya takes his time, the long balls."

"Sometimes cramp, another cramp, but stay in the game. It's difficult, we did it really well."

So what actually happened and why are Arsenal under the spotlight?

*Players going down injured

Simply put, a player could feign injury to prevent the resumption of play and slow their opponents' momentum - but it is virtually impossible to prove.

Defender Stones claimed Arsenal were using goalkeeper Raya to allow Arteta to deliver tactical instructions to his team during such breaks in play.

He said: "They get the keeper on the floor so they can get some information on to the pitch."

Arsenal substitute Myles Lewis-Skelly was booked - before he'd even made his Premier League debut - during a break in play for 'unsporting behaviour'. That was after the 17-year-old went behind the Arsenal goal and spoke to Raya shortly before he went



Everton currently lie joint-bottom of the Premier League with one point from their opening five games (Agencies)

would not pass the regulatory tests.

Insiders have hailed a "momentous" day which could mark a "major milestone" for the future of the club.

*What do Friedkins bring to the table?

The Friedkins are immensely wealthy, with their billions being made in the car industry, but the handbrake was pulled on a deal for them to take control of the Toffees only two months ago.

The group agreed a deal in principle to purchase Moshiri's majority shareholding in June, but talks were called off a month later after the two parties failed to finalise an agreement.

But they had never really gone away, maintaining a relationship with stakeholders after providing a loan of £200m in June, which is expected to be turned into equity.

While US entrepreneur John Textor tried to jump in to do a deal, his involvement was complicated by owning a stake in Crystal Palace, and Moshiri had maintained dialogue in the background with the Friedkin Group.

The deal was reignited and a statement on Monday said that they were looking forward to "providing stability to the club and sharing our vision for its future."

The group have provided Everton with a further cash injection and would have no trouble clearing fur-

ther external debt of around £400m.

An agreement has been reached with Rights and Media Funding who are owed £225m by the club, while there is also agreement over a £200m loan from 777 with financial firm A-Cap, who have seized 777's assets.

The club, meanwhile, posted losses of £89.1m for the accounts covering the 2022-23 season, with net debt rising to £330.6m. Owner and chief executive, Dan Friedkin, is listed on Forbes as the 383rd richest person in the world with a net worth of £5.7bn. Friedkin is an aeroplane enthusiast, his grandfather founded an airline in the US, while he himself piloted a Spitfire in the Hollywood blockbuster Dunkirk.

He also reportedly owns one of the largest collections of vintage military war planes in America.

After years in the doldrums, are Everton now on course to fly high again and be propelled to new horizons?

*What sort of owners are the Friedkins?

Everton are one of the great institutions of English football with nine league titles to their name. But their supporters have been starved of silverware success since winning the last of their five FA Cups back in 1995.

The Friedkin Group have invested around £830m since purchasing Serie A side Roma in 2020 and deliv-

ered success on the pitch by lifting their first major European trophy with the Europa Conference League under Jose Mourinho in 2022.

"It has been a very quiet ownership, you don't hear much from them and they are low profile," Italian football journalist Daniele Verri told BBC Sport. BBC

"They are proper American businessmen, they don't mix with other people or fans, they don't have a direct connection to the manager so they leave the directors or general managers to take care of those relationships."

"They will probably approach it the same way at Everton, with people from the football world in charge of the day-to-day business but the final decision being taken by them."

A Europa League final came under Mourinho in 2022-23, but sacking the popular Portuguese boss in January, as well as dismissing his successor in club legend Daniele de Rossi last week has angered supporters.

There may be considerable concerns among the Toffees fanbase if the Friedkin Group fail to 'get' the passionate supporters and what the sport means to those on Merseyside.

Verri added: "They need to be careful because at Roma they have demonstrated they don't really know much about football or quite understand how important the fans, the city, the whole environment is and how big a part it plays."

*What do the Friedkins need to address?

Everton battled against points deductions to stay up last season and staved off relegation on the final day of the 2022-23 campaign.

After a wretched start to this term, the team lie joint-bottom of the Premier League table with just one point from their opening five games.

The main aim for the team will again be to ensure survival and beyond that the Friedkins can then start planning for the future in the top-flight.

booting the ball away following a foul on Bernardo Silva.

While kicking the ball away is the clearest form of preventing play from resuming, players can also be booked for blocking play.

As City chased a late equaliser, Brazil striker Jesus was booked in the 96th minute when he stopped Portugal midfielder Silva from taking a short corner.

"Man City are 'masters of the dark arts'," Townsend

Manchester City threw everything at Arsenal during the second half on Sunday, attempting 28 shots, but they were met by a well-organised unit.

Guardiola's side tried to keep the game flowing as much as possible against an opponent determined to grind proceedings to a halt.

But former Tottenham, Everton and Luton winger Andros Townsend, speaking on BBC Radio 5 Live's Monday Night Club, said that despite Guardiola's protestations at Arsenal's tactics, City regularly adopt the same approach.

"Manchester City are also masters of the dark arts," added Townsend.

"If you have a counter-attack, they will pull you down and take the yellow. Manchester City are complaining this time, but they are also guilty of being involved in the dark arts."

"We marvel about how good they are going forward but teams are also picking up and learning off how they manage games and how they stop the flow of the game also."

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of NCBA Bank Tanzania, Claver Serumaga, pictured in action during the 6th Diplomatic Golf Tournament held over the weekend in Arusha. Photo: Correspondent

NCBA Bank supports children's welfare through Diplomatic Golf Tournament

By Guardian Correspondent

NCBA Bank Tanzania proudly participated in the 6th Diplomatic Golf Tournament, set against the scenic backdrop of the Kili Golf Club, USA River, Arusha.

The event, aimed at celebrating sportsmanship while supporting charitable initiatives for children in need, was held in partnership with various stakeholders, including the Minister of Culture, Arts, and Sports, Dr. Damas Ndumbaro.

This year's tournament focused on raising funds for underprivileged children in Songea Municipality, showcasing the transformative power of sport in uplifting communities and fostering goodwill.

Speaking at the event, Claver Serumaga, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of NCBA Bank Tanzania, highlighted the bank's commitment to corporate social responsibility.

"At NCBA Bank, our commitment to corporate social responsibility lies at the heart of who we are. This year, our contribution of TZS 5,000,000 is dedicated to supporting the education and welfare of children in Songea Municipality. We believe that education is key to unlocking potential and breaking the cycle of poverty," Serumaga said.

NCBA Bank's involvement in the event went beyond financial contributions, reflecting a deep-rooted commitment to environmental conservation and community engagement.

As part of its ongoing tree planting initiative, which began in Arusha during the NCBA Golf Series, the bank planted 1,000 trees.

This initiative is now expanding to Dar es Salaam and Mwanza, with a goal of planting at least 6,000 trees nationwide.

Through these initiatives, NCBA continues to demonstrate its dedication to making a positive environmental impact while engaging with communities across Tanzania.

In addition to its charitable efforts, NCBA Bank remains a passionate advocate of golf, viewing the sport as more than just a recreational activity.

"Golf embodies strategic thinking, resilience, and discipline—qualities that are central to both business and personal growth," Serumaga added.

"We are committed to supporting the growth of golf in Tanzania and working alongside the government to position the country as a premier destination for sports tourism."

He said NCBA Bank Tanzania looks forward to continuing its partnerships in events that champion both sports and community welfare, reaffirming its role as a catalyst for positive change in the nation.

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Yanga, Simba prepare for high-stakes showdowns in CAF group stage race

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

TANZANIA'S football powerhouses, Young Africans Sports Club and Simba Sports Club, are gearing up for tough battles in their respective continental competitions as they look to make their mark in the CAF Champions League and CAF Confederation Cup. Both teams face formidable opponents in their quest to reach the coveted quarter-final stages.

Young Africans, the reigning NBC Premier League champions, have secured a place in the CAF Champions League group stage for the second consecutive year. They have been placed in Pot 2, alongside CR Belouizdad (Algeria), Raja Club Athletic (Morocco), and Pyramids FC (Egypt).

According to CAF regulations, Young Africans will avoid any Pot 2 teams in the group stage but are likely to face a heavyweight from Pot 1. Potential opponents from Pot 1 include reigning champions Al Ahly (Egypt), Esperance de Tunis (Tunisia), Mamelodi Sundowns (South Africa), and TP Mazembe (DR Congo), all of which have a storied history in African football and present significant challenges.

Young Africans will also be drawn against a team from Pot 3, which includes clubs like Al Hilal (Sudan), Orlando Pirates (South Africa), Sagrada Esperança (Angola), or AS FAR (Morocco), and one from Pot 4, which could feature teams like MC Alger (Algeria), Djoliba AC (Mali), AS Maniema Union (DR Congo), or Stade d'Abidjan (Ivory Coast).

Facing teams like Al Ahly or Mamelodi Sundowns will be a tall order for Young Africans, as these clubs have dominated African football in recent years, bolstered by strong squads and top-tier coaching. However, Young Africans will hope to capitalize on their recent success, having reached the group stage last year, and aim for a deeper run in this year's competition.

The CAF Champions League group stage matches will take place between October and December 2024, with the knockout rounds scheduled for March 2025, leading up to the grand final in May.

Meanwhile, Simba SC, Tanzania's other top club, have secured a place in Pot 1 of the CAF Confederation Cup group stage. As one of the top-seeded teams, they will avoid fellow Pot 1 teams such as Zamalek (Egypt), RS Berkane (Morocco), and USM Alger (Algeria) in the early stages of the competition.

However, Simba could still face stiff competition from Pot 2, which includes familiar rivals like ASEC Mimosas (Ivory Coast). Simba and ASEC have clashed several times in recent years, with their most recent encounters in the 2022-23 CAF Champions League resulting in closely contested matches.

Other potential Pot 2 opponents include Stade Malien (Mali), Al Masry (Egypt), and CS Sfaxien (Tunisia), all of whom have strong pedigrees in African football. Simba's group will also feature teams from Pots 3 and 4, which include clubs such as Enyimba FC (Nigeria), ASC Jaraaf (Senegal), CS Constantine (Algeria), and possible lower-seeded teams like Orapa United (Botswana), Black Bulls (Mozambique), or Stellenbosch (South Africa).

Simba's potential rematch against Al Masry would be a thrilling contest, as the Egyptian side eliminated Simba from the CAF Confederation Cup in 2018 on the away goals rule. Another intriguing possibility would be facing Nigerian giants Enyimba FC, a two-time CAF Champions League winner and a tough opponent in any competition.

As Young Africans and Simba SC embark on their continental campaigns, Tanzanian football fans will be eagerly watching to see how their clubs perform on the big stage. Both teams have shown resilience and determination in previous tournaments, and this year's CAF competitions will provide further opportunities for them to showcase their strength and elevate Tanzania's status in Africa.

The road ahead is filled with challenges, but Young Africans and Simba SC will be looking to make their mark in this year's CAF Champions League and Confederation Cup.

Yanga aiming to keep up winning momentum against Ken Gold FC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

YOUNG Africans will take on a struggling Ken Gold side in today's Premier League match at Sokoine Stadium in Mbeya.

The Jangwani Street boys thrashed Ethiopian side CBE 6-0 in the second leg of the CAF Champions League preliminary round, which took place in Zanzibar on Saturday.

This win extended Young Africans' unbeaten streak to 20 matches across all competitions, following their last league defeat to Azam in March. During this run, they have recorded 17 victories and three draws.

After beating rivals Simba to win the Community Shield - gaining revenge after losing in the previous final - Young Africans began the defence of their Premier League crown with a 2-0 victory over Kagera Sugar.

Coach Miguel Gamondi (pictured) is again expected to make changes to his starting line-up after rotating his squad for the continental encounter.

Ken Gold on the other hand have lost all their four opening league games and are rock bottom of the table. They have been outscored 2-8 by their four opponents.

They are one of five Premier League teams without a victory in the early stages of the campaign. Coastal Union, JKT Tanzania, Tanzania Prisons and Pamba are the other Premier League teams without a win so far.

The newly promoted side began their first ever Premier League campaign with a 3-1 home defeat against Singida Black Stars. They then went down 2-1 to Fountain Gate before going down 1-0 to KMC and then losing 2-0 to Kagera Sugar.

The poor start led to the resignation of head coach Fikiri Elias, who has since been replaced by his predecessor Jumanne Chale.

Coach Chale, who guided Ken Gold to promotion, is now tasked with turning around their form but facing Young Africans is not the ideal start he would have liked.

Joshua Ibrahim is the top scorer for Ken Gold so far this season with two goals and he is set to operate as the centre forward once again, joining Herbert Lukindo and Mshamo Daud in attack.



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