



## Cattle fattening group training ends October

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries is conducting cattle fattening training for 240 young people to bridge the gap between processors and livestock keepers.

Dr Angelo Mwilawa (pictured), the research, training and extension director in the ministry, said in an interview yesterday that the one year training ends in October at eight selected centres across the country.

At the end of training, the selected youths will be handed the credit to purchase ten heifers each, fattening and selling them later to meat processors, he said, .

The youths will benefit from savings obtained from premium and final prices each quarter for one year, he said, noting that the training is part of 'building a better tomorrow youth initiative in agriculture' (BBT-YIA) emanating from President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

Mwanza, Tanga and Kagera host the centres, where upon completion the

# Ruaha Park loses 47,800ha, Kigosi is now forest reserve



#### By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

The National Assembly has approved a resolution to deduct a total of 478 square kilometers (47,800 hectares) from the Ruaha National Park to be used for agriculture and livestock rearing.

MPs also approved another resolution to revoke national park status for the Kigosi conservation area in the Lake Victoria zone changing it into a forest reserve to facilitate settlements and various economic activities.

Activities expected to take place include research, bee-keeping, fishing and farming, helping to reduce tensions between residents of these areas and conservation authorities, diminishing dangers of wildlife invasions.

Mohamed Mchengerewa, the Natural Resources and Tourism minister, said in presenting the resolution yesterday said deducting part of the Ruaha National Park will boost incomes and diminish land disputes.

The land will benefit residents in 29 villages surrounding the park, with the land being divided and used as per an improved land use plan to be arranged by the residents and the local government authorities, he said.

There will be special areas for farming, grazing and other activities, thus producing social, economic and environmental opportunities to the people, and help to protect water sources in the Usangu basin. This will gradually strengthen the flow of water in the Kipengere and Uporoto mountains to Ihefu basin, where Ruaha River originates, he said.

beneficiaries will be offered land plots to

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harness their skills, feeding and fattening animals before they are sold.

The programme will create a number of gainful opportunities for the youth, as it in the government's interest to see that the group is empowered for selfemployment through livestock keeping as the sector has so many opportunities to grab, he stated.

At the end of the programme, each youth would have sold 40 cattle, with banks such as NMB showing interest to support the youth. The bank is working closely with the group in preparing bankable small business plans, he affirmed.

The programme initiators have a component for helping the youths find markets, as meat exports outside are on a steady increase, he stated, with this initiative being an aspect of boosting productivity in the livestock sector.

Extended efforts like this eventually improve the sector's contribution to the country's economy.

Last August, the ministry established four incubation hubs for training youths on how to manage beef cattle fattening, after President Samia expressed the wish to see groups of young people empowered for self-employment through livestock keeping.



Members of Parliament exit the National Assembly debating chamber in Dodoma city yesterday moments after Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson drew their attention to the ringing of emergency alarm bells – with House business well in progress. However, there were no immediate reports of any serious development. Story on Page 4. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

# **DP World pact: 'MPs have to** alter ratification procedure'

#### **By Henry Mwangonde**

THE parliamentary standing orders (of June 2020) paragraph 108 should be amended to strengthen the legislature's role in ratification processes for international agreements, the Tanganyika Law Society (TLS) has declared.

Harold Sungusia, the TLS president, said in a statement yesterday that amending the standing orders would target mandating an adequate timeframe within which stakeholders can comprehensively analyze the agreements and submit their recommendations to the relevant parliamentary committees.

He said that, as the bar association for the Mainland, it is mandated to propose substantial revisions to the legal framework on procedures for ratifying international



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agreements, affirming that the clauses involved are not well-drafted and lead to vagueness, doubts, ambiguities and diverse interpretations by different actors.

He said the proposal arises from having followed the public discourse around the ratification process and content of the IGA between Tanzania and Dubai concerning economic and social partnership for the development and improving the performance of sea and lake ports in Tanzania.

"TLS formed a team of experts to dissect the proposed IGA between the government and the Emirate of Dubai," he said, elaborating that the team was also tasked to seek advice from relevant individuals.

They could provide additional insight to enhance the analysis, findings and TURN TO PAGE 2

Technologies Commission (ICTC) director general said in an interview yesterday that this is among complaints raised on internet services as legislators debated the 2023/24 budget, endorsed early this week.

On May 13, President Samia Suluhu Hassan pledged to address the matter as it was increasingly the subject of complaints by internet services providers, that the charges increase the cost of internet bundles. The charges occasion increases of internet service costs, he stated.

Emerging skills of innovation among the youth is among the government focus in establishing the ICT commission to assist the public, especially the youth make use of TURN TO PAGE 2

#### **Currently, our country** exports 1.700 tonnes of honey priced at \$14m, which is equal to five percent of the total amount locally produced at present

Other benefits are improving ecosystems of the Usangu basin, restoring wildlife and natural vegetation to the Ruaha National Park as well as strengthening the conservation of natural resources, especially wildlife, plants, spawning grounds and enclosures for fish and other marine life, he further stated.

The move will completely eliminate border disputes between the park authorities and respective villages, increase the contribution to the gross domestic product (GDP) via tourism, he elaborated.

The erstwhile Kigosi National Park that covers a total of 7,460 hectares is revoked to provide more opportunities for people surrounding it to engage in economic activities, he said.

It was established in 2019 to improve conservation and promote tourism, facilitate research and provide practical education to people visiting the reserve, he said.

Establishing the park prevented human activities including beekeeping, fishing and other spheres, occasioning hardship for missing those opportunities, the minister declared.

This pushed the government to review its status to convert it to a forest reserve, as the Forest Act, Cap 323 allows conducting economic activities in forest reserves, compliant with conservation and specific procedures, he affirmed.

The new reserve offers opportunities for 125 villages in Geita, Kagera, Kigoma, Shinyanga and Tabora regions, with TURN TO PAGE 2

# Lower network laying fees to lift internet use

#### By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

REDUCING charges for laying network infrastructure along roads to enable internet services to reach people in various areas from US\$ 1,000 to \$200 per kilometre is likely to reduce internet costs, a regulator has asserted.

Nkundwe Mwasaga (pictured), Dr the Information and Communication



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Former President Jakaya Kikwete pictured in Dodoma city on Monday addressing senior officials from institutions under the Water ministry. He is flanked by Water minister Jumaa Aweso (L) and deputy minister Maryprisca Mahundi. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

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innovative ideas on ICT.

The commission formed eight years ago while the first ICT policy was proclaimed in 2003, reworked after 10 years and was being implemented, he said.

ICT is the focus of activity on the youth, as the government wishes to make sure the youth make use of opportunities locally and outwardly, benefiting from loans where possible, he said.

Since it was set up, the commission

has seen and initiated activities to certain that no one will take away develop ICT skills among the youth, as from the started it was clear that the youth have great ability for innovation, he said.

The commission coordinates youth innovations and provides the needed recognition in collaboration with the Copyright Society of Tanzania (COSOTA) and the Business Registration and Licensing Agency (BRELA), he stated.

Youths with innovation ideas

their innovations, he said, pointing out that the commission has noticed that there are people from outside the country regularly stepping into the country to purchase such ideas.

Many of them would not agree to purchase unregistered innovations, he said, as chances rise of running into copyright violations if the same idea was registered by someone elsewhere.

"People with capital are ready to need to register them in order to be provide funding to develop such

innovations," he said, pointing out that there are many such buyers in Tanzania who seek out the commission to find the right procedures to take on such purchases.

"There one thing I have discovered among many innovators is that they have great capabilities to create things in the areas of technology. They create systems for other things but the areas they need assistance is commerce," he added.



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Bukombe, Mbongwe, Biharamulo, Kakonko, Kahama and Kaliuao districts being within its area, he said.

"Residents in the villages will be allowed to conduct economic activities within the forest reserve including beekeeping and fishing in accordance with regulations," he said.

This will stimulate commercial beekeeping where 1,764 beekeepers with an estimated 521,406 beehives earlier conducting their operations in the forest will be accommodated and more people set up similar ventures, he said.

Honey production will move from an average of 32,691 tonnes to 138,000 tonnes annually with sales going up.

"Currently, our country exports 1,700 tonnes of honey priced at \$14m, which is equal to five percent of the total amount locally produced at present," he said.

debate, lawmakers In commended the government for coming up with the decisions to help residents surrounding national parks, wishing for an improved land use plan to prevent conflicts.

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suggestions or conduct comparative study on similar inter-governmental agreements in other jurisdictions, specifically those involving the Emirate of Dubai, he specified.

"TLS recognizes and acknowledges the government's commendable initiatives to attract foreign investments and stimulate the national economy for the country's prosperity," the statement declared.

TLS fully supports all efforts that enhance national prosperity and the rule of law, it affirmed, reiterating that it however urges the government and the legislature to consistently secure ample and extensive public involvement in the matter.

It ought to relate to planning, discussion and decision-making stages concerning national resources and such grand-scale investments as required by the law, the statement underlined, urging the reviewing and removal of some clauses in the Inter-

Governmental Agreement (IGA) for port development with the Emirate of Dubai.

Some of the clauses overlook, contradict and contravene national interests and thus deserve to wholly removed, TLS intoned, insisting that the clauses could lead to disputes during implementation of the IGA, subsequent host government agreements (HGAs) and project agreements.

In view of this, TLS advocates the active involvement of stakeholders with specialized expertise to share their insights on crucial matters towards modifying the highlighted provisions, it emphasised.

"We stress on leveraging TLS experts and individual private advocates to aid our nation in negotiating and drafting significant investment agreements," it further noted.

This will ensure better clarity, efficiency and mitigate the risks of future investment disputes as these could be costly for our country, the statement added.

# TPHA to promote agricultural rules health regulations for most pesticides

Yessava Mwakifulefule. Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority's communications and public relations manager, announces in Mwanza city vesterday the agency's non-recognition of the registration of what is known as Tanzania Aviation College. He said the college's registration expired in 2018. Photo

## Samia commended for releasing funds for water projects in Moro

#### Correspondent, Guardian region.

#### Morogoro

DEPUTY Water Minister, Eng Maryprisca Mahundi has lauded President Samia Suluhu Hassan for providing funds for implementing various water projects that aim to relieve water buckets off the heads of women in Morogoro Region.

The Deputy Minister made the remarks when she visited Magadu Water project in the region, saying water projects implemented by Morogoro region Water and sanitation Authority (MORUWASA) were going on well and upon completion they will be of great

She also commended the region's water sector for its great cooperation in the supervision of water projects and the protection

of water sources. The Magadu water project will benefit nearly 23,000 people in of Magadu Ward.

She also stressed on the residents to make sure they take care of the water infrastructures and water sources to make the project resilient for the future generations.

MorogoroDistrictCommissioner, also praised President Samia and her officials in the water ministry for the good job they are doing in assistance to the women in the supplying residents of Morogoro

#### region with water.

Morogoro Urban MP, Abdulaziz Abood also commended the water ministry for making sure the CCM election Manifesto was being implemented at 100 per cent, as what had been pledged to the people were now being implemented.

MORUWASA director, Eng. Tamim Katabweba said the construction of the project was in its last stages and expected to serve the people beginning July this year.

He said MORUWASA is also implementing other short time projects to enable Morogoro Municipality receive water supply services at 96 per cent by 2025.

Deputy water minister Mahundi also visited the project for the conservation of Tangeni River water source, implemented by Wami-Ruvu Water Basin (WRWB) and commended the efforts being made towards the protection of the water source.

Speaking during the inspection of the project, WRWB Director, Elibariki Mmasy said the Board is erecting a fence around 13 water receptacles used by MORUWASA as well as RUWASA in Morogoro Region.

He said WRWB continues making researches in areas with water treasures under the ground as well announcing as reserved areas for water sources.

#### Correspondent By

**Mutayoba** agriculture as well as income.

#### Arbogast, Bukoba

THE Tanzania Plant Health and Pesticides Association (TPHA) has assured residents of Kagera region that it was working on strengthening accountability in all border posts.

TPHA acting director general Prof. Joseph Ndunguru when he held talks with Kagera Regional Administrative Secretary (RAS) Toba Nguvila that the agency was mandated to protect and promote agricultural health and provide efficient regulations of pesticides and production of quality marketable agricultural products He said that TPHA will continue making necessary strategies to improve good performance to great to serve the customers.

However, Nguvila informed him of some challenges need to be attended to, to make the public enjoy services given by his institution.

Later Prof.Ndunguru toured Missenyi district Mtukula post border to Uganda, and in Ngara districts as well as Rusumo post bordering Rwanda and Kabanga Omurusagamba and posts bordering Burundi.

"I am told by our inspectors here, that unscrupulous traders mix two types of food production or unwanted particles to deceive as one type, notably rice. We are going to buy a new and modern machine, Portable DNA Sequencer, powerful in detecting food and plants for food safety to meet this challenge", said Prof. Ndunguru.

He added that a device will be brought at Rusumo border soon as a way of strengthening the markets and adding productivity in

He said most challenges about pesticides was lack of effective control measures which has forced farmers in many countries to rely on pesticides, which are in most cases misused, thus posing a threat of pollution of ecosystems and subsequently decline of productivity of aquatic fauna including fish, which provides a source of protein and nutrition to rural and urban households.

The TPHA boss was in Kagera Region, in a working tour to direct and motivate his institution workers to perform for positive results.



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Nipashe newspaper managing editor Beatrice Bandawe (L) pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday presenting 50 cartons of sanitary pads to Justine Kessy, 'ambassador' of the Namthamini campaign run by East Africa Radio and EATV. It was a donation by The Guardian Ltd, publishers of The Guardian and Nipashe newspapers, to schoolgirls. Photo: John Badi

## **Speaker calls for action** to tame wild rogue lions

#### By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

SPEAKER of the National Assembly, Dr Tulia Ackson has directed the government through the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism to take immediate measures to tame rogue lions that have been roaming into forests, farms and streets in Iringa Region.

The lions that are said to come

from Ruaha National Park have been seen in the areas of Kalenga in the region including those in Iringa Rural, Kilolo District and at Gangilonga Street in Iringa Gangilonga in Iringa municipality. She made the statement in the

House yesterday soon after Kilolo MP, Justin Nyamoga asked for Speaker's guidance on the challenge that residents in Iringa are currently facing due to the lions that have been seen in some open areas.

Nyamoga claimed that residents municipality are currently living in great fear after the lions were seen in their areas during night.

"I am requesting for the Parliament session be adjourned so as to allow lawmakers to discuss this matter in deep and advise the government fo the best ways to take to rescue lives of people in Iringa who are currently under fear due to the groups of the dangerous animals that are roaming in their areas," Nyamoga explained.

According to him, the situation was becoming more intense as previously the lions were seen in other distant areas but they are now roaming in Iringa urban where the population of people is higher than villages, something which also affects daily economic activities.

Later in the evening, Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism Mohammed Mchengerwa said that the government has now sent a special helicopter and team of wildlife officers who are there searching for the lions in Iringa.

### **TGL offers 50 cartons** of sanitary towels to support **EATV** project

#### By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

THE Guardian Limited (TGL) yesterday donated 50 cartons of sanitary towels to support the seventh phase of a 'Namthamini project' run by East Africa Television (EATV) and East Africa Radio that aims to raise the sanitary materials for girls.

The handover ceremony took place at EATV headquarters in Dar es Salaam and is targeting 10,000 girls in five regions of Katavi, Mara, Geita and Kilimanjaro.

Speaking at the ceremony, Nipashe Managing Editor Beatrice Bandawe, said the move was part of the company's Corporate Social Responsibility policy which aimed to support the needy group of girls that drop school due to lack of sanitary pads.

"The Guardian Ltd has donated 50 cartons of sanitary pads to support our sister company's 'Namthamini Project', a campaign that aims to assist school girls who fail to purchase sanitary towels every month hence miss classes," she said.

She added: "As a sister company we call other stakeholders to join the move considering the fact that they are the leaders of tomorrow."

Namthamini project ambassador EATV Justine Kessy, from commended TGL's support noting that it will fully support the needy girls through the project.

"We really thank The Guardian Limited for supporting our campaign; they have been supporting us in every phase of the Namthamini project. It's a project that we have decided to manage by opening doors to other stakeholders to support the girls' future." she said.

The Namthamini campaign started in 2017 after receiving reports that between 50 and 60 students discontinue their studies every year due to lack of sanitary pads.

The campaign has helped to break the taboo in regard to menstrual hygiene by reaching 19 regions including Arusha, Kagera, Dar es Salaam, Lindi, Coast, Tabora, Tanga and Singida. 80 Districts have also benefited from the project.

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Establishment of Sustainable Water Use, and Management Models in Kilimanjaro Headwaters Related to Tsavo and Amboseli

#### Introduction

Water is one of the most important resources with great implications for Africa's development. The overuse of water resources is causing massive damage to ecosystems, and community livelihoods, as well as increasing human-wildlife conflicts across the Unganisha landscape, an area with high ecological and economic importance, a hub for wildlife corridors and tourism development despite its rapidly growing human and wildlife populations, economy, and agriculture as well as livestock (Refer to ToR). The root causes of water resource overexploitation that WWF Tanzania is seeking to address are among others; unplanned abstractions, inefficient use, wastage use and insufficient community participation and empowerment in the development and implementation of allocation agreements and management plans.

WWF is envisioning to establish a community-based water management bodies, or strengthen where the already existing ones, support to establish coherent and participatory water management structures, develop and implement water management and allocation plans, water use agreements, watershed restoration plans and ensure the transboundary cooperation is encouraged, established, supported and promoted in the Unganisha landscape.

#### **The Overall Purpose**

The overall purpose of the consultancy is to: collect baseline information, design the process, and provide technical support towards the establishment of sustainable water use, and management models in two priority sub-basins (related to Kilimanjaro -Tsavo - Amboseli headwaters).

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### TAWA strives to introduce more tourist attractions, increase number of visitors

#### **By Felister Peter**

Tanzania THE Wildlife Management Authority (TAWA) is working around the clock to ensure the government's goal of attracting more than five million tourists by 2025 is achieved.

With the increased number of visitors, both local and international, the tourism industry's contribution to the country's economy will reach \$6 billion.

Kasara, Msafiri Senior Conservation, Zonal Protection Officer In charge–TAWA Dar es Salaam said the authority is also striving to introduce new attractions as well as increasing availability of touristic facilities, amenities, and infrastructure that are demand-driven and tailored to various market segments.

Kasara made the remarks recently at a Biodiversity Conservation Breakfast debate themed 'The Role of Conservation Stakeholders and the Government in Combating Human-Wildlife Conflict in Tanzania' that was organized by the Journalist Environmental Association of Tanzania (JET).

He however said that despite the ambitious goals, TAWA faces various challenges which include financial constraints to cover potential markets and to conduct a market research to identify potential customers and opportunities.

"We still have inadequate tourism attractions; we need to enhance our strategies to come up with new products. We are also working to ensure the presence of adequate infrastructures and facilities," he said.

Kasara mentioned poaching and illegal wildlife trade as a challenge, noting the authority works to strengthen law enforcement by inspecting wildlife trophies at entry and departure points at airports, seaports and at international borders.

He said the authority also conducts intelligence investigation and prosecution as it supervises and monitors hunting activities in various hunting districts to ensure compliance. "We conduct anti-poaching

patrols in response to the rapid increase in wildlife crime, including poaching and unlawful ivory trade such as rhino horns and other animal products. Poaching has resulted in the decline of wildlife populations, particularly African elephants," the official explained.

The official added that TAWA also provides education to sensitize communities and stakeholders on the value of wildlife resources and their protection. He said they oversee the management of wildlife in village land, Wildlife Management Areas (WMA), zoos, wildlife sanctuaries, wildlife ranches and wildlife farms.

Commenting on human-wildlife conflicts, John Noronha who is the Monitoring and Evaluation Manager, USAID Tuhifadhi Maliasili project said the conflicts occur when humans enter wildlife areas.

He underscored the need for collaborative efforts between stakeholders and the government to successfully control them. He said improvement of policies and laws governing conservation of natural resources would greatly contribute to facilitating the co-existence of human and wild animals as well as its management.



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Small-scale gold miners at Mwime at Zongomela in Kahama District filter a sample of soil for mineral content yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Shaban

Ministry in talks with investor for Mchuchuma, Liganga coal project

#### By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE ministry of Investment, Industry and Trade has initiated talks with the investor at the Mchuchuma and Liganga coal project in effort to ensure the investment does not cause loss to the nation.

Deputy Minister, Exaud Kigahe made the statement yesterday while responding to a question asked by the Special Seats MP, Neema Mgaya(CCM), who had wanted to know when the government would sign agreement with the investor. "When shall the government

complete talks with the investor in deputy minister. order the project to commence and contribute to the national economic growth?" asked the lawmaker.

In response, the deputy minister said the government is committed to see the projects' commencement and continuity. He noted that it has taken various steps towards that plan.

According to Kigahe, such steps include payment of 15.42 bn/- in compensation to some 1,142 people. "The government has started talks with the investor in order to ensure that the project does not turn out to be hazardous to the nation" said the

Meanwhile, the government has stated that preparation of annual budget and development plan is in line with the national vision 2025.

Deputy Minister for Finance and Planning, Hamad Hassan Chande made the clarification in the Parliament yesterday while responding to a question asked by the Hai MP, Saashisha Mafuwe (CCM).

The MP had wanted to know the government's plan to change the system of budget preparation and make it more than five years. The deputy minister in response

said the government budget is always within the Vision 2025, whose implementation is under long term of 15 years from 2011/12-2025/26.

He said the long-term implementation has been divided into three terms of five years development plans of 2011/12 -2015/16, 2016/17 - 2020/21 and 2021/22 - 2025/26).

"The government is preparing the budget that reflects on five years development plan with a vision of more than five years and being part of the implementation of Vision 2025" said the deputy minister.

Tulia adjourns parliamentary



### session as warning alarm rings

#### By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

SPEAKER of the National Assembly Dr Tulia Ackson yesterday adjourned the morning parliamentary session for about 20 minutes after a warning alarm rang in the House.

When the emergency occurred at around 9:50am. Dr Tulia took some few seconds to listen to the alarm before she was satisfied that there was an emergency thus announcing the adjournment of the session.

Dr Tulia declared a state of emergency and asked all the people present inside the House, MPs and visitors to leave by using any closest door.

"Honorable MPs, that voice indicates that we should get out of here very quickly, everyone should find the exit door and let us all go to the assembly area, I will postpone the session until the situation calms down," Dr Tulia insisted.

Members of Parliament, guests and staff had to immediately leave their seats and run out of the House. While outside, both MPs and visitors were seen being filled with fear.

However, ten minutes later, the Fire and Rescue squad arrived at the Parliamentary area and went directly to investigate what happened.

Few minutes later after the team of the Fire and Rescue Force were satisfied with the safety of the area, MPs and guests were told to return to the Parliamentary hall to question the session.

Clarifying on the matter soon after the completion of the answer and question session, Dr Tulia commended lawmakers and guests for getting out quietly by using all the three doors.

She however said that there are no impacts that occurred to people and priorities insisting that the

House was safe and well equipped with all required tools to control safety and provide early warning whenever any emergency occurred. She said that the House's installed modern tools sensed the dust that were coming from the room as smoke thus making the warning

alarm to ring. She explained that there was no fire incident as it was thought by many, but what happened was the safety tools of the building, capturing the dust that was coming from the ongoing construction of one of the rooms in the House's underground floor sensing it as smoke.

"When we were going on with our session here, there were repairs by technicians that were going on in the House's lower part in one of the rooms, so when the exercise was going on dusts came from the room as a result of the repairs thus leading the alarms to ring as they sensed the dusts as smoke," she explained.

She wanted lawmakers and guests to always be vigilant and be prepared of any emergence so as to take immediate safety action.

"Whenever such emergencies occur, there are three safe assembly places for people to go, so it is better for lawmakers, guests and staff to understand them," she added.

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Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation Authority (Dawasa) acting CEO Kiula Kingu (L) pictured in Chalinze District yesterday briefing China's Ambassador to Tanzania, Chen Mingjian (to his left) on the implementation of the third phase of the Wami water project. Photo by Correspondent Joseph

#### Tanzania appeals for India's collaboration to develop its blue economy

#### **By Guardian Reporter**

TANZANIA has appealed to the Indian government to collaborate with Tanzania in its efforts to develop the blue economy sector. Ambassador Samuel Shelukindo, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation made the appeal at the 10th Meeting for the Joint Commission for Cooperation on economy, science and technology between India and Tanzania held online on Monday. "I recommend the Indian

Tanzania to develop the blue economy sector, especially deep sea fishing, establishment of processing plants for fish products and boat building," Amb. Shelukindo said.

He named India as a big and important Tanzania's partner in various sectors including trade, investment, infrastructure defence and development, technology.

largest trade partner of Tanzania for various assistance extended and statistics show that between to Tanzania in various sectors,

government to cooperate with 2021 and 2022 trade between including the water sector. the two countries attained USD 6 billion.

> He further said that India is among five leading countries investing in Tanzania with the value of investment totalling USD 3.68 billon, while data at Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) show that in 2021-22 the country registered 630 projects that provided 60,000 new jobs.

The PS also used the meeting He added that India is the third to thank the Indian Government

The meeting participants included the ministries Permanent Secretaries, their Deputies with many recommended for new areas of cooperation with India in the farming, ICT, water, sports and culture, trade and investment.

Leader of the Indian delegation at the Joint Commission meeting, who is the Acting Permanent Secretary in India's Foreign Ministry, Amb. Punnet Roy Kundal pledged that his country will continue cooperating with Tanzania.

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### **Govt all for sustainable** use of natural resources

#### By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government through the Tanzania Forestry Services (TFS) is keeping a close eve on the business of products harvested from forests for sustainability of the resources and environment protection.

It has said maintained that it will keep on ensuring that the business of forestry products adhere to rules and regulations running the industry thus both parties operate without affecting the environment and resource management.

The Deputy Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism, Mary Masanja gave the statement in Parliament yesterday when responding to a question by Kibaha Urban MP, Michael Mwakamo (CCM) who wanted to know the status of the forestry products business and mechanism control done by TFS.

Rersponding further, Deputy Minister said the government will strive to ensure there are management of the resources for sustainability of the business of the forestry products.

"I call upon forests harvest products business operators and all those with good will they must be guided by the rules, regulations

and procedures for protection of the forestry resources as for the national industry growth" said Masanja.

She said the Forestry Act of 2004 has put clear the procedures to be followed when harvesting the forests products, transportation and products business should adhere the terms of ownership be it

> I call upon forests harvest products business operators and all those with good will they must be guided by the rules, regulations and procedures for protection of the forestry resources as for the national industry growth

individual, village authorities, local or central government.

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In another development, the government named four measures undertaken to empower councils whose local revenue derails their efforts in the implementation of the development projects.

Deputy Minister for Regional Administration and Local Government, Deogratius Ndejembi outlined some of the steps taken is to reduce the amount of revenue lined up to contribute the development basket of the national development projects.

Ndejembi gave the sentiments in respond to a question by the Special Seats MP,Grace Tendega (CCM) who wanted to know what the government does to set rationale in councils budget since majority of them cannot raise revenue to operate fully due to financial limitation.

Ndejembi said they have categorized the councils in to four grades taking into revenue collection opportunities available in their respective administrative areas.

He named other measures as to revive the councils from the list of contributing ten percent of local revenue collection to the roads infrastructure construction.

Others are government support payment of the monthly benefits or department directors entitled and monthly councilors allowances.

### Ifakara Health Institute underscores importance of having equipment to ensure better healthcare

#### **By Correspondent Mary Kadoke**

IFAKARA Health Institute (IHI) has underscored the need to create devices and infrastructure for highquality maternal and new-born care in providing and maintaining lifesaving neonatal devices that allow timely critical assessment and support.

Dr Nahya Salim, Newborn Essential Solutions and Technological program (NEST 360) Country and Clinical Lead at IHI made the remarks recently at the 11th Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) scientific conference in Dar es Salaam.

She said (NEST 360) focuses on delivering a health systems package including a bundle of technologies in 67 hospitals that provide lifesaving care to help meet Every Newborn Action Plan (ENAP).

"We develop and deliver a bundle of affordable technologies for new-borns care, build human resources to support new-born care and innovation,



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likewise developing policy and the investment of care to sustain quality new-borns care," she said.

Dr Wilson Kitinva, Touch Foundation Director of Clinical Services highlighted on the impactful innovations such as NEST360-a health system approach addressing comprehensive quality inpatient new-borns care, m-mama connecting women to facilities via a coordinated referral system, WatotoCare an approach targeting delivery of postdischarge follow-up through triaging and Jhpiego Afya Yangu focusing on strengthening human resource workforce through competence based mentorship.

He said all innovations address the leading global causes of maternal, neonatal deaths and stillbirths by ensuring quality continuum of care for pregnant women and their new-borns to arrive, survive, thrive, and transform using a national hub and spoke model.

Dr Felix Bundala, Assistant Director for new-borns, child and adolescent health in the department of reproductive, maternal and child health in the Ministry of Health stressed the need for short courses relevant for new-borns care.

Dr Bundala said the government is committed to meeting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by reducing maternal mortality ratio from 556 to 100/100,000 live births by 2025 as it accelerates its progress for maternal and small and new-born care.

He said the government is deeply committed to meeting SDGs 3.1 (maternal health) and 3.2 (newborn survival) by 2030 to reduce the maternal mortality ratio from 556 to 100/100,000 live births by 2025 at national level.

However, to achieve the goals, it needs to accelerate progress for maternal and small and sick newborn care. Since most births in Tanzania are now in hospitals, the majority of deaths can be prevented by closing quality gaps, he added.

The partnership to accelerate reduction of maternal and new-born mortality engaged Ministry of Health and stakeholders including IHI, MUHAS, Haydom Lutheran Hospital (HLH) - Manyara, Tanzania, Touch Foundation, Rice University - Houston Texas, United States of America, Jhpiego's 'Afya Yangu' project and RMNCAH Project - USAID Tanzania.

Sub-Saharan Africa accounts for 13 percent of the global population, with over half of the world's 3 million maternal deaths, 2.3 million new-born deaths and 2 million stillbirths.

In Tanzania, 83 percent of births occur in hospitals, but each year, 11,000 Tanzanian mothers die giving birth, 40,500 stillbirths occur, and 44,000 new-born deaths occur. Only 53 percent of health facilities had access to emergency transfer systems for new-borns and mothers with complications.

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### Insurance firm launches new product for farmers

#### **By Guardian Reporter**

STRATEGIS Insurance has launched Mtetezi agricultural insurance, a product that comes as a savior to farmers against perils that affect crops production in the country.

Speaking during the launch of the new insurance yesterday in Dar es Salaam, Commissioner of Insurance in Tanzania, Dr Baghayo Saqware praised Strategis Insurance for coming up with Mtetezi Agriculture Insurance which he believes will protect farmers across the country.

"Strategis insurance has been largely investing in new products lately, this is what we need in our market. I also urge Strategis to design other agriculture insurance products that are required in the market," Dr Saqware said.

The group CEO, Dr Flora Minja said the contribution of agriculture insurance in the overall gross written premium in 2021 was about 1% which she believes it is a high time now all key stakeholders to come together to grow this line of business.

"There is a lot of potential, and I believe Strategis Insurance, as one of the key stakeholders has a role to play in making sure that farmers are guaranteed to get what they are expecting to produce," she said.

Dr Flora also emphasized the advantages of the new insurance as among others, financial protection, risk management, improved access to credit, business sustainability, encouraging investment in agriculture and ensuring peace of mind.

Jabir Kigoda, Strategis' chief executive officer (non-medical) described the Mtetezi agriculture insurance as the product that designed to ensure farmers receive comprehensive insurance that provides cover against all major perils which include drought, hails, flood, frost, windstorm, pests and diseases with the optional add-on of the Weather Index Insurance which basically cover floods and drought.

"We have currently seen several initiatives taken by the Government towards improving Agricultural sector in the Country. The

investments and the plans that have been made have given stakeholders hope that the potential for the sector in Tanzania will continue to grow.

"However, it is essential to exercise some caution, particularly concerning protecting investments directed to the sector by farmers and other key stakeholders including the Government. Strategis Insurance believes, while there is potential to enhance production in agriculture, the risk of losses is also rising due to various factors that can be covered by insurance," Kigoda said.

Mtetezi agricultural insurance typically covers a wide range of crops, including major crops such as Cereals, Oilseeds, Legumes, Roots (or tubers), Sugar crops, and non-edible crops.

Strategis Insurance is a general insurance company that has been in a market for more than 20 years. The company has 5 branches in the country which include Mwanza. Zanzibar, Arusha, Dodoma and Kisutu - Dar es Salaam. Other than Container Insurance, Strategis Insurance also offers other insurance products such as Motor Insurance. Travel Insurance. Insurance, Marine Property Insurance, Medical Insurance and



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Zanzibar Blue Economy and Fisheries minister Suleiman Masoud Makame pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday speaking at the opening of the 2nd Blue Economy Conference organised by the Dar es Salaam Marine College. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika 

# Govt calls for appropriate solid waste disposal in Lake Victoria

#### **By Guardian Reporter**

THE government has urged institutions dealing in marine issues, regional officials in the Lake Zone and other stakeholders to make sure there are conducive environments in place for the management and disposal of solid waste produced not to affect marine life in Lake Victoria.

Ilemela District Commissioner, Hassan Masala made the directives in Mwanza on Monday when wrapping up the four-day Day of the Seafarer Exhibition that involved concerned ministries from both parts of the Union and other institutions dealing with the agreements, hence marine issues.

DC Masala stressed that investment by the government and the private sector and the private sector particularly in ship building will increase the production of solid waste, hence without early preparations, marine vessels can face various challenges, including frequent breakdowns thereby effecting the important investment.

"Various international agreements in marine transport management stresses for the importance om environmental conservation and it should be

cannot avoid the responsibility in the preservation of marine environment," said DC Masala.

He added that the government continues to create friendly environment for sailors who graduate by discussing with various shipping institutions to enable these experts acquire necessary qualifications to work within and outside the country.

Stella Katondo, director of environmental safety in the ministry of Works and Transport said that the government through the Dar es Salaam Maritime Institute noted that Tanzania has ratified (DMI) continues to improve the

curricula as well as increase various courses to satisfy both the domestic and foreign markets.

Katondo added that the government continues to allocate funds every year for the improvement of infrastructures at ports to make the sector spur national economic growth through the country's maritime sector.

World Day of the Seafarer is celebrated every June 25 whereas this year's slogan is "50 of MARPOL Our Accountability Must Continue" and involved various rescue exercises in Lake Victoria and the provision of education on various maritime issues.

# Respect CCM's ethics, Ali Karume cautioned

#### By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE ruling CCM has ordered Ali Karume, a son of the first Zanzibar President Sheikh Abeid Amani Karume, to adhere to the party's ethic, if he wants to remain an active member of the party.

According to CCM's letter dated June 15, 2023 with reference number CCM/JMT/VOL/D/1/3023, the warning has been issued by the CCM Central Advisory Committee in Tunguu Constituency after the Ambassador Karume was questioned by the electorate's ethics committee.

The party asked Karume to stop from breaking the taboos and values of the party.

"From the ethics committee regarding the interview that was held on Ambassador Karume and the electorate's ethics committee along with other offences apologised and the meeting warned him and urged him to adhere to the party's ethics," the latter said in part.

The party also said that it has been forced to take that step due to the words spoken by Ambassador Karume and that it has been circulated on social media networks.

The idea to question Karume came from his claim that CCM has not been winning in the Zanzibar elections since the kick-start of the multi-party system in 1992. Karume has been claiming that CCM has been putting candidates who aren't accepted by party members in Zanzibar.

Ambassador Karume Once, quoted as accusing that the current Zanzibar President was appointed by the late President John Magufuli instead of being elected by the party embers in the Indian Ocean archipelago.

Karume also has been accusing the 8th-Phase government that it has been appointing people from outside Zanzibar and giving them leadership positions in the Isles' government contrary to the public service law.

He also accused the government for not floating tenders in public for development projects, contrary to the law.

The action of questioning Ambassador Karume has come one year after the veteran politician and Bwana Mohamed Shamte was expelled from the party after being found guilty of breaking the taboos and morals of the party by making accusations against the Zanzibar President.

Shamte said that the Zanzibar State House has been doing business for private interests, including the privatization of small islands as well as the conservation buildings of the old town of Zanzibar.

In addition, Shamte said that due to the things that continue to emerge in Zanzibar, the president should stay in power for one period of five years, as happened with the late President Idrisa Abdulwakili.

Other leaders who expelled from party's membership for various reasons include late Seif Sharif Hamad and six of his colleagues who were fired by CCM on May 13, 1988.

Others are the late politician Shaban Kahamis Mloo who was the chief judge of Zanzibar, the late Ali Haji Pandu, the former Director of Zanzibar Security Hatibu Hassan Khatibu, Hamad Rashid Mohamed, Soud Yussuf Mgeni and Suleiman Seif Hamad Amabao were accused of starting a party within the party.

remain as forest reserve. This was revealed by TFS Chief

RESIDENTS of six villages in Shinyanga District who have invaded Nindo Forest Reserve in the district have now been apportioned 3,726 hectares for settlements.

By Guardian Correspondent, Shinyanga

Nindo Forest Reserve was legally set aside via Government Notice (GN) no 10 of 1958 wit 27,446 hectares, but after the invasion by villagers only 10,969 hectares

Conservator Grade II for west zone, Lucas Nyambala at a meeting that discussed the implementation the Eight Sectorial Committee of ministers on the resolving the conflict in the forest reserve that saw the relocation of villagers to the allocated areas.

He said in resolving the conflict, the government, through the al Commissioner, Chistine Mdeme ministerial sectoral Committee lauded President samia Suluhu

decided to apportion a3,726hectare area inside the reserve for human settlements

"Residents of six villages that invaded the area - Ng'homango, Mwabundala, Lyamidati, Kadoto, Mwajiji and Buzinza are required to vacate the areas and relocate to the area set aside by the government," said Nyambala.

For his part, Shinyanga Region

Hassan for apportioning the area inside Nindo Forest Reserve, and called on the villagers who are supposed to vacate their areas should do so and live in the apportioned areas.

For their part, some of the meeting's participants said before the residents start to move from their old areas, they should first be educated on the entire issue and later beacons should be erected to mark the new boundaries.



Macon Dunnagan (4th-R, foreground), Goodwill Ambassador of Tanzania's Tourism in the US, poses for a photo with tourists from his country (front row) and their ZARA Tours guides, porters and cooks at Rongai Gate in Rombo District, Kilimanjaro Region, earlier this week. They were on their way to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro -Uhuru Peak - to celebrate his 50th climb of the highest mountain in Africa and the highest single free-standing mountain in the world. Photo:

### Forest reserve invaders get land for settlements



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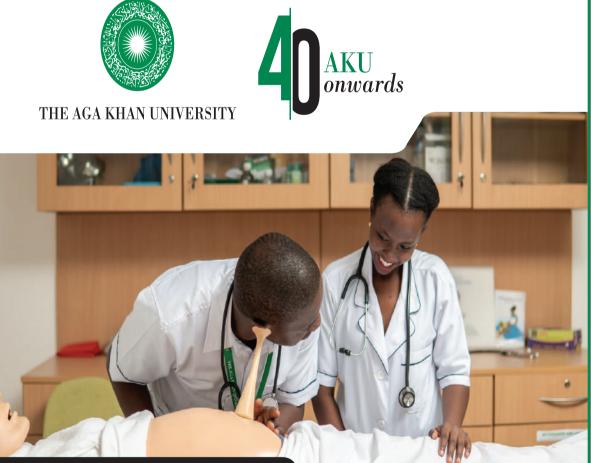
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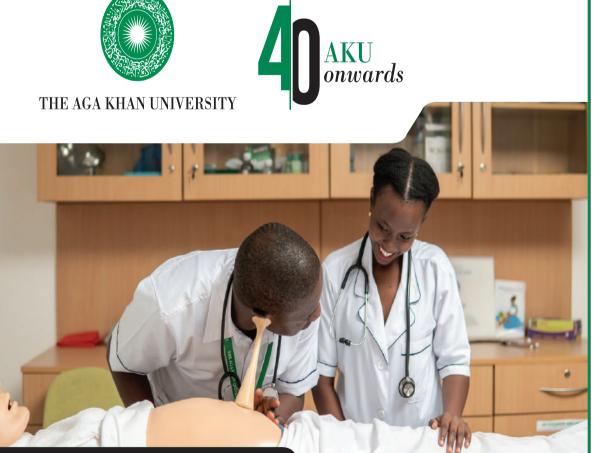
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#### **TCCIA Investment Public Limited Company AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR 2022**

#### Commentary

The audited financial results for the year ended December 31, 2022, are being presented by Directors with satisfaction.In comparison to 2021, the company witnessed an 11% increase in investment income, reaching TZS 2,998 million. This growth can be attributed to higher dividend and interest income.Additionally, other operating gains experienced a substantial surge of 73% to TZS 411 million.Meanwhile, operating expenses rose by 5.8% to TZS 1,073 million during 2022. Impressively, the company achieved a remarkable 47% increase in profit after tax, amounting to TZS 1,960 million in 2022. Notably, TICL's investment portfolio value saw a significant rise of 15% to TZS 34,000 million in 2022, marking the third year of successful implementation of the Company's investment diversification plan.

#### Dividends

The Directors are putting forth a recommendation for the payment of a final dividend of TZS 13(2021:TZS 10) per share for 2022. However, the approval of this proposal is subject to the upcoming Annual General Meeting.

#### STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

|  | 2022<br>TZS '000 | 2021<br>TZS '000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Income   | 2,997,973        | 2,690,726        |
| Other operating gains (losses)                     | 410,548          | 237,135          |
| Operating expenses                                 | (1,072,564)      | (1,014,150)      |
| Operating profit                                   | 2,335,957        | 1,913,711        |
| Finance costs                                      | (349,966)        | (374,670)        |
| Profit before taxation                             | 1,985,991        | 1,539,041        |
| Taxation   | (26,181)         | (209,182)        |
| Profit for the year                                | 1,959,810        | 1,329,859        |
| Other comprehensive income:                        |                  |                  |
| Items that will not be recycled to profit or loss: |                  |                  |
| Fair value gain (loss) on equity instruments       | 3,839,666        | (58,088)         |
| Other comprehensive income for the year            | 3,839,666        | (58,088)         |
| Total comprehensive income for the year            | 5,799,476        | 1,271,771        |
| Basic earnings per share                           | 26.86            | 18.22            |

#### **STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

|                                     | 2022       | 2021       |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Assets                              | TZS' 000   | TZS' 000   |
| Non-Current Assets                  |            |            |
| Property, plant and equipment       | 117,257    | 139,447    |
| Investment property                 | 221,347    | 221,347    |
| Right of use assets                 | 31,050     | 3,256      |
| Intangible assets                   | 3,000      | 4,500      |
| Loans receivable                    | 28,734     | -          |
| Equity investments                  | 19,620,534 | 15,253,840 |
| Investment in government securities | 13,589,143 | 12,985,104 |
| Other investments                   | 150,000    |            |
|                                     | 33,761,065 | 28,607,494 |
| Current Assets                      |            |            |
| Loans receivable                    | 32,994     | -          |
| Trade and other receivables         | 605,431    | 589,870    |
| Current tax receivable              | 286,996    | 242,682    |
| Cash and cash equivalents           | 530,185    | 1,011,299  |
|                                     | 1,455,606  | 1,843,851  |
| Total Assets                        | 35,216,671 | 30,451,345 |
| Equity and Liabilities              |            |            |
| Equity                              |            |            |
| Share capital                       | 2,167,952  | 2,167,952  |
| Total Reserves                      | 8,883,288  | 5,327,762  |
| Retained Income                     | 21,277,811 | 19,908,600 |
|                                     | 32,329,051 | 27,404,314 |
| Non-Current Liabilities             |            |            |
| Borrowings                          | 2,157,861  | 2,396,962  |
| Deferred tax                        | 1,784      | 23,890     |
|                                     | 2,159,645  | 2,420,852  |
|                                     |            |            |

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| Current Liabilities          |            |            |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Trade and other payables     | 127,863    | 132,095    |
| Borrowings-CL                | 239,081    | 209,231    |
| Dividend Payable             | 330,428    | 284,853    |
| Lease Liability              | 30,603     |            |
|                              | 727,975    | 626,179    |
| Total Liabilities            | 2,887,620  | 3,047,031  |
| Total Equity and Liabilities | 35,216,671 | 30,451,345 |
|                              |            |            |

#### **STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

|  | 2022        | 2021      |
|--|-------------|-----------|
|  | TZS '000    | TZS '000  |
| Cash flow from operating activities              |             |           |
| Cash generated from operations                   | 2,080,332   | 1,908,698 |
| Finance costs                                    | (349,966)   | (374,670) |
| Tax paid   | (92,602)    | (157,880) |
| Net cash (used in) from operating activities     | 1,637,764   | 1,376,148 |
| Cash flow from investing activities              |             |           |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment        | (10,567)    | (142,192) |
| Acquisition of right of use assets               | (57,323)    | -         |
| Purchase of intangible assets                    | _           | (6,000)   |
| Movement in investments in government securities | (527,028)   | (463,814) |
| Movement in equity investments                   | (604,039)   | 593,071   |
| Issue of loans receivable                        | (61,728)    | -         |
| Acquisition of other investments                 | (150,000)   |           |
| Movement in retail bonds investments             | -           | 10,000    |
| Gain/(Loss) on disposal of equity investments    | 154,457     | 36,952    |
| Net cash (used in) from investing activities     | (1,256,228) | 28,017    |
| Cash flow from financing activities              |             |           |
| Movement in borrowings                           | (209,251)   | (183,094) |
| Movement in lease liability                      | 30,603      | (39,093)  |
| Dividends paid                                   | (684,002)   | (376,912) |
| Net cash (used in) from financing activities     | (862,650)   | (599,099) |
| Cash and cash equivalents:                       |             |           |
| Net increase/ (decrease) in cash                 | (481,114)   | 805,066   |
| Cash at the beginning of the year                | 1,011,299   | 206,233   |
| Cash at the end of the year                      | 530,185     | 1,011,299 |
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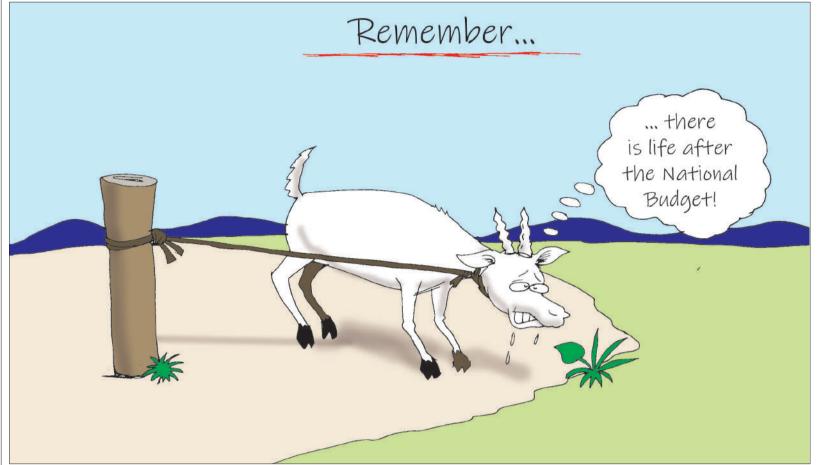
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#### **By Damian Radcliffe**

ARLIER this month, the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism published its latest Digital News Report. The 2023 publication covers 46 markets around the world and features findings from a survey of more than 93,000 digital news users.

I have dug deep into the report to identify some of the most interesting findings, focusing on data from outside the U.S. Here are five takeaways - and their implications that you may have missed:

ONE: TikTok is no longer a fringe channel. Proof, if it were needed, of the importance of the Chinese-owned app is front and centre in the new report. TikTok is the fastest-growing social network in the Institute's survey.

One in five 18-24-year-olds (20 per cent) harness the platform for news,

# Five global trends in digital news worth knowing about

the platform.

**TWO:** Online misinformation is a huge challenge - and an opportunity for newsrooms. More than half (56 per cent) of survey respondents reported that they struggle to distinguish between fact and fiction online. Concern levels are highest in Africa, with more than three-quarters (77 per cent) expressing this concern.

These misgivings can be seen around important topics such as politics, health and climate change. And the volume of misinformation is shown to increase in countries such as Kenya and Nigeria, during elections. This is a period when journalists - and consumers - need

affected," the report cautions.

FOUR: Public service media needs to win over more hearts and minds. "Public service media outlets continue to face critical scrutiny and skepticism - whether from private sector competitors, some politicians, or parts of the public," the study states.

It adds: "Even where the public service mission is accompanied by significant public funding, however, reaching the whole public, and serving everybody, is a challenging remit."

The report's data clearly show this. In only four of the 19 countries sampled did digital news consumers say that they found publicly funded Listening to news podcasts remains virtually unchanged, nudging up from 11 per cent in 2018 to just 12 per cent in 2023.

This finding does not take into account the volume of podcasts that this 12 per cent of respondents listens to. However, it does show the difficulty of punching through and bringing non-news listeners to this medium.

Given the investment many media outlets have put into podcasting, and the volume of fresh news podcasts that have launched in the last half decade, the data suggest that these efforts are not necessarily helping news providers find new audiences.



### **Invasive wildlife: Focus on** rapidly usable way, fencing

legislature towards the end of the Budget session of Parliament pinned down the government for its nonchalant outlook on invasive wildlife. With minimal compensation sums for injury and deaths, along with paltry sums for crop destruction, conservation authorities and the ministry sit back on their sofas, lamenting what NGO euphemism views as 'human wildlife conflicts.' Equating the villagers and beasts as land stakeholders is appalling.

Reports said that nine legislators stood up in the National Assembly querying steps being taken by the government to control destructive wildlife across the country. The Natural Resources and Tourism deputy minister was pressured to show what measures the government was taking on the situation, though it appears ministerial staff or experts, prefer communication to real measures. This was visible in the wake of a warning to Iringa Region residents not to roam about at night to avoid stray lions from the Ruaha National Park, as adequate.

MPs demanded a waiving of procedure to make room for a wider range of supplementary questions on the issue, and the constituencies where the issue is acute are geographically well distributed. Questions came from areas as diverse as Mwibara in Mara Region, Liwale and Nachingwea districts, Kilolo in the Ruaha conservation sphere, among others. The most offending beasts are without question elephants and lions, and each time conservation officials want overtime teaching methods like beehives against elephants or lighting fires in villages next to wildlife zones to keep away lions, all of it being experimental.

the at compensation rules where fierce have animals attack and wound people, and the victim is paid 500,000/- in compensation. If a person is killed the family is paid 1m/-, and worse, when elephants destroy crops, the farmer is paid 2,500 per acre, the price of a kilo of rice in a shop. While the deputy minister was compelled to admit that these compensation rates are grossly unfair, the regulatory premise is clear: it is the humans who intrude.

> At various places villagers have seen havoc from elephants that led to food shortages, elephants, crocodiles and hippos ravaging villages and killing people. The government has in place elaborate deterrence on livestock herders invading wildlife areas (or conservation areas to use the standard formula) but scarcely any defences on wildlife invasions. The various agencies act as regulators on any stakeholders seeking the use of range lands, to learn to chase away jumbos, avoid lions by learning their behaviour, be paid paltry sums if they make errors and lose crops, are injured or someone dies. Villagers use rangelands at a risk.

The set attitude of conservation officials, which have to do with the 'humanism' of various mentor organisations among donor agencies, makes it a human duty to preserve an animal, irrespective of tangible benefits in so doing. This puts villagers in a victim situation, at times from livestock herders whose cattle have priority of regard over crops, just as wild beasts have priority over cattle. Restoring fairness is vital by prioritizing preventive measures, of physical limitation of intruding animals, not the professional education of the victims. Low lying electric fencing is vital on notorious sections, not as supplementary funds on auxiliary needs to education but a clear strategy. MPs would see to that

### We have to galvanise **MSMEs worldwide**

EFORE delegates from around the world gathered in Glasgow, Scotland, in November last year for the 26th United Nations Climate Change conference, the event was being referred to as 'the last best chance' for resolving climate change.

If we were to assess the Glasgow Climate Pact as a decisive turning point, then our assessment would be that of failure. However, that does not mean all is lost. Certain doors have been opened, even if we are yet to walk through them. The next COP will be held in Egypt in less than a year. This is the chance we must take. There is global momentum on climate action, even if political action is still lagging.

The reality is that expectations were already subdued, even before delegates descended on Glasgow, because on the two main issues --progress on net zero commitments to slow global temperature rise, and the finance to support low carbon development in the developing world -- the cards were already dealt by the G20, and key emitters, even before any delegate badges could be collected at the Scottish Exhibition Centre venue on the banks of the River Clyde.

The biggest reason for pessimism after Glasgow is that the record on implementation is low. The Paris Agreement ultimately is built around commitments by individual states. Commitments have not been met. Thus, even as commitments in Glasgow fall short, the question is: will even these insufficient commitments be upheld?

Micro - small and medium sized enterprises are vital in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. They are an important element in the implementation of SDG 8 (decent work and economic growth) and SDG 9 (industry, innovation and infrastructure.)

Multiple simultaneous shocks and crises have disturbed the global working environment for entrepreneurs and micro-, small and medium-sised enterprises (MSMEs). In addition, conflicts, commodity dependence, geopolitical tensions, and pandemics drive social and economic instability, making MSMEs extremely vulnerable to rising inflation and supply chain disruptions.

Among the most vulnerable, youth-owned womenand enterprises are often at risk of external shocks. This is when the percentage and overall number of business formations by women and youth are increasing worldwide. However, facing limited access to affordable finance, capacity-building support, partnership networks, and global markets, women and young entrepreneurs need help to overcome the numerous challenges that frequently stifle the growth of their businesses, confining many of them to informality or necessity entrepreneurship.

This MSMEs day will also focus on supporting resilient supply chains to ensure workers and the environment benefit. Supply chains are a critical component of global trade and commerce, and conflicts, disasters, and pandemics can quickly impact their functioning, increasing costs and making transactions more difficult. Therefore, policymakers and businesses must join forces to ensure economically viable, socially, and environmentally sustainable supply chains.

with nearly half of this demographic (44 per cent) using the network on a regular basis. For outlets wanting to reach younger audiences, this provides strong evidence that a presence on TikTok really needs to be part of your portfolio.

Generally, usage of TikTok is heaviest in parts of Asia, Latin America and Africa, while the popularity of the platform for news is highest in Peru and Thailand (30 per cent having used in the past week), with Kenya (29 per cent) following close behind.

Journalists and media companies may want to look at these markets to determine some of the lessons they can apply to their own approaches, and look to learn from their peers at some of the bigger outlets (e.g., The Washington Post) that are on this platform.

It's also notable that "while mainstream journalists often lead conversations around news in Twitter and Facebook, they struggle to get attention in newer networks like Instagram, Snapchat, and TikTok," the report notes.

It adds that in those spaces, "personalities, influencers and ordinary people are often more prominent, even when it comes to conversations around news".

Again, there's much to learn in terms of why that's the case and how these groups use the platform. It highlights, too, why partnering with personalities and influencers may be important for newsrooms if they want to increase their impact on TikTok.

The data also show that TikTok viewing isn't just focused on "fun news" and viral content. In some markets, it's also a popular channel for diving into domestic politics, health news and wider geo-political events.

Understanding these behaviours is important if newsrooms are to tap into TikTok's potential by offering the right content mix on

to be most on their guard.

We seldom see a consensus about how to best tackle this scourge, but news organisations can play a key role in verification, fact-checking, combating rumours and promoting the media literacy skills that **netizens** (that is, habitual or keen internet users) need to flourish online.

The report notes that in Taiwan, for example, independent media organisation Watchout () produces handbooks on how to spot disinformation; and the Taiwan Fact Checking Centre publishes dozens of articles each week "on issues ranging from consumer scares to geopolitical propaganda".

Elsewhere, in countries such as Australia and Singapore, efforts are under way to develop codes of practice and consistent ways of dealing with misinformation.

**THREE: In some markets, more** people are tuning out of the **news.** Interest in news is falling - in some cases precipitously over time - in countries such as Argentina, France and Spain, as well as the US and the UK.

This can be due to a number of factors. Active news avoidance might be triggered by the tone and style of coverage, perceptions of relevance, and disinterest with respect to certain topics. These are challenges that newsrooms will need to address if they are to try and reverse these trends.

"Falls are often greatest in countries characterised by high levels of political polarisation," the authors observe.

Alongside this, in the likes of Finland and the Netherlands countries boasting stable, wellfunded media and high trust in institutions" - interest levels have remained reasonably consistent.

However, this isn't always a proxy for news interest levels. "Previously stable markets such as Austria and Germany are starting to be markets sampled in the report.

news services important.

The figure was only slightly higher when they were asked if it was important for society. In multiple markets a large percentage of respondents, typically ranging from 20 per cent to 40 per cent, indicated that this output was "neither important nor unimportant" or they didn't know the answer to this question.

With many public service outlets always facing pressure from a tightening of the public purse strings, it's important for these outlets to enjoy a breadth of support from across the country. It's not easy to cater for everyone, but that's also intrinsic to the public service model.

As the study notes, these findings should not be seen as a reflection on the quality of work being produced by public news providers.

But, nevertheless, public service news providers will need to continue their efforts to diversify their content (in terms of style, products and the journalists working for them) in order to stave off criticism and financial threats, as they continue to find their place in an increasingly crowded digital marketplace.

FIVE: Consumption of news podcasts appears to have plateaued. Podcast fans have access to an incredible range of shows and programmes. It's also a medium that's incredibly attractive to publishers and advertisers alike, as usage skews towards younger and more affluent consumers.

However, although the number of people listening to podcasts has grown in the last five to six years, the number of people accessing news podcasts has remained pretty static.

Since 2018, consumption of podcasts on a monthly basis has grown by 5 per cent - from 29 per cent to 34 per cent - across the

This could be because of the breadth of non-news podcasts that are out there (remember, the number of people listening to all podcasts has grown).

Factors associated with news avoidance (style, tone, relevance) may also be applicable here. And it's possible that the sheer number of podcasts is also a turn-off for some audiences.

As a result, newsrooms may need to do more to bring new listeners into the podcasting fold, investing more in marketing and diversifying their audio offering.

Meanwhile, perhaps outlets also need to think differently about their podcasting strategies. Podcasts may not be the right way to attract new audiences. Other approaches may be more effective here.

Yet they can be a valuable means to engage younger audiences. And they're also a great way to super serve existing audiences, by digging deeper into specific topics as well as offering audiences a chance to peek behind the curtain of how the news is made. Of course, super-serving one's customers in the main means helping them gain a competitive advantage by focusing on effectiveness instead of efficiency.

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#### FEATURES

### Guardian

# **COVID-19 vaccination taught us the real threat of misinformation**

#### By Abdallah Bakari, Liwale

PART from COVID-19 itself, another pandemic that Tanzania and the rest of the world fought was vaccine hesitancy occasioned by fake news, misinformation and disinformation about safety and efficacy of vaccines.

From politicians to religious leaders, statements and sentiments opposed to jabs came from right, left and centre. As a result, many people did not know what to believe. The good news is that many listened to voices of reason, believed in science and took the jab.

Liwale District in Lindi Region is one of places where there were confusion brought about by fake news. As a result, the brave ones who took the jab were believed to have had made the biggest mistake of their lives.

"I heard a lot of misinformation about COVID-19 vaccines which demoralized me at first. I was told that after vaccinating I would turn into a robots because vaccines were mixed with chemicals meant to manipulate our brains," said Hildegardis Maurusi, a resident of Liwale Town

"Others said that the vaccines were designed to make us infertile, meaning no more children would be born thereafter and speakers we so confident and that made me afraid at first."

She said that it took her some months before deciding to take the jab and that decision came after she watched President Samia Suluhu Hassan and other government leaders being vaccinated in public.

"It took efforts of other leaders who also sensitized us by saying that if vaccines were terrible as claimed, President Samia would not have dared to take it, she said.

"I was vaccinated in January 2021 and since then, nothing terrible has happened to me and in May this year, I delivered healthy baby boy,"

Petronila Paul, resident of Mkutano Village in the district said that the confusion was worsened by some elements in the previous regime who denied COVID-19 itself and did not encourage people to take the jab.

"The truth is that the narrative changed only after President Samia took over following the death of her predecessor John Maghufuli in March 2021. Before that government leaders were not free to speak in support of vaccines," she said.

According to him, information was being spread to the effect that all who vaccinated would die after a certain period of time or thereafter sire zombie babies.

In February 2021, Tanzania was reported to have hesitated to receive COVID-19 vaccines. Later, the government explained that there were concerns with initial vaccine safety but the country was ready to work with the international community in the fight against the pandemic.

After the appointment of a presidential task force in



President Samia Suluhu Hassan takes COVID-19 vaccine in public. This gesture is believed to have changed the minds of many Tanzanians who had been swayed by misinformation. File photo

April, 2021 to establish the country's direction on COVID-19 response as initially recommended by the expert committee, the country joined global vaccine access facility (COVAX) and the first batch of US-donated Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccines arrived on July 24, 2021.

However, initial vaccine uptake was extremely low due to skepticism catalyzed by misinformation. In September, 2021, Tanzania began an intensive campaign to vaccinate all eligible adults older than 18 years. Multipronged strategies were applied to combat vaccine hesitancy and build confidence, especially among health-care workers.

The Liwale district is allocated 195 kilometers away from regional headquarters, marking the farthest and peripheral district among the five.

Dr Glory Andrew, Liwale District Medical Officer said that the district had a target of vaccinating 60,779 people and by April 56,431 equivalents to 93 percent were given at least one dose.

effects from COVID-19 vaccines so far: we deployed human resources intensively and extensively to educate the public on safety of these vaccines and counter the widespread misinformation, disinformation and fake news" she said.

"I can say that here we defeated misinformation on and that's why data show that we have reached 93 percent of our target in a periphery and mainly rural district"

Data from World Health Organization (WHO) on Tanzania COVID-19 Dashboard show that more than 37.7 million people, representing 62 percent of the total population 61 million people according to 2022 census data and close to 87 percent of all eligible adults above 18 years have been vaccinated whereas national target was to fully vaccinate 70 per cent by December, 2022.

The country has emerged as the best performing among 34 African countries for concerted support by the COVID-19 Vaccine De-

"We have not recorded any serious side a phase of integration with routine services, according to WHO former Representative for Tanzania, Dr Zabulon Yoti.

In an interview with this paper as part of Global Health Reporting Initiative in Africa 2022 fellowship by International Women in Media (IWM) Dr Yoti said:

"The rapid increase in COVID-19 vaccination is a consequence of heightened political commitment at the national, regional and district levels, as well as service delivery through house-to-house strategy made vaccines readily available at zero cost, acceptable and affordable to beneficiaries."

Mahesh Swaminathan, Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Tanzania Country Director said that, multisectoral approach in COVID-19 vaccine and vaccination has borne remarkable fruit as the nation ranks among higher performers despite initial hesitancy.

"CDC focused on vaccinating people at highest risk of getting COVID-19, including people with HIV, staff in healthcare facililivery Partnership, as vaccine delivery enters ties, and community workers. Sometimes

addressing the barrier to vaccination was as simple as having a sign that savs 'COVID-19 vaccine is here'," he said.

He explained that more than 9.2 million Tanzanians were vaccinated with CDC support. With the additional global support CDC and partners launched a broad vaccination campaign in Dar es Salaam and other regions, including hard-to-reach remote areas around the Lake Zone.

"There was great intervention to bridge information gap and counter misinformation on COV-ID-19 vaccine and vaccination, religious leaders were asked if CDC and partners could offer COV-ID-19 vaccinations at their mosques and churches on the weekends and they agreed," he said.

Minister for Health Ummy Mwalimu said COVID-19 vaccination campaign has been fruitful as 86 percent of eligible targeted population received full dose by December 2022.

WHO states that booster doses are administered to a vaccinated population that has completed a primary vaccination series (currently one or two doses depending on the product) when, with time, the immunity and clinical protection has fallen below a rate deemed sufficient in that population. The objective of a booster dose is to restore vaccine effectiveness from that deemed no longer sufficient.

# Senene: From free delicacy to big business affecting school attendance

By Correspondent Mutayoba Arbogast, Bukoba

and issued a statement warning parents against involvement of children

ECADES ago, it was a delicacy that was freely available in Kagera Region during peak season in the months of May and June. But that was then. Things have now changed and senene now competes with the likes of peanut and cashew among ready-to-eat food vendors in Tanzanian major cities and towns.

Welcome to the world of the longhorn grasshopper, known scientifically as Ruspolia differens. Commonly known as senene in Tanzania, this is one of the most appreciated edible insects by societies around Lake Victoria but so much among the Haya people where nothing beats it as a treat.

As a respected guest, you are welcomed with coffee beans, at meal time the main course will be cooked bananas served with fresh fish but your treat thereafter will definitely be senene. And they have amazing ways of preserving it to ensure it doesn't go out of stock off-season.

All was well until recent years when some shrewd businesspeople thought of making this treat available not only within Lake Zone but all major cities and towns in Tanzania. This means its packaging has improved with as little as 200 grams fetching up to 5000/-.

Senene's status has changed from catch-and-eat at home to catch en masse, fry very well, package neatly and ship to other regions. To earn big money, folks in senene industry slowly started engaging services of school-going as catchers.

Because the insects tend to come out during full moon, catchers have to be ready out at night near the locally made traps. Because the demand is and the money is good, many catchers, including pupils, forget about school; the next day.

The involvement of pupils in the business has now rubbed local authorities the wrong way as it emerged that the learners spend most of the nights catching senene and failing to turn up at the school in the morning.

This is a big change driven by the demand because in the past, gathering senene was done in the early morning when one would visit the wildernesses to search for them in a way called 'Okulinga' and when found, the person would call other villagers by making a special call through ululation.

Upon hearing the sound, the villagers would leave behind whatever undertaking and rush to the site with locally-made containers with small open spaces to enable the catch get air.

Back then it was strictly for adults with children taking part only during school holidays. All the catch would be taken home, prepared by removing wings, legs, tails and horns, boiled with salt and deep fried,



Longhorn grasshopper, known as senene in Tanzania, is a delicacy in Kagera Region which is now popular in other towns and cities. Photo courtesy of the internet

ready for eating and preserving.

Only men and male boys monopolized the consumption of senene as it was a taboo for women and girls to eat it. If it appeared that the head of the family was away, dried senene would be wrapped in old peels of banana trunk and hanged above the cooking

place until his return. Stories are told here of Haya men who went away in the far lands to fight in the the first and second world wars but upon return, they found their share of senene waiting. Upon receiving it, men were obliged to reward their wives a nice pair of Kitenge fabric, an East African wax.

There was no entrepreneurship in senene as we see today hance nei-

ther women nor children would sell the grasshoppers while in the wilderness or the fried ones at home. Today, women enjoy it openly. Things have changed, as Chinua Achebe wrote in his book Things Fall Apart that Ineke the bird said "Since man learnt to shoot without missing, I have learnt to fly without perching on a twig." Likewise, women have broken the chain of living under taboos and started eating senene and as its trade has increased, both men and women have turned to senene businesses to earn a living.

In fact, it is parents who encourage their school-going children to accompany them to the fields at night to add volume of the catch for more money. Of course, there are cases of children venturing out without parental knowledge.

Catching of grasshoppers has increased tremendously in recent years because of emergence of iron sheet traps folded into a cone shape leading to a large bucket which collects the falling grasshoppers.

They are attracted by very bright lights and heavy smoke from burnt fresh grass make them dizzy and finally fall into the bucket, property of the owner, while those that fly around are caught by anyone.

Back to truant pupils, leadership of Bugombe Village in Kanyigo Ward, Missenyi District last recently called a meeting which discussed the matter in senene catching.

The village has two primary schools namely Kanyigo and Bugombe which are both affected. Japerson Mutabuzi, Bugombe Village Chairman said many pupils who catch senene at night fail to attend classes the next day as they become tired and sleepdeprived.

"We have also found out that some of those pupils who attended classes the next day cannot pay attention and grasp and lessons," he said.

An official letter was sent a letter to Kanyogo Ward Executive Officer explaining the situation and proposing that stern measures be taken against parents who allow their children to work as senene catchers.

"This affects not only the said schools but almost the whole district of Missenyi and the entire region," he said.

Children in some of the country are subjected to the worst form of child labour, including forced labour in mining, quarrying, and domestic work.

The National Multi-sectoral Early Childhood Development Programme (NM-ECD), 2021/22 - 2025/26 which directly invests in Tanzania human development through accelerating early childhood development targets enhancing multi-sectoral approach to young children of 0 to eight years to see that "all children in Tanzania are on track to develop their full potential".

Early Childhood Care and Development is now a global agenda with ECD services, recognized as essential to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which provide a crucial opportunity for achieving equity among all children globally, with every country expected to work towards achieving SDGs by 2030.

Among the main SDGs that directly relate to ECD is Goal 4 that calls for governments to "ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning".

#### FEATURE

# Women suffer harassment, discrimination on Chile's public transport

#### **By Orlando Milesi**

EXUAL harassment and discrimination are daily realities for women on public transport in Chile and also an obstacle for plans to expand mass transit in order to reduce pollution in several cities in this South American country.

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Perla Venegas is one of 1444 female bus drivers in the surface public transport network in Santiago, Chile, which aims at gender inclusion and offers job stability and shift flexibility compatible with family life. CREDIT: Orlando Milesi / IPS

their friends.

"If someone tries to touch me or crowd me too closely I don't feel so safe," said Elena, a commercial engineering student.

"A friend of mine had her cell phone stolen. I have not been harassed, but I would never go on the bus or subway in shorts even if I were dying of heat. I wear long pants because wearing shorts is a risk," added Emilia, a psychology student.

#### The joys and pitfalls of being a female bus driver

Getting more people to use buses and other public transport in Chile, a long narrow country with a population of 19.8 million, is difficult because 71 percent of households own at least one car.

The incorporation of more female bus drivers is aimed at a friendlier mass transit system.

Perla Venegas, 34, has been working as a bus driver in Santiago's public transportation system for six years.

"I like my job and driving. The most complicated thing is dealing with cyclists, pedestrians and passengers, who are never satisfied," she told IPS while parked waiting to pull out on the corner of Santa Rosa and Alameda, in the heart of downtown Santiago.

Her route connects downtown Santiago with the municipality of Maipú, in the western outskirts of the capital.

"I'm on a par with the male drivers, but I'm more cautious, not so aggressive and I'm a more defensive driver. I have been complimented several times, especially by elderly people," said Venegas, who lives with her two daughters, aged 16 and 8.

He was a homeless drug addict. It was 5:30 AM. In the end I found a carabineros (police) patrol car and I turned him in," she said.

She added that she has had both pleasant and negative experiences and acknowledged that she is proud that her eldest daughter also wants to be a bus driver "although I would not like her to experience the hard parts."

#### Staying alert in the subway, the main means of public transport

On the Santiago subway there are 2.3 million trips on working days. Its tracks cover 140 kilometers on six lines, with 136 stations in 23 of the 32 municipalities that comprise the metropolitan area. Greater Santiago is home to 7.1 million people.

An additional 2.1 million average daily trips are made on surface public transport.

According to official statistics, during the first five months of the year there were 21 pollution episodes in Santiago above the maximum standard level and eight environmental alerts for excess fine particulate matter, so increasing the use of public transport instead of private vehicles is considered a priority for the authorities.

Paulina del Campo, the subway's sustainability manager, told IPS that gender issues are a strategic objective in this state-owned company.

like March 2022 when the issue was raised because of situations in the streets and in universities that included public transportation," she said.

After meetings with authorities and student leaders, the subway increased the presence of female security guards at stations in the university district.

"One of the things they said is that in a situation of harassment it is much more comfortable to ask for help from a woman than from a man," explained Del Campo.

The company thus hired a specific group of female guards to receive and respond to complaints.

"Oualified staff respond and are trained to provide support for the victims. We can quickly activate the protocols with the carabineros police. When it happens we can intercept the train and often arrest the people (aggressors) on the spot," said Del Campo.

In another campaign, a standard methodology designed by international foundations with expertise in harassment was adapted to the situation in Chile.

At the same time, the subway increased its female staff and the number of women in leadership positions.

"Two years ago we had a female staff of around 20 percent and now, in May, 26.5 percent of the 4,400 subway workers are women. In the area of security guards we have a staff of approximately 700 and of these 110 are women," explained the company's Sustainability Manager.

#### Gender policies in public transportation

The Metropolitan Public Transport Directorate (DTPM) informed IPS that it aims to reduce the malefemale gap in public transport.

It also plans to increase the number of women bus drivers.

The Red system, with buses running throughout Santiago, currently employs 1,444 women - only 7.6 percent of all drivers.

"Many women who have entered this field come from highly precarious and unregulated jobs, so this opportunity has allowed them greater autonomy and, on many occasions, to leave violent environments and improve their self-confidence," the DTPM stressed in response to ques-

younger. They want to grope you or try to touch another girl and now I confront them. I suffer less because I'm more aware and I try not to put myself at risk," she added during a dialogue at the University of Chile subway station in Santiago.

Azócar, who works for a collection company, said the root cause of harassment lies in education and in Chilean society.

"If you wear a miniskirt or show cleavage, society points the finger at you, as if you were provoking men and it was your fault. And I don't think that's why it happens. It's abuse to be harassed in the public system...or anywhere else," she said.

Maite, a humanities student at the Catholic University, feels that women are at a disadvantage on public transportation.

"When a woman takes a bus, she tends to sit next to the aisle to have an easier way to flee from any threat. Or she sits next to another woman so as not to travel alone. There are many things that women do that are not explicit. They are behaviors we learn, to get by on public transportation," said the young woman who, like her friends, preferred not to give her last name.

According to Maite, "women can't wear shorts or backpacks on the bus, or openly use a cell phone. Every time you get on the bus you have to take a lot of measures."

Maite and four other classmates told IPS that they take a combination of buses and the subway to go to school and that none of them have suffered harassment on the bus, but they know of several cases that happened to

"I have female colleagues who have been hit and beaten. I received a death threat from a passenger because when the route ended he wouldn't get off. We do not have large numbers, but we do have moments

"We have taken the issue of harassment very seriously.



The Santiago subway is the backbone of mass transit system in the Chilean capital. It makes it possible to reach 23 of the 32 municipalities that encompass the capital. CREDIT: Orlando Milesi / IPS

tions from IPS.

"This has meant an effort to train and generate conditions to keep and promote women who are part of the system," it added.

Origin-Destination Surveys reveal that women are the main users of public transport and 65 percent of trips for the purpose of caring for the home, children or other people are made by women. They are more likely to make multidirectional trips and in the so-called off-peak hours, with little traffic.

According to the DTPM, waiting for the bus is one of the most critical moments in every trip.

"This is why we installed the panic button at bus stops and real-time information on the arrival of buses to improve the perception of security," it explained.

The information is available through an application on cell phones, while the panic buttons began as a women's safety pilot plan in October 2022 at stops in one of the capital's municipalities. The plan is to extend them to a large number of stops in Santiago.

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### Guardian

# TAMFI promotes renewable energy through microfinance

#### **By Guardian Reporter**

S Tanzania sets ambitious renewable energy targets for 2025, the Tanzania Association of Microfinance Institutions (TAMFI) reports an encouraging response from financial institutions supporting renewable energy financing at the grassroots. This marks a crucial step towards achieving the goal.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan has targeted the production of 6,000MW from renewable energy sources by 2025.

"To meet this target, concerted efforts from key players, including financial institutions, are required. TAMFI is pleased with the positive response from several financial institutions in Tanzania towards renewable energy financing for end users," said TAMFI CEO Winnie Terry (pictured).

According to TAMFI, a greener and more sustainable Tanzania powered by renewable energy sources such as solar, is no longer a distant dream, but a promising reality.

The not-for-profit umbrella organization for microfinance institutions in Tanzania has been promoting decentralized renewable energy (DRE) financing in Tanzania, and their efforts are finally bearing fruit.

Terry is optimistic about the future and delighted to see that several TAMFI members have started lending to end-users for renewable energy. This has been made possible thanks to a project supported by the C.S. Mott Foundation, which is committed to building an inclusive financial ecosystem for end-users and enterprises in Tanzania.

"Access to finance is a gamechanger for Tanzania's renewable energy sector. I am thrilled that a few MFIs are lending to end-users for renewable energy. I believe financing renewable energy will soon become standard practice for financial institutions in Tanzania," said Terry.

TAMFI has been implementing the first and second phases of the Energy Access: Building an Innovative Financial Ecosystem for Enterprises and End Users project. This project has increased awareness of the need for renewable energy financing among FIs, and it is expected to positively impact Tanzania's economic development, poverty reduction, and environmental sustainability. Financial institutions, including Enokwe Finance Ltd, Samekaya SACCOS, Vision Fund Microfinance Bank, Maendeleo Bank, BRAC Tanzania Finance Ltd, Tujijenge Microfinance Ltd, Engishon Microfinance Ltd, and HP Finance are some of the Financial Institutions under TAMFI which have started rolling out Renewable Energy products and services.

"We are greatly heartened by the proactive steps taken by some Financial Institutions (MFIs) in Tanzania towards financing renewable energy. By extending loans to renewable energy end users, these financial institutions have made significant strides in mainstreaming renewable energy financing. We eagerly antici- ing Sustainable Development Goal



pate more institutions joining this progressive trend. Such initiatives are pivotal in the pursuit of universal access to sustainable, clean, affordable, and reliable electricity in Tanzania," Terry highlighted.

In realizing this work, the C.S. Mott Foundation has been actively supporting TAMFI's efforts to increase access to renewable energy in Tanzania. TAMFI continues to collaborate with development partners and stakeholders to promote the adoption of DRE financing and address the challenges that hinder progress towards achieving universal access to sustainable, clean, affordable, and reliable electricity in the country. According to TAMFI the growth of renewable energy financing in Tanzania will contribute to achiev(SDG) 7 - universal access to electricity by 2030. TAMFI will continue to promote the growth of the renewable energy sector in Tanzania, creating a more equitable energy system where everyone can access reliable and sustainable energy sources.

Tanzania, like the rest of sub-Saharan Africa, faces the challenge of providing sustainable, affordable, and reliable electricity to its population. According to reports by the International Energy Agency (IEA), International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), and the World Bank, over 570 million people in sub-Saharan Africa lack access to electricity.

In Tanzania, a significant portion of the rural population remains without electricity access, and a nomically viable renewable energy

substantial number of households are outside the power grid coverage. TAMFI's strong belief lies in the potential of renewable energy technologies, such as solar, wind, and geothermal energy. These technologies are seen as drivers for productive energy and light usage, and for irrigation farming in agricultural development.

TAMFI maintains that adopting these energy-efficient, renewable technologies is about more than merely meeting energy requirements; it represents a significant step towards reducing environmental impact, lowering carbon emissions, and contributing to a healthier, greener planet. They assert that the time is ripe for transitioning towards sustainable, reliable, and ecosolutions, and they are committed to facilitating this transition within Tanzania.

Renewable energy is crucial to universal access to Tanzania's sustainable, clean, affordable, and reliable electricity. The government and development partners have taken significant strides in promoting the use of renewable energy in the country. However, there is still a long way to go in increasing awareness and educating communities and financial institutions about the benefits of renewable energy.

As part of its efforts to promote renewable energy financing, TAMFI has been conducting training and capacity-building workshops, renewable energy field tours, roundtable discussions with stakeholders and policymakers, and linkage meetings for financial institutions in Tanzania. These interventions focus on equipping financial institutions with the knowledge and skills required to finance renewable energy projects.

The training sessions cover product development, marketing strategy, risk assessment, credit analysis, loan structuring, and risk management. TAMFI has also provided technical assistance and support to financial institutions to help them develop financing products tailored to the needs of renewable energy projects.

Richard Nyamonge, Managing Director of Enokwe Finance Limited, expressed commitment towards financing renewable energy end users, stated, "In our role as a financial institution, we bear the responsibility of endorsing sustainable practices. Financing renewable energy projects is one approach towards fulfilling this responsibility. We take immense pride in contributing to the progression towards a more eco-

#### By Correspondent Maulid Mmbaga

HE Tanzania Insurance Regulatory Authority (TIRA) has announced that it was working on addressing challenges raised by clients on delays to receive their entitlements upon raising their claims to various companies.

Commissioner General of the Tanzania Insurance Regulatory Authority (TIRA), Baghayo Saqware made the remarks during the annual meeting that brought together

**TIRA to work on clients' setbacks** 

insurance agents in Tanzania with the aim of discussing the conduct of their work.

He said the regulatory body has discovered that through meeting it held in existence in Dodoma, Mbeya, Mwanza, Pemba and Zanzibar. "That has been a big challenge and it has helped us to improve our regulations and recently we ing that there are three types of

payment to a third-party payment who has had an accident, also this has helped us to set a specific time for everything when paying," said Sagware.

He added that another challenge is that many citizens do not have insurance and that they claim other people's insurance, explainissued a regulation on the rates of insurance on cars, including for

the car, driver and the car injuring another person, noting that many complaints are received from people who do not have cars that they have been hurt.

According to the commissioner, if a person does not have his own insurance, there are challenges when he has a problem because they have to make sure that a per-

court must confirm that the person who was hit has fault.

However, he called on all insurance companies to follow the procedure otherwise the law will take its course, and that they have instructed all companies to start using the Swahili language in insurance contracts.

He congratulated the more than son is hit by a car, where and the 1,000 licensed agents for having ance market.

the courage to start insurance services in the country, explaining that they are helping them in serving Tanzanians and that they will continue to listen to their challenges and solve them.

Chairman of the Association of Insurance Agents in Tanzania, Sai Daudi, said that the insurance companies are few but they are many and they have spread to the villages and that they have met to share methods on how to be the best service providers in the insur-

### **Medical specialist urges youths** in Mwanza to shun drug abuse

#### By Correspondent Wilhelm Mulinda, Mwanza

YOUTH affected by drugs in the Mwanza Region and surrounding areas have been urged to attend a Medically Assisted Therapy (MAT) clinic at Mwanza Regional Referral Hospital Sekou Toure for treatment.

Mwanza referral hospital's Medical In-Charge, Dr. Bahati Msaki when speaking on the benefits of the clinic to the drug users, the call that went alongside International Day of Protest against drug abuse at Mwanza Regional level.

"Youths affected by the drugs should not hesitate to come to the clinic in order to do away from that problem as the government provides treatment free of charge", said Dr. Msaki noting that aim is to see the youths not using the illicit drugs that have detrimental effect to their health.

Speaking at the event, Head of MAT clinic, Dr. Meshack Samwel said that commemorations of protest against drug abuse is a test towards efforts taken by the government against the illicit drugs that negatively impacts on the health of people, the young ones in particular.

Dr. Samwel also thanked the government for providing medicine to the addicts free of charge, noting that in other countries the addicts incur costs to access the medical services.

Drug users getting treatment at the clinic are being identified on streets by Community Outreach Volunteers (COV) under steps Tanzania implementing Fikia+ project to reduce harm caused by drugs with support from ICAP Global Health, he said.

One of the beneficiaries under Steps Tanzania, (Fatuma Marresa ) said that is now in good health after using methadone at the clinic and hailed the government for providing the treatment free of charge.

My relatives now have faith in me because by the time when I was still taking the drugs I used to steal at home and from other people to get money to buy the drugs, a situation that made the community dislike me, she said.

Not only that also sometimes engaged in prostitution just to get money to buy drugs, a situation that was endangering my life as I could even contract HIV/AIDS, she said.

Another beneficiaries, (John Ally) hailed ICAP Global Health for supporting Steps Tanzania as it has enabled them to get treatment at the clinic and are now productive.



TIRA commissioner general Dr Baghayo Saqware (R), Strategis Insurance Group CEO Flora Minja (C) and the CEO Non-Medical Jabir Kigoda moments after the launch of Mtetezi Agriculture Insurance in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

### Tanzanians urged to grab many opportunities from the sea

#### By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

ZANZIBAR Minister for Blue Economy and Fishing, Suleiman Masoud Makame has said there are many economic opportunities in the deep sea and called upon Tanzanians to emerge and grab them.

Makame made the remarks in Dar es Salaam yesterday when opening the Second Workshop on the Blue economy, that was organised by the Dar es Salaam

Maritime Institute (DMI).

"In the deep sea there are numerous resources that are discernible by eyes and many others unseen. There is oil and gas, all these are opportunities in the blue economy, hence Tanzania should grab the opportunities in their exploitation," said Makame.

He explained that opportunities obtained through the blue economy, have prompted President Samia Suluhu Hassan and

her Zanzibar counterpart, Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi to address them

"the blue economy is the cure for the poverty of Tanzanians, as 75 per cent of transport of all goods we see have been conveyed by the sea," he said.

He added that it is important to value the contribution of seafarers and urged Tanzanians to study the field.

Head of DMI, Dr Tumaini Gurumo said the Institute has

to study seafaring and other maritime subjects.

"For example, we have set for ourselves five-year goals, by 2026 we should have 26,000 students in various fields," said Dr Gurumo.

He said as for now the Institute has 3,000 students in long term courses and 5,000 in short yearly courses.

DMI Board Chairman, Capt. Ernest Bupamba said they

plans to mobilise Tanzanians have secured areas in Mwanza and Lindi for establishing DMI branches.

> "In Mwanza we shall build our branch in order to teach the youth how to build ships and in Lindi we shall build the branch to teach how to make dhows," he said, and added that DMI has also the task to advertise marine opportunities including holding workshops such as this one that bring together various stakeholders.

#### FEATURE

# Alive, loud and proud: Youth Day speakers invoke spirit of 1976

#### By Takudzwa Pongweni

ESPITE the early morning chill, a crowd of young people - from school-age learners to students and young adults - began arriving at the Loftus Park in Pretoria from 9am to participate in the National Youth Coalition's (NYC) annual Youth Day Parade for Justice and Change.

Formally endorsed by nearly 100 organisations, including the Zero Dropout Campaign, Defend our Democracy and Amnesty International South Africa, the event provided a platform for young people from a range of backgrounds to demand action on issues such as unemployment, climate injustice, unequal education, gender-based violence and healthcare.

Hundreds joined the march from Loftus Park to the Union Buildings and handed over a memorandum to the Presidency.

#### Young people as catalysts for transformation

Zamajozi Sithole, part of the steering committee, opened the parade at the Union Buildings with a quote from former UN secretary-general Kofi Annan.

"Any society that does not succeed in tapping into the energy and creativity of its youth will be left behind," she said. Sithole said that children made up 34% of South Africa's population, and youth accounted for 37% of the population.

"Young people make up a huge chunk of the population in this country, yet we do not see ourselves in decision-making spaces," she said. The story of young people rising up and becoming catalysts for transformation does not have to end with the youth of 1976," she said.

Ebrahiem Daniels, from the Equal Education Law Centre and a member of the interim steering committee of NYC, said it was important for the parade to happen.

"We are here because we must remember the youth of 1976. We are here because we must reflect on our own struggles. We are here because our memorandum of last year remains unanswered," he said. Daniels added that it was important for the youth to participate and be represented in decision-making spaces

"We are legitimate stakeholders in the governance and development of South Africa. Our generation is filled with dynamic, innovative thinkers who possess the passion, creativity and fresh perspectives needed to shape a brighter future in this country," he said.

"We are here because we do not and never will accept being ignored. We are here because we care deeply about the future of this country. We are here because we have not lost sight of the urgency that lies before us," he said.

The memorandum handed over this year contained both familiar and new demands, Daniels said.

"We will not be met with silence once again. We have a plan of action, and in the next few months, we must collectively strategise on how we are going to monitor the implementation of our demands and hold the government accountable," he said.

"Until we see change, we will not rest. Until we are heard, we will not rest. Until we are represented, we will not rest. Our voices will echo through the halls of power, and our collective determination to build a society that recognises us as legitimate stakeholders in the future of this country will be heard today," he said.



Some of the participants in the Youth Day Parade for Justice and Change in Pretoria on 16 June 2023. (Photo: Thoshstudio)

Education was frequently said to be the key to success, but the goalposts kept changing, he said. "You have the key; they shift the door. You have the key; they change the lock. So, we have to fight because if we are to rest, we will lose the fight," he said.

Motlana said the annual Youth Day Parade for Justice and Change was something that should not be let go of. "Now we must rise as young people, and say enough is enough. We are all entitled to a piece of the pie in this democracy and economy," he said.

Dorothy Mabelebele from the Women in Need Organisa-

that offer counselling and can help you open a case," she said.

#### A dropout crisis

"In South Africa, it's currently estimated that 40% of learners who start Grade 1 don't complete matric," said Kendra Steward, from the Zero Dropout Campaign. Despite the fact that almost a fifth of the national spending went towards education, the average child in South Africa would complete 9.3 years of schooling. "In the poorest schools, this translates to just 5.1 years of actual learning," she said.

Steward described this as a der "crisis" and explained that the forcrisis was caused by colluding factors. "To keep kids in school, above we need to advocate for safer, dee resourced, nurturing, engaging and enjoyable spaces where young people can focus on learning and personal development without fear of abuse or corporal punishment," she

she added. Learners, in collaboration with educators, parents and communities, had a part to play in reducing the dropout rate.

"The class of 1976 courageously transformed their schools, communities, and the future of this very country - and now it's your turn," she said.

Young people at the forefront of the fight for health justice

Alwande Khumalo, a Global Youth Collective Representative at Amnesty International, said Covid illustrated that the country faced a healthcare crisis that went beyond the pandemic. "Although no one could foresee the absolute destruc-

and every day after this, we call on the government to lead. Our call is not unique but it is urgent and non-negotiable! If nothing changes, nothing will change," she said.

Khumalo said the spirit of the youth of 1976 was present today, "alive, loud and proud".

"We will not keep quiet until our demands are met, until our rights are consistently and authentically respected, we will gather here on these very grounds every year and remind you that we exist and refuse to be ignored," she said.

Working towards achieving the nation we want our country for the better. We all have been called, all of us standing here, to build God's Kingdom in just and righteous ways, to correct the oppressors, all the socio-economic ills we face. I urge you all to speak your truth even if your voice shakes," she said.

Makete concluded with a poem and employed everyone to remember it.

#### Turning around the country

Rekgotsofetse Chikane, from Defend our Democracy, said the youth of 2023 were tasked with turning the country around and restoring hope to the country as the youth of 1976 did. The country's democracy was vested in its youth as they were the largest voting demographic. Chikane encouraged young people to register and vote in the upcoming elections and to organise in their communities to help fix the country.

South Africa faced numerous crises, including unemployment, energy, water, climate, corruption and poor governance - all of which affected young people directly.

"It is a travesty of justice that school children in 2023 die in pit latrines, that people drink sewage water in Hammanskraal and that young people in universities must choose between going hungry every night or paying their fees," he said. Chikane said that Defend our Democracy stood in solidarity with young people throughout the country, and joined them in demanding accountability from those who sit inside the Union Buildings.

#### A list of demands

Among the demands laid out in a memorandum handed to a representative of the Presidency at the Union Buildings, was that the government:

Create sustainable and meaningful job and income generation opportunities.

Create safe environments for learning and development in our schools.

Provide free and quality education and healthcare services.

The memorandum also stated the government had until no later than 16 June 2026 to ensure all demands listed are met.

#### Youth for climate justice

Otsile Nkadimeng, from Fridays for Future South Africa, and Gabriel Klaasen, from the African Climate Alliance, spoke about the climate crisis.

"It's very important for all of us young people here to think about what climate change means for our future," Nkadimeng said.

Klaasen said climate justice was not at the forefront of our decision-maker's agenda, yet it should be as it included water sovereignty and food security.

Addressing unemployment and gender-based violence

"Unemployment does not care how old or how young you are, but we all know what the statistics say because 65% of the youth are currently unemployed," said Tebogo Motlana, from the SA Youth Indaba.

Motlana said it was necessary to call upon the leadership of this country to lead people and stop misleading them.

"As we speak, we know that each and every year there are young people that complete their matric and come to realise there are no jobs," he said. tion spoke about how more criss action was needed to address fact the scourge of gender-based we violence (GBV) in the country. rese "We saw the stats when it comes to GBV and our president is not doing anything about the issue of GBV," she opr said. Mabelebele said that at or

the last GBV summit, it was proposed there would be a budget to help victims, but so far, this had not been evident.

"We are not seeing that even in our townships we can't see what the President and minister of women's affairs are doing about the issue of GBV," she said.

Mabelebele told the crowd that if they or someone they knew were affected by GBV, they should reach out to relevant organisations that could assist them. "There are organisations like Women in Need

Political will, or more accurately, the lack thereof, had to be blamed for learning barriers and the dropout rate. "Just last month, the MEC for education here in Gauteng revealed that 110,381 fewer learners enrolled in school for 2022 than they did in 2021, with no explanation," she said.

said.

"In March, a month before that, over 5,000 learners in KZN went weeks without desperately needed meals due to an unfulfilled tender by a politically connected businessman,"

tion the pandemic brought about, it brought to the fore the deeper systemic challenges of South Africa's healthcare system," she said.

"The system is riddled with a lack of resources, corruption and discrimination, such as health xenophobia, to name a few, proving once again that we are in a health crisis. This is despite health being a right enshrined in our country's Constitution," she said.

Health being a right enshrined in South Africa's Constitution was the reason why young people had to be at the forefront of the fight for health justice, in order to ensure a brighter and healthy future. "We must promise to stay there until things change. We need to ensure there is dignity, integrity and respect throughout the healthcare system. So today,

Bafentse Makete, speaking for the Anglican Youth, Diocese of Pretoria, said those present grew up hearing the story of June 16 1976 and how education and freedom were fought in literal blood. "But today as the youth we stand here with a rather different story, a story of a divided nation and a divided society," she said.

Makete said that all the youth present would join hands to work towards achieving the nation they wanted to live in so freely. "We will not keep quiet until our demands are met, until our rights are consistently and authentically respected, we will gather here on these very grounds every year and remind you that we exist and refuse to be ignored," she said.

 "We must be willing to leave comfortability if we are to honour our truth, and it will change Irfaan Mangera, NYC interim chairperson, said the day "went incredibly well".

"We have achieved something through NYC that we have not seen in a long time. I take the lesson from Fees Must Fall and from the youth of 1976," he said.

"We are the seeds nourished by the blood of Hector Pieterson and that generation, and as such we have a huge responsibility to play in shaping this country differently," he said.

"Last year we issued a memorandum and 12 months later they still haven't responded. So, it is a clear indication that young people are not taken seriously by this government and the administration and so we have to reimagine something new, and this youth coalition is a nonpartisan, non-allied one, but it is one that really wants to promote a new change for youth and give them a new platform".

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# BUSINESS

# CRDB Bank sets 700bn/to finance micro, small and medium businesses

#### By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

CRDB Bank has raised a total of 700bn/for financing micro, small and medium businesses (MMSEs) in Tanzania in order to stimulate economic growth and create job, the bank's chief commercial officer Boma Raballa has said.

Speaking during the commemoration of the world MMSEs day yesterday in Dar es Salaam, Raballa said CRDB Bank is recognizing the important role played by the micro, small and medium businesses to spur socio-economic development, that is why the bank has partnered with various stakeholders domestically and internationally to support the SMEs sector.

'In the period of three years, when the world was facing economic shocks caused bank in Tanzania to establish MMSEs fi-

by Covid-19 pandemic and Russia-Ukraine war, our bank collaborated with international partners to raise 700bn/-, which are continuing to support MMSEs business, as they were badly affected by the shocks," he said.

Raballa said through the initiative, the bank partnered with French based Proparco, International Finance Corporation (IFC), USAID, DFC, European Investment Bank (EIB), African Development Bank (AfDB), Africa Guarantee Fund (AGF) to raise the funding.

He said in order to ensure entrepreneurship contribute to support the growth of the economy, there is a need of inclusive services for them to realize their objectives. "To realize this, CRDB Bank was the first

nancing in 2005 and since then, we have played a major role in creating innovative products for supporting entrepreneurs," he said.

The chief commercial officer said the available products include special account namely "Hodari" for entrepreneurs, digital business management systems, entrepreneurship training domestically and internationally, and small business loans in various sectors of the economy.

"I am proud to inform you that through these efforts, our bank has remained o top to empower entrepreneurs and until May this year, we have provided loans amounting to 3.4trn/- to more than 200,000 small and medium businesses, as well as provided training to 50,000 small business owners," he said.

mercial officer Boma Raballa (2nd L), director of retail banking Bonavetura Paul (2nd R), head of customer services

department Yolanda Urio (L) and senior manager, commercial department Agness Kisinini (R ) in a group photo

with attendees of the world MMSEs Day held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo by Guardian Correspondent

Raballa said the bank through its foundation (CRDB Bank Foundation) is continuing to expand the outreach to MMSEs through iM-

beju programme, which is specifically targeting to support through provision of seed capital, provide training and advisory services to women and youth led startups.

Speaking during the event, the Zanzibar minister of blue economy and fisheries Abdallah Hussein Kombo said the government is recognizing the role played by CRDB Bank in stimulating entrepreneurship in the country.

"Statistics show that 96 percent

of businesses in Tanzania are small and medium, which are employing 24 million people. So, the efforts made by CRDB Bank is important to improve the MMSEs sector, which also play a major role in the economy of our country," the minister said.

The minister explained that entrepreneurship sector is contributing 33 percent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), which means they account for a third of economic activities.

He said in Zanzibar. CRDB Bank is also involved in programme namely "Inuka na Uchumi wa Buluu" by allocating 60bn/- to support entrepreneurs through provision of interest free loans.

"My ministry if among of the sectors benefiting from CRDB Bank financing through "Unuka na Uchumi wa Buluu" as 36.5bn/- was allocated to empower small entrepreneurs involved in economic opportunities available in the blue economy. I congratulate CRDB Bank for these important efforts for supporting the growth of our economy," he said.

The Tanzania Women Chamber of Commerce (TWCC) executive director Mwajuma Hamza also congratulated CRDB Bank for being an important stakeholder to support entrepreneurship, specifically women, through CRDB Malaika product, which include Malaika account and loans and special loans to women programme known as Women Access to Finance Initiatives (WAFI), noting that women are largest beneficiaries of 700bn/- funding.

> Elsewhere, the Russian rouble weakened 0.61 percent versus the dollar to 84.91. It hit its weakest level since March 2022 on Monday at 87 roubles to the dollar.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Monday he let an aborted mutiny go on as long as it did to avoid bloodshed. On Tuesday, Russia's security service dropped its criminal case against the Wagner mercenary group over the brief rebellion.

Sterling was last trading at \$1.272, up less than 0.1% on the dav.

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Among the countries that often go for the Tanzania's coffee, and their purchasing levels in the brackets include USA (5 percent), Morocco (5pc), South Africa (3pc), Sweden (2pc), Russia (2pc), Italy (13pc), Belgium (8pc), Germany (13pc), and Japan 29 pc, to mention but a few.

#### LONDON/TOKYO

THE dollar rose to a sevenmonth high against the yen on Tuesday, with investors on the look-out for possible intervention by Japan to boost the ailing currency.

Meanwhile, the euro picked up against the dollar as investors listened closely to policymakers' speeches at the European Central Bank's annual forum at Sintra in Portugal.

The dollar rose almost 0.3 percent to 143.94 yen, the highest since Nov. 10, despite Japanese officials vowing to respond appropriately if currency moves became excessive.

Finance Minister Shunichi Suzuki said on Tuesday: "We will closely watch currency market moves with a strong sense of urgency and will respond appropriately if the moves become excessive."

Japan intervened to boost the yen last year when it weakened past the 145 per dollar level. It has recently fallen sharply as US interest rates have soared

above those in Japan, making

U.S. bonds look more attractive. Many investors and analysts believe intervention is a possibility after the government stepped up its comments on the

situation in recent weeks. "If big data comes out of the U.S. in the next couple of weeks (and) dollar-yen spikes above 145, then I would think that the

Bank of Japan would step in, or threaten to step in," Francesco Pesole, currency strategist at

ING, said.

The euro was last up 0.33 percent against the dollar at \$1.094, after rising slightly on Monday.

US dollar hits 7-month high against yen

"Euro-dollar is a bit stronger this morning, we had probably a bit of help from hawkish ECB (European Central Bank) comments this morning," said ING's Pesole.

Latvian central bank governor and ECB official Martins Kazaks said in Portugal on Tuesday that the central bank will likely keep The euro zone's key interest

rate currently stands at 3.5 percent. Kazaks' comments suggest they could go to 4 percent or

dependent".

cent lower at 102.58, weighed

higher. ECB President Christine Lagarde also spoke in Sintra on Tuesday, saying that "policy needs to be decided meeting by meeting and has to remain data-

> The dollar index was 0.15 perday.

down by the euro, which is its hiking interest rates after July. biggest component. Federal Reserve Chair Jerome

Powell, Bank of England governor Andrew Bailey, and Bank of Japan Governor Kazuo Ueda are due to speak at a panel with Lagarde on Wednesday.

Investors also had US data to look forward to, with durable goods orders and building permits figures due later on Tues-



Oforo, Dodoma

By Correspondent Valentine Tanzania Coffee Stakeholders In recent years, he observed, Meeting which convened in Do- the ministry of agriculture has doma Capital City last weekend. worked to strengthen coffee markets systems and prices, the development which has resulted in an increase in the prices of the crop among the growers at the local markets from 1,300/per Kg from 2022/2022 season to 2,000/-. Despite attaining encouraging development, Kimaryo however expressed that several handicaps were affecting the sector from growing at needed pace including poor adoption of needed agronomic practices among most of the coffee growers as well as failure to apply proper fertilizers. "Severe effects of climate change are also affecting the smooth metamorphosis of the sector, but also, some of the farmers are maintaining oldest coffee plants in their farms, leading to poor yields," he not-





COFFEE production in Tanzania has registered significant growth, with the domestic and export markets and the prices for the economic cash crop continuing to stabilize.

In a period from 2020/21 to 2022/23 harvesting season, the crop production has increased from 66,837 tons to 82,491 tons, according to the Director General (DG) of the Tanzania Coffee Board (TCB), Primus Kimaryo.

He said the thriving of at least 23.4 percent growth in the production was a major milestone, given the fact that Tanzania has never recorded such impressive development in the sector since the country's independence.

The Director unveiled the vital statistics in his speech during the 13th edition of the

Kimaryo detailed that production of coffee seedlings has also witnessed a satisfying upward trend, the key development which enabled the farmers to scale up their production levels.

During the 2019/2020 season, he said, production of the coffee seedlings was at 7,059,836 whereby in 2020/21 the number increased to 11, 388,474 seedlings.

"Due to the existed mutual understanding and working cooperation between TCB and the seed institutes from the public and private sector, during 2021/23 and 2022/23 seasons the seedlings production catapulted from 14,116,173 to 17,866,980 respectively, " the TCB's chief boss unveiled.

Tanzania Coffee Board director general Primus Kimaryo presents a report on the sector's performance during the 13th edition of the Tanzania Coffee Stakeholders Meeting in Dodoma City at the weekend. Photo by Valentine Oforo

ed. To help contain the challenges, the DG said the board, in cooperation with other stakeholders, was planning to implement a series of helpful strategies.

"Plans are afoot to embark on a robust program for the production of

more than 20 million coffee seedlings to satisfy farmer's demand and enable them to further expand their production scopes," he said.

Tanzania stands among the best coffee producers in the world, producing one of the best coffee varieties in the

During the meeting which attracted potential coffee stakeholders across the country, TCB awarded President Samia Suluhu Hassan for standing at forefront to result in major changes in the country's coffee sector.

Apart from the president, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa, Agriculture Minister Hussein Bashe were also awarded for their positive contribution towards the economic sector.

The annually -staged colorful event, also seen the Ngara Coffee Farmers Cooperative Union, the Aviv Coffee Plantation, whereby the Moshi Council -based agricultural extension officer, Ms. Vaileth Kisanga pockerted at least 5m/from Minister Bashe, being a special award for her outstanding performance in the side.

### **DSE indices gain on the week's opening**

#### **By Guardian Reporter**

THE Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) share indices opened the week in green, following the appreciations of three listed companies, of which two are cross listed.

The DSE market report shows the All Share Index (DSEI) gained by 5.96 points to close at 1,814.34 points during the opening of the week, while Tanzania Share Index (TSI) increased by 0.12 points to close at 4,120.02 points on Monday.

Three companies which caused the appreciation of the share indices include East Africa Breweries Limited (EABL), which closed at 2,600/-, an increase of 3.17 percent, followed by NICO, which its share price appreciated by 1.18 percent to close at 430/-, while NMG share price went up by 1.59 percent to 320/-.

The appreciation of NICO share price also caused an appreciation of Bank, Finance &Investment Index (BI), which closed at 4,029.72 points, an increase of 0.39 points.

over of 62.40mn/- was recorded during the opening day of the week, through the transactions of 87,342 shares traded in 72 deals. Local investors dominated the buying activity by 100 percent and selling activity by 92.07 percent.

Top mover was CRDB Bank, which transacted 60,580 shares valued 29.06mn/sold at a weighted price of 475/- per share in 46 deals, followed by Tanga Cement Companies Limited (TCCL), which transacted 13,800 shares valued 23.7mn/- traded at a price of 1,720/- in five deals.

NICO was the third top mover, after transacting 11,511 shares valued 4.9mn/transacted at a weighted price of 430/per share in ten deals.

The market report shows foreign investors participated the activity by selling shares valued 4.95mn/-, which was 7.93 percent of the total value of shares sold, of which were bought by local investors, which accounted for 100 percent of the total value of shares bought.

Meanwhile, on the government bond,

The market report shows the total turn- a 15-year bond with a coupon of 13.50 percent and a face value of 0.02bn/- was traded at a price of 110.6047% in three deals, while a 20-year bond with coupon rate of 15.49% and a face value of 0.37bn/was traded at price of 117.4501% and 126.0016% in two deals.

> The market also traded a 25-year bond with coupon rate of 12.56% and a face value of 0.11bn/- at 98.3086% I one deal.

> There was no trading activity for corporate value during the reviewed day.



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#### **BUSINESS NEWS**

# Natural gas consumption by vehicles in record high rise

#### **By Guardian Reporter**

THE migration from the use of petrol and diesel to natural gas as an alternate energy to run vehicles in Tanzania is increasing, after the new report showing the annual growth of 47.6 percent during the year ended in March this year, the highest rate than other consumptions.

The recent data by Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) featured in the quarterly consolidated zonal economic report for March this year issued by Bank of Tanzania (BoT) shows natural gas consumption for vehicles reached 17.4 Metric Million of Standard Cubic Feet (MMSCF) from 11.8 MMSCF recorded at the end of March 2022.

However, natural gas consumption on vehicles is still low, accounting for only 0.1 percent of total natural gas consumption in Tanzania. There are at least 2,000 vehicles in Dar es Salaam currently using natural gas in an alternate to fuel.

It costs at least \$1,000 to convert a car to use natural gas and many Tanzanian motorists have embraced this new, more efficient and seemingly cheaper technology despite its high cost of conversion.

Compressed natural gas (CNG) is the potential alternative fuel in Tanzania's road sector due to its plentiful and environmental benefits.

CNG use as a source of energy is facing several challenges including inadequate number of conversion centres; higher conversion charges and limited number of CNG filling stations.

Earlier this month, works int and transport minister, Prof gra Makame Mbarawa said the ple government was consider- CN ing giving subsidies for Com- ing pressed Natural Gas (CNG) yea vehicles to encourage uptake in



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Salaam. Total natural gas consumption reached 20,457MMSCF in Q1, 2023, against produced 20,735.9MMSCF, an increase from 18,168.2MMSCF consumed during similar quarter of last year against produced 16,200.1MMSCF.

"The increase was largely caused by a rise in demand

by gas-fired power plants," TPDC said in the report.

Natural gas consumption for power generating plans remains the largest as it account for 86.12 percent of total consumption.

The TPDC data show natural gas consumption for power generating plants increased by 18.5 percent to

 17,635MMSFC during the first quarter of this year, compared with 14,877.5MMSCF
 recorded during similar
 quarter of last year.

The second largest natural gas consumption is on industries which accounted for 13.7 percent of total consumption.

However, the TPDC data

shows natural gas consumption during the reviewed period decreased by 14.5 percent to 2,801.6MMSCF during the first quarter of this year, compared with 3,275.9MMSCF recorded in Q1, 2022.

Natural gas consumption to households also increased during the reported period to 1.2MMSCF from 0.4MMSCF respectively, while other consumption also went down by 2 percent to 2.7MMSCF in March 2023. The report shows Songosongo based in Lindi is leading natural gas producer with 57.9 percent of total production, and it recorded an increase of production to 12,002.4MMSCF during the first quarter of this year, compared with 10,040.7MMSCF recorded at the end of March 2022.

The second producer of natural gas Mnazi Bay based in Mtwara region, which accounts for 42.1 percent share of total production recorded tremendous increase of production by 41.8 percent to 8,733.5MMSCF from 6,159MMSCF respectively.

At an estimated 57 trillion cubic feet of gas reserves both in the Indian Ocean and offshore, Tanzania holds east Africa largest gas deposits, with an annual production of 110 billion cubic feet from three fields: Songo Songo, Mnazi Bay, and Kiliwani.

# European stocks slip as global growth fears return

#### FRANKFURT

EUROPEAN stocks fell on Tuesday, as the European Central Bank signalled that interest rates would need to rise further in order to stamp out sticky inflation.

Europe's region-wide Stoxx 600 index gave up its earlymorning gains to trade 0.2 per cent lower, while Germany's Dax was down 0.1 per cent and London's FTSE 100 was flat. Stocks moved lower after ECB president Christine Lagarde said in a speech that her "job is not done", signalling that policymakers would need to tighten monetary policy further in order to tame persistent inflation in the region. "Barring a material change

to the outlook, we will continue to increase rates in July," noted Lagarde, adding to investors' concerns that high borrowing costs could weigh

on growth in the single currency bloc.

The ECB is likely to be swayed by inflation figures due on Friday, said economists. Price growth is expected to come in at 5.7 per cent in the year to June, compared with 6.1 per cent a month earlier. Yet rate setters are likely to remain concerned over the region's underlying price pressures. Core inflation, which strips out volatile food and energy prices, is expected to have accelerated, necessitat-

ing further ECB tightening. The ECB in June raised its benchmark deposit rate by a quarter point to 3.5 per cent, its highest level in 22 years.

Wall Street futures rose, however, with contracts tracking the benchmark S&P 500 index adding 0.2 per cent and those tracking the tech-heavy Nasdaq 100 gaining 0.4 per cent ahead of the New York

open. Oil prices continued to fluctuate after the weekend's armed mutiny in Russia raised serious questions about the outlook for Vladimir Putin's regime and doubts over crude output from one of the world's top suppliers.

International benchmark Brent crude traded 1 per cent lower at \$73.48 a barrel while the US marker, West Texas Intermediate, was also down 1 per cent at \$68.71.

In China, equity markets were up, with Hong Kong's Hang Seng index rising 1.9 per cent and China's CSI 300 gaining 0.9 per cent.

Investors welcomed the assurance that China's officials intended to support growth in the world's second-largest economy, which has struggled to pick up steam this year since reopening after the pandemic. China's premier

Li Qiang gave a speech at the

World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting of the New Champions, known as the "Summer Davos", relaying Beijing's intentions to enact more effective policies to bolster domestic demand.

Policymakers this month cut benchmark interest rates in an attempt to stimulate growth, but economists anticipate a range of further support measures over coming months.

# Kenya's mobile telecoms uptake falls for first time



THE number of mobile phones in Kenya fell by 397,429 in the first three months to March 2023, the first decline since the launch of the industry trends report by the Communications Authority (CA) last year.

As at March 2023, the number of mobile devices stood at 62.9 million, a 0.63 percent drop compared to the preceding quarter (September to December 2022), with smartphones recording the steepest decline and accounting for 64 percent of the to-tal.

"The total mobile phone devices stood at 62.96 million as at the end of the reference period. This translates to a penetration 124.5 percent. Penetration for feature phones and smartphones stood at 66.2 percent and 58.3 percent respectively", CA states in its latest report.

The authority does not provide reasons for the drop in the number of devices and had not responded to Business Daily queries by the time of going to press.

The decline in devices notwith-

reported in the country posted a marginal increase of 0.5 percent from 65.7 million to 66.1 million in the period under review.

Pre-paid subscribers account for the lion's share at 64.7 million, representing 98 percent of total SIM cards against 1.3 million of those that are categorised as post-paid.

Safaricom Plc retains the biggest share of registered users at 66 percent followed by Airtel Kenya at 27 percent and Telkom Kenya at 4.2 percent. The authority, however, notes that there has been a drop in the SIM card penetration rate, which is principally due to the revision of the country's population size as per the Economic Survey of 2023.

"This translated to a mobile (SIM) penetration rate of 130.5 percent, representing a drop of 2.6 percentage points. The drop of penetration rate is attributed to the review of the country's population figures from 49.4 million to 50.6 million as per the Economic Survey 2023", the authority says. The report further shows that the number of mobile

money subscriptions reported a decline in the period between the two quarters, closing at 38.4 million compared to 38.6 million in the quarter that ended in December 2022.

This decline took place even as the registered number of mobile money agents increased by 3.9 percent

from 318,607 as at December 2022 to 331,065 as at March 2023. "Mobile money subscriptions stood at 38.4 million, translating to a penetration rate of 76 percent, which was a drop of 2.2 percentage points. The decline in the subscriptions is attributed to reduced activities in mobile money services during the quarter under review", the authority says.

In the period under review, the total mobile data consumed by registered users stood at 208,565 gigabytes (GBs) up 21 percent compared to the volume of data consumed in the period ended December 2022.

# **OPEC forecasts 23pc rise in oil demand through 2045**

#### **KUALA LUMPUR**

THE Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) this week said that global oil demand will rise 23 percent to 110 million barrels per day by 2045 as the global economy doubles in size.

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) forecasts global oil demand will continue to rise through 2045, fueled by economic growth and increasing urbanization.

While acknowledging that renewable sources of energy will play a more important role, OPEC reaffirmed that oil is "irreplaceable for the foreseeable future."

Global oil prices rose to their highest in almost a decade last year amid Russia's invasion of Ukraine, with the price of Brent crude averaging \$101 per barrel.

It's the latest projection from OPEC's World Oil Outlook 2045, in which the organization states global oil demand still has room to grow as the world's population continues to expand, urbanization rates increase, and global GDP doubles compared to 2021 levels.



"Oil is irreplaceable for the foreseeable future," said OPEC Secretary General Haitham Al Ghais at the inaugural Energy Asia conference held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. While acknowledging that hydrocarbons and renewable sources of energy will play a more important role in the future, he reaffirmed that "oil remains an integral part of the mix."

The projections contradict an earlier report by the International Energy Agency (IEA) which projects that oil demand will peak before the end of the decade as the transition to clean energy gathers pace. The agency forecasts global oil demand will rise just 6 percent to a peak of 105.7 million barrels per day in 2028, before plateauing or declining afterward.

Global oil consumption rose by 2.9 million barrels per day last year to 97.3 million barrels, according to the 2023 Statistical Review of World Energy. It was a smaller increase compared to the previous year, with consumption still 0.7 percent below prepandemic levels.

Globally, oil prices rose to their highest since 2013, with

the price of Brent crude averaging \$101 per barrel amid Russia's invasion of Ukraine and as demand continued to rebound from the COVID-19 slump. The price of West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude peaked near \$130 per barrel in early March.

Oil prices have since retreated to near \$70 per barrel, prompting OPEC and its allies to cut production in an effort to support prices. Since November, OPEC+ has cut output by a combined 3.66 million barrels per day, or roughly 3.6 percent of global demand

#### **BUSINESS NEWS**

### **Guardian**

# Renewable energy growth did not dent fossil fuel dominance in 2022, report says

#### JOHANESBURG

GLOBAL energy demand rose 1 percent last year and record renewables growth did nothing to shift the dominance of fossil fuels, which still accounted for 82 percent of supply, the industry's Statistical Review of World Energy report said on Monday.

Last year was marked by turmoil in the energy markets after Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which helped to boost gas and coal prices to record levels in Europe and Asia.

The stubborn lead of oil, gas and coal products in covering most energy demand cemented itself in 2022 despite the largest ever increase in renewables capacity at a combined 266 gigawatts, with solar leading wind power growth, the report said.

"Despite further strong growth in wind and solar in the power sector, overall global energy-related greenhouse gas emissions increased again," said the president of the UK-based global industry body Energy Institute, Juliet Davenport.

"We are still heading in the opposite direction to that required by the Paris Agreement."

The annual report, a benchmark for the industry, was published for the first time by the Energy Institute together with consultancies KPMG and Kearney after they took it over from BP, which had authored the report since the 1950s.

Scientists say the world needs to cut greenhouse gas emissions by around 43 percent by 2030 from 2019 levels to have any hope of meeting the international Paris Agreement goal of keeping warming well below 2C above pre-industrial levels.

#### **CONSUMPTION**

Global primary energy demand grew around 1 percent, slowing from the previous year's 5.5 percent, but demand was still around 3 percent above pre-coronavirus levels in 2019.

Energy consumption grew everywhere apart from Europe, including Eastern Europe.

Renewables, excluding hydropower, accounted for 7.5 percent of global energy consumption, around 1 per-

#### Aborted mutiny sends volatile **Russian rouble to 15-month low** MOSCOW

THE rouble sank to its lowest in nearly 15 months against the dollar on Monday in one of its most volatile sessions this year as investors responded for the first time to an aborted mutiny by armed mercenaries in Russia over the weekend.

Mercenaries led by Yevgeny Prigozhin withdrew from the southern Russian city of Rostov-on-Don overnight on Saturday under a deal that halted their rapid advance on Moscow but left questions about President Vladimir Putin's grip on power and officials calling for public loyalty.

The rouble, under support from month-end tax payments that typically see exporters convert foreign currency revenues to meet local liabilities.



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The share of fossil fuels in global energy consumption remained at 82 percent.

Electricity generation was up 2.3 percent, slowing down from the previous year. Wind and solar power grew to a record share of 12 percent of power generation, again surpassing nuclear, which fell 4.4 percent, and meeting 84 percent of net electricity demand growth.

Coal's share in power generation remained dominant at around 35.4 percent.

OIL

Oil consumption increased by 2.9 million barrels per day (bpd) to 97.3 million bpd, with growth slowing compared with the previous year.

Compared with pre-Covid levels in 2019, oil consumption was 0.7 percent lower.

Most oil demand growth came from revived appetite for jet fuel and diesel-related products.

Oil production grew by 3.8 million bpd, with the lion's share coming from OPEC members and the United States. Nigeria saw the largest decline.

Oil refining capacity grew by 534,000 bpd, mainly in non-OECD countries.

#### NATURAL GAS

Amid record prices in Europe and Asia, global gas demand fell 3% but still made up 24% of primary energy consumption, slightly below the previous year.

Gas production was stable year-on-year.

Liquefied natural gas (LNG) production was up 5 percent at 542 billion cubic metres (bcm), a similar pace to the previous year, with most growth coming from North America and the Asia-Pacific region.

Europe accounted for much of LNG demand growth, increasing its imports by 57 percent, while countries in the Asia-Pacific region and South and Central America reduced purchases. Japan replaced China as the world's largest LNG importer.

#### COAL

Coal prices hit record levels, rising 145 percent in Europe and 45 percent in Japan.Coal consumption rose 0.6 percent, its highest level since 2014, driven mainly by Chinese and Indian demand, while consumption in North America and Europe declined.

Coal output was 7 percent higher than the previous year, with China, India and Indonesia accounting for most of the growth.

#### **RENEWABLES**

Growth in renewable power, excluding hydro-power, slowed down slightly to 14 percent but solar and wind capacity still showed a record increase of 266 gigawatts. with solar taking the lion's share. China added the most solar and wind power.

#### **EMISSIONS**

Global energy-related emissions, including industrial processes and flaring, were up 0.8 percent reaching a new high of 39.3 billion tonnes of CO2 equivalent.

#### **MINERALS**

Lithium carbonate prices jumped 335 percent. Cobalt prices were up 24 percent. Lithium and cobalt production rose 21 percent.



was 0.5 percent weaker against the dollar at 85.10 by 1400 GMT.

Swinging between 87.2300, its weakest point since March, 2022, and 84.25, it was the widest trading range seen in a single session in 2023.

The rouble had lost 0.6 percent to trade at 92.92 versus the euro and shed 0.2 percent against the yuan to 11.74, also recovering after hitting its lowest in more than two months against both currencies.

Monday's drop came as demand for foreign currency shot up over the weekend, when Russian banks had offered exchange rates well above the official rate beyond 90 to the dollar.

First Deputy Prime Minister Andrei Belousov said demand for foreign currency had increased sharply in about 15 regions.

"On average, it was about 30 percent, but most active growth in demand for cash was recorded in southern regions - in Voronezh, Rostov and Lipetsk, as well as in large cities," Belousov said. "Demand there increased by about 70-80 percent.'

Analysts said domestic politics were to blame, with Alexey Antonov of Alor Broker warning that although the peak of tensions had passed, an "unpleasant residue" would linger for some time.

"The rouble in the cash market sold off sharply on Saturday with buy/offer spreads widening out substantially," said Goldman Sachs in a note.

But Russian authorities have plenty of resources to support the currency, Goldman Sachs said, viewing fiscal finances as the most important determinant of the currency's moves.

"Should the response to the events over the weekend be additional spending, we think this would be followed by a weaker rouble.'

Investors globally were watching for ripple effects from the aborted mutiny, with some expecting a move into safe havens such as US government bonds and the dollar.

Brent crude oil, a global benchmark for Russia's main export, was up 0.7 percent at \$74.41 a barrel.

Russian stock indexes were lower.

Sinara Investment Bank said Friday evening's "unexpected and dramatic events" had provoked a sell-off, but the situation's swift resolution meant a further selling spree was unlikely.

The dollar-denominated RTS index was down 1.4percent to 1,025.8 points. The rouble-based MOEX Russian index was 0.9 percent lower at 2,770.8 points

Most companies' shares were outperforming the main index after falling sharply in after-hours trading late on Friday.

# MONDAY -

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#### WASHINGTON

AN audio recording in which Donald Trump appears to acknowledge keeping a classified document after leaving the White House has been obtained by US media.

In the recording, the former president is heard riffling through papers and saying: "This is highly confidential."

It was first obtained by CNN, but the BBC's US partner CBS also has the clip. Trump has pleaded not guilty to federal charges of mishandling sensitive

documents. CNN was the first to publish the roughly two-minute recording, which it said came from a July 2021 meeting investigators.

at Trump's Bedminster, New Jersey golf club between him and several people working on the memoir of his former chief of staff Mark Meadows.

Trump is heard saying "these are the papers" and referring to a document he calls "highly confidential".

"This was done by the military and given to me," he says. "See as president I could have declassified it. Now I can't, you know, but this is still a secret."

It appears to be the same audio recording cited by federal prosecutors in their indictment of Trump.

It is not clear from the indictment, however, if the documents referenced in the recording were ever recovered by



#### Former US president Donald Trump

Prosecutors allege the former president view them in the Bedminster meeting. showed classified documents to people withcluding a writer and two members of staff.

ing classified documents and obstructing the ries, magazine stories and articles". government's efforts to get them back.

He has repeatedly denied wrongdoing. He has said all the documents he took with him from the White House were declassified, but the published audio recording appears to contradict this.

secret documents to people unauthorised to tors seeking to delay it until 11 December.

"There was no document. That was a massive out security clearance on two occasions, in- amount of papers and everything else talking about Iran and other things," Mr Trump said, Trump is facing 37 counts of illegally retain- adding that he was presenting "newspaper sto-

The recording, however, appears to suggest that Trump was referencing specific files.

He was indicted alongside an aide, Walt Nauta, who is expected to plead not guilty at a hearing on Tuesday.

The former president's trial is scheduled In an interview last week with Fox News, for 14 August but that is likely to be delayed. A the former president denied that he showed judge is yet to rule on a motion from prosecu-

#### Putin thanks Russians for unity, vows to fulfill promise to Wagner fighters

#### MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin has delivered another televised address to the nation, thanking Russians for their unity amid the June 24 mutiny attempt.



He stressed that from the very beginning, prompt measures had been taken

to avoid bloodshed, lauded the courage of military servicemen and law enforcement officers and vowed to fulfill his promise to members of the Wagner private military company.

TASS has collected the key remarks that Putin made in his address.

#### **Betrayal of mutiny organizers**

The organizers of the mutiny betrayed their country and their people, as well as those who had stood with them. "Fratricide is exactly what Russia's enemies wanted, including the neo-Nazis in Kiev, their Western patrons and all sorts of national traitors." They wanted "Russia to lose in the end" and Russian society to "split and sink into bloody civil discord."

At the very beginning, the president gave direct orders to take steps to avoid bloodshed: "It required time, particularly in order to give those who had made a mistake to come to their senses and realize that society strongly rejected what they were doing, while the reckless venture they had been dragged into could lead to tragic and destructive consequences for Russia."

"The armed mutiny would have been suppressed in any case. The mutiny's organizers, despite their loss of judgment, could not but understand this."

#### Patriotic feelings, consolidation of society

The head of state expressed gratitude to military servicemen, law enforcement and intelligence officers, as well as to the hero pilots who had stood up to stop the mutineers.

Putin also noted that public figures, political parties and religious organizations had taken a firm stance in support of constitutional order. He said that the patriotic feelings of Russians and the consolidation of the entire society were crucial in ending the mutiny: "This civic solidarity made it clear that any blackmail and attempts to create internal turmoil were bound to fail."

In addition, Putin thanked Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko for his contribution to resolving the mutiny.

#### Wagner fighters' choices

Wagner fighters were being used. "We know that the majority of Wagner fighters and commanders are Russian patriots, devoted to their people and state. They proved it by their courage on the battlefield, liberating Donbass and Novorossiya.'

Putin thanked the Wagner fighters "who made the only right choice and refused to start fratricidal bloodshed."

The president emphasized that Wagner fighters could either continue their service, entering into a contract with the Russian Defense Ministry, or go to Belarus. "The promise that I made will be fulfilled. I repeat: the choice is yours but I am sure that it will be the choice of Russian soldiers who have realized their tragic mistake," the head of state said.

### Russia, China capable of thwarting dangerous designs by West, NATO in Eurasia – ambassador

#### BEIJING

RUSSIA and China are capable of thwarting the dangerous plans of the West and NATO, which are trying to disrupt the unity of the Eurasian space, Russian Ambassador to China Igor Morgulov said yesterday

"The Washington-driven North Atlantic Alliance is trying to lend a global scope to its activities. It seeks to penetrate into the Asia-Pacific region and is trying to divide the Eurasian space into a

network of exclusive clubs and military blocs," he said at the opening ceremony of the Eighth International Conference "Russia and China: Cooperation in a New Era" organized by the Russian Council on International Affairs and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

"These are very dangerous plans but I am convinced that Russia and China are capable of thwarting these dangerous plans through joint efforts."



**Russia's Ambassador to China Igor** Morgulov

context the "consolidation of As Morgulov clarified, in this Russia-China foreign policy coor- sador concluded.

dination" remains highly relevant. "In this regard, I express my great hope that today you will have an in-depth discussion of all of these issues and have a substantive conversation with relevant recommendations and advice for us, for practitioners, which would address both our bilateral efforts with China and [joint actions] at such important international platforms as the UN, the SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organization), and the BRICS," the ambas-

Since 2015, the Russian Council on International Affairs and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences have held annual joint conferences in Moscow and Beijing.

They have become leading forums for Russian and Chinese experts to discuss pressing international issues and bilateral cooperation.

This time, the focus will be on the challenges China and Russia are facing in the current complex global geopolitical situation. Agencies

# 'Can a country be run on two laws?...'

#### BHOPAL

BATTING for the Uniform Civil Code (UCC), Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday said that the country cannot be run with "two laws" when the Constitution of India talks about equality for all. He asked how different rules could apply to different family members.

"Will a family function if there are two different sets of



rules for people? Then how will a country run? Our Constitution too guarantees equal rights to all people," PM Modi said in Bhopal today while addressing party workers under the BJP's "Mera Booth Sabse Majboot" campaign. The Prime Minister further said that people are being instigated in the name of the Uniform Civil Code.

He said that appeasement politics had left many people behind, including the Pasmanda Muslims.

"Pasmanda Muslims have become a victim of politics. Some people are using the politics of appeasement to break the country. The BJP cadre should go and explain this to the Muslims and educate them so that they do not fall victim to such politics" PM Modi said.

"If they were really supportive of Muslims the Muslim brothers would not be poor or deprived...Supreme Court has also asked for the implementation of the UCC. But these people are hungry only for vote bank," Modi said accusing the Opposition in the country of employing votebank politics of appeasement.

The Prime Minister asked if the practice of triple talaq was inalienable from Islam then why was it not practised in Muslim-majority countries like Egypt, Indonesia, Qatar, Jordan, Syria, Bangladesh, and Pakistan?

"I feel that whoever is supporting triple talaq are doing vote bank politics of appeasement. They are doing injustice to our Muslim sisters for votes only. Some people think this issue concerns only women, but it's beyond this. Triple Talaq damages the entire family. If the practice was inalienable to the community, it would have not been removed from Muslim countries," PM Modi said.

"I was in Egypt a day before where almost 90 per cent of the population belong to the Sunni community. They had



Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the flagging off ceremony of the 5 Vande Bharat Express at Rani Kamalapati Railway Station, in Bhopal yesterday. ANI

abolished Triple Talaq around 80-90 is a necessary tenet of Islam, then why Bangladesh, Indonesia not have the years ago. They did away with triple talaq 80-90 years ago. If Triple Talaq

don't these countries have triple tapractice of triple talaq?" PM Modi laq? Why do Qatar, Jordan, Pakistan, said

#### Palestinians launch rocket from Jenin for first time

#### **TEL AVIV**

THE Israel Defense Forces confirmed on Monday afternoon that Palestinians in Jenin launched a rocket for the first time. According to the IDF, the rocket exploded in an area under the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority and caused no casualties.

The rocket was believed to have exploded in mid-air. Hamas-affiliated Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Brigades in Jenin posted a video of the launch online claiming the rocket was fired at Moshav Ram in Israel's Gilboa region between Samaria and the Lower Galilee. Oved Nur, head of the Gilboa Regional Council stressed that the situation in Gilboa was normal. called on residents to be alert, and criticized the government for not taking stronger steps to protect Israelis.

"It is important to clarify that for 3 years now we have been warning about the increase in motivation and abilities from the direction of Jenin, and unfortunately we are not receiving proper consideration for the protection of our residents," Nur said in a statement.

"On the one hand, it is clear and known to us from firsthand sources that the IDF and the security forces are doing an excellent job, and we give them full backing, on the other hand, there is a significant and urgent need to reinforce security and protection measures required for the Gilboa settlements in general, and those near the fence in particular."

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# SCO economic, trade cooperation continues to expand

THE SCO Industrial and Supply Chains Forum and the 2023 SCO International Investment and Trade Expo kicked off recently in Qingdao, east China's Shandong province.

A total of 330 enterprises and organizations from 34 countries and regions, including the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) member states and regions along the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) routes, showcased more than 10,000 types of imported specialties at the expo. Deals for purchases of goods totaling a bil-

lion yuan (\$140 million) were inked.

At present, the world is facing a sluggish economic recovery, while global industrial and supply chains are undergoing in-depth adjustments.

In the face of instability and uncertainties in the world economy, SCO countries have strengthened collaboration of industrial and supply chains and promoted effective aggregation of factors and resources, contributing to the resilience and stability of the global chains, said participants in the

forum Stable and efficient industrial and supply chains are crucial to the SCO regions and the world, noted SCO Deputy Secretary-Gen-

eral Nurlan Yermekbayev. At this year's investment and trade expo, a rich array of characteristic food, consumer goods, handicrafts, and agricultural products from different countries were put on display, offering visitors a chance to shop while enjoying a glimpse into foreign customs and traditions. The exhibition zone of Russia was designed to resemble

an elegant and romantic avenue, with a large screen wall displaying the Russian State Historical Museum.

The exhibition area of Egypt was decorated with national elements, including pyramid models, pharaoh statues, as well as liveaction scenes of dromedaries and cactuses in the desert, attracting many visitors to take pictures.

Honey, dairy products, jam, and other characteristic products from Kyrgyzstan were also showcased. According to a staff member of the Ministry of Economy and Commerce of the Kyrgyz Republic in China, Chinese consumers have shown a strong interest in products from Kyrgyzstan, but lacked purchasing channels.

A batch of agricultural products from Kyrgyzstan, including honey and cherries, has arrived in China recently, said the staff member, adding that Kyrgyzstan was ready to open an official online store on Chinese e-commerce platform JD.com and planned to open brick-and-mortar stores in Chinese cities including Qingdao and Urumqi, northwest China's Xinji-

ang Uygur autonomous region. Since the establishment of the SCO in 2001, China's trade with other SCO member states has been climbing. The trade volume reached \$343.3 billion in 2021, a 28-fold growth from 2001.

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The China-SCO Local Economic and Trade Cooperation Demonstration Area (SCODA) in Qingdao saw its foreign trade volume hit 36 billion yuan in 2022, up 38.3 percent year-on-year.

The SCODA has launched 31 regular international railway routes connecting China and 54 cities

in 23 countries, including SCO members and countries along the BRI routes. In 2022, a total of 279,000 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) of containers were handled, up 5.4 percent from the previous year.

The forum witnessed the launch of the SCO Comprehensive Service Platform 2.0. As China's first one-stop public service platform for local economic and trade cooperation among SCO countries, the platform has attracted nearly 5,000 enterprises since its launch.

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## US urged to apologise for inhuman treatment at Guantanamo Bay

#### UNITED NATIONS

A UN expert on Monday called on the US government to apologize for the inhuman treatment at the Guantanamo Bay detention facility, which was established by former US president George W. Bush's administration in 2002 following the Sept 11, 2001 attacks.

The UN special rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, Fionnuala Ni Aolain, said the 30 men that are still being held there are subject to "ongoing cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment."

Ni Aolain's trip to Guantanamo Bay was the first official visit to the site by a UN expert. "I want to acknowledge that there have been significant improvements made to the conditions of confinement at the Guantanamo Bay detention facility. That said, I still have serious concerns about the continued detention of now 30 men still there and the persistent arbitrariness that pervades their day-to-day existence," she told reporters.

"My report details structural shortcomings and systematic arbitrariness, including in training, operating procedures, and the fulfillment of detainees' rights to health care, family, counsel, and justice."

The report sets out in detail how

such arbitrariness brings about deep insecurity, suffering, and anxiety to all detainees without exception, she said. "I observed that after two decades of custody, the suffering of those detained is profound and is ongoing."

"Every single detainee I met with lives with the unrelenting harms that follow from systematic practices of rendition, torture, and arbitrary detention...And their past experiences of torture live with them in the present without any obvious end in sight, including because they have not received any adequate torture rehabilitation to date," said Ni Aolain. She said that despite the evident nature of the physical and psychological harms, the Guantanamo Bay detention infrastructure entails near-constant surveillance, forced cell extractions, undue use of restraints, and other arbitrary and human rights-noncompliant implementation of the standard operating procedures.

"The totality of all of these practices and omissions ... have accumulative, compounding effects on the dignity and fundamental rights and freedoms of each detainee and amounts in my assessment to ongoing cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment under international law," she said.

The US government must ensure accountability for all violations of interna-



In this file photo dated Aug 29, 2021 reviewed by US military officials, flags fly at half-staff at Camp Justice in Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba, AP

tional law, both for victims of its counter-terrorism practices, present and former detainees, and victims of terrorism, said Ni Aolain. "I underscore the importance of apology, full remedy, reparation and guarantees of non-repetition to all victims. And these guarantees will be no less pressing in the years ahead."

Ni Aolain was appointed the special rapporteur on the promotion and pro-

tection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism by the UN Human Rights Council. She took up her functions in August 2017.

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products to market com-

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diseases like cholera or

yellow fever, where there

are shortages of vaccine for diseases that kill hun-

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Separately, Gavi an-

nounced on Monday that

its incoming chief execu-

tive, Muhammad Ali Pate,

would no longer be join-

ing the organization as

he was returning to his

home country of Nigeria.

Instead, chief operating

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## **COVID-19 vaccine scheme for poorest has \$2.6 billion left to spend**

#### LONDON

SEVERAL billions of dollars left in a scheme to deliver COVID-19 vaccines to the world's poorest could be diverted to prepare for other pandemics or to support vaccine manufacturing in Africa, the scheme's partners said.

The COVAX initiative, run by Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, the World Health Organization (WHO), and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), has \$2.6 billion left in its coffers as the emergency phase of the pandemic draws to a close, according to documents seen by Reuters

#### the scheme.

The initiative is set to wind up at the end of this year, although some of its work will continue. With demand for COVID-19 vaccines dwindling, the partners are now working out how best to use the remaining cash - a significant sum in global health alongside the donors who originally pledged it.

Around \$600 million was given as part of a "contingency" fund in case the pandemic escalated again. The remaining \$2 billion has come back to COVAX after drugmakers agreed to refund deals agreed for vaccines at the height of the pandemic.

"This money was deand two sources close to signed as an instrument of said Marie-Ange Saraka-



vaccine at a vaccination center, in Garlan, western France, on May 31, 2021. AFP

contingency, so we could Yao, Gavi's head of rerespond to the twists and source mobilization. "We turns of the pandemic," don't want the money to be idle."

Around \$700 million is likely to be used for an ongoing COVID-19 vaccination programme in countries supported by Gavi, for 2024 and 2025. This option will be discussed by Gavi's board this week. Another portion of the money will be used for booster shots this year and next.

Saraka-Yao said the donors, including rich countries like the United States and Germany as well as philanthropic organizations like the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, had all been asked if they wanted the rest of the money back at a meeting in March. None did. The donors, and the WHO, were not immediately

A CEPI spokesperson said that while no decision had been made on the funds, it was "prudent to remain prepared" both in case the COVID-19 situation changes, and for future pandemics.

available for comment.

"They (donors) want to keep the spirit of the political intent when the money was given... to help protect the rest of the world," Saraka-Yao said.

One option is to invest in wider pandemic preparedness initiatives, Gavi said. Another idea that has gained traction is to use some of the money to boost vaccine manufacturing in Africa, Saraka-Yao said.

Gavi is proposing a fi-

### Global refugee resettlement needs grow in 2024 - UNHCR

#### **GENEVA**

UNHCR, the UN refugee agency, has anticipated a significant rise in global refugee resettlement needs for next year.

According to the Projected Global Resettlement Needs Assessment for 2024 released today, over 2.4 million refugees will be in need of resettlement, marking a 20 per cent increase compared to 2023.

With a deepening refugee crisis and the emergence of new displacement situations, urgent action is required to address the escalating challenges faced by millions of refugees and displaced individuals worldwide.

"We are witnessing a concerning increase in the number of refugees in need of resettlement in 2024. Resettlement remains a critical lifeline for those most at risk and with specific needs," said Filippo Grandi, UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

"I ask all states with the means to step up and provide sustainable and multi-year resettlement commitments to offer safety and protection to those in need and to share the international community's responsibility for refugees.'

The Asia region tops the list of estimated needs in 2024, with nearly 730,000 refugees requiring resettlement support, representing 30 per cent of global needs.

In 2022, out of approximately 116,000 submissions, only 58,457 refugees were able to depart for resettlement. UNHCR continues to advocate the importance of allocating more places for emergency and medical cases and ensuring timely processing and departure.

Resettlement provides a lifeline of hope and protection to those facing extreme risks by offering a durable solution while at the same time playing a pivotal role in relieving the pressure on host countries and strengthening the broader protection framework.



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### Security situation in easter DRC continues to deteriorate - UN official

#### **UNITED NATIONS**

THE security situation in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) has continued to deteriorate over the past three months despite a lull in armed clashes between the March 23 Movement (M23) and government forces in North Kivu province, said Martha Pobee, UN assistant secretary-general for Africa, on Monday.

Thus far, the cease-fire between the M23 rebel group and government forces has relatively held and contributed to some security gains. However, the withdrawal of M23 from the occupied areas has been piecemeal, tactical and political.

The M23 still controls a large part of the Masisi and Rutshuru territories as well as the movement of people and goods in those areas, she told the Security Coun-

Moreover, the M23's offensive repositioning in recent weeks has raised fears that hostilities could flare up again at any moment. The M23 continues to create insecurity, reportedly killing at least 47 civilians in North Kivu over the recent period, she said.

Pobee welcomed the continued efforts of regional leaders to persuade the concerned parties to implement the decisions of the Luanda roadmap and the Nairobi process, and reiterated the readiness of the UN peacekeeping mission in the DRC, known as MO-



Martha Pobee (Front), UN assistant secretary-general for Africa, speaks at a Security Council meeting on the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) at the UN headquarters in New York, on Monday. The security situation in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) has continued to deteriorate over the past three months despite a lull in armed clashes between the March 23 Movement (M23) and government forces in North Kivu province, said Martha Pobee, UN assistant secretary-general for Africa. Xinhua

golese authorities with the pre-cantonment and disarmament of the M23.

Last week, MONUSCO and the Congolese authorities undertook a reconnaissance mission at the Rumangabo base to assess the conditions for the pre-cantonment of the M23.

For these efforts to bear fruit, it is urgent that the M23 withdraw completely from the occupied territories, lay down their arms unconditionally and join the demobilization, disarmament, community recovery and stabilization program, she said.

The relative security gains in North Kivu are unfortunately fragile and overshadowed by the deteriorating situation in neighboring Ituri province, said Pobee. Ituri has suffered from the security vacuum created by the government forces' redeployment to North Kivu. Over 600 people were killed by armed groups in the past three months.

The Cooperative for the Development of the Congo (CODECO), Zaire militia, and the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) are the main perpetrators of these atrocities, she said. A particularly heinous example was the CODECO militia attack on the Lala site for internally displaced persons in mid-May.

More than 40 displaced people were killed and 800 shelters were burnt, she noted. Despite the joint operations of the armed forces of the DRC and Uganda, the ADF has extended its area of influence to an unprecedented level and remains a serious threat to the security and NUSCO, to assist the Con-stability of the DRC, she said. "At the same time, the persistent

activities of armed groups in South Kivu for the control of mining sites, in particular Mai-Mai militias, reminds us that it is imperative to resolve the root causes of the conflict in eastern DRC for peace to be restored," said Pobee.

"We urge all armed groups to cease hostilities and call for a redeployment of national security forces, particularly in Ituri, to restore state authority in this area.

The population, especially the most vulnerable, cannot remain without the protection of the Congolese state. The consequences of this absence are deeply worrying."

Pobee expressed deep concern about the growing number of women and girls who have been subjected to gender-based violence and sexual exploitation, noting that gender-based violence has increased by 23 percent nationwide, and by 73 percent in North Kivu province alone, compared with the same period last year.

These violations are linked to the proliferation of armed groups in areas where displaced people are hosted, and to frequent breaches of the civilian and humanitarian character of these displacement sites.

Furthermore, the surge in sexual violence against children has also increased and is particularly horrifying, she said.

A significant scale-up of services to prevent and respond to sexual violence in and around displacement sites as well as to ensure better access to food, water and safe sanitation facilities is urgently required, she said, calling on the Congolese authorities to take stronger action, including the provision of additional sites to assist and protect displaced people, and better security in the sites, and in the fight against impunity.

In addition to the security and humanitarian challenges in eastern DRC, pockets of instability have resurfaced in the western and southern parts of the country, said Pobee.

Violence has persisted in the provinces of Mai-Ndombe, Kwilu and Kwango, and spread to Maluku in the province of Kinshasa, leaving at least 67 people dead in the last three months. Tensions and violence have also been reported in other places, she said. "We urge the authorities to hold the perpetrators of violence to account and to take measures to strengthen social cohesion to preserve the gains made toward stability in these areas."

### Xi calls on Communist Youth League to shoulder missions

#### BEIJING

XI Jinping, general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, on Monday called on the new leadership of the Communist Youth League of China (CYLC) to earnestly shoulder their missions and tasks entrusted by the CPC in the new era.

Xi, also Chinese president and chairman of the Central Military Commission, made the remarks while meeting with the leading members of the newly-elected Central Committee of the CYLC. Xi urged the CYLC to give full play to the country's youths so that they will be fully committed to advancing Chinese modernization.

Noting that the future of the cause of the Party and the nation rests on the younger generation, Xi expressed his hope that the CYLC Central Committee will better rally young people around the Party to continuously strive for building a stronger country and realizing national rejuvenation.

Cai Qi, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and a member of the Secretariat of the CPC Central Committee, participated in the meeting. With a clearer goal and mission, the CYLC has taken on a new look among the young people since the 18th CPC National Congress in 2012, Xi said.

Over the past five years, the CYLC has mobilized its members and other young people to take an active part in major tasks

such as creating a new development pattern, boosting high-quality development, securing a victory in the fight against poverty, and responding to the COVID-19 epidemic, showing great courage and commitment of Chinese youth in the new era, Xi said.

The CPC Central Committee expects the leading members of the CYLC Central Committee to play an exemplary role in pushing forward the CYLC cause and the work related to youth, he said. Being an aide to and reserve force of the Party, the CYLC must center its work on the Party's central task on the new journey of the new era, set at the 20th CPC National Congress, he stressed.

Noting that greater efforts should be made to enhance political guidance for young people, Xi said the CYLC should give top priority to strengthening political guidance for CYLC members and other young people, and make dedicated efforts to nurture the next generation, who will fully develop socialism and carry forward the socialist cause.

He stressed that the CYLC should actively orient itself toward the implementation of major national strategies and tasks, and mobilize youths to dedicate themselves to Chinese modernization and strive to become pioneers and a fresh driving force in sectors such as sci-tech innovation, rural revitalization, green development, social services, and defending the border for the country. Xinhua



General secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee Xi Jinping, also Chinese president and chairman of the Central Military Commission, meets with the leading members of the newly-elected Central Committee of the Communist Youth League of China (CYLC) and delivers an important speech in Beijing on Monday





Barrick Bulyanhulu na Geita Gold Mine basketball teams' players take on each other in a friendly tie which took place at Bulyanhulu basketball court in Shinyanga recently. Geita Gold Mine team notched 85-81 win over Barrick Bulyanhulu squad. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

# Dua Said relives challenging atmosphere of professional soccer in nearby leagues

#### By Correspondent John Kimbute

VETERAN Tanzanian football player Dua Said, having hanged his boots and moving his skills to train as a coach, has been reliving his experiences in popular sports sit-ins on radio and television.

His current interest is not to take up league soccer but developing talents among young people in schools and eventually in youth teams, based on extensive remarks over the weekend. It looks candid and quite realistic. Some of the things

that the former Simba SC star winger talked about were so to say within the imagination of listeners, though when someone has lived through that experience it is easier to believe the sort of suspicions we often have.

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The other scenario was in Mauritius whose contentions or close rivalries appeared sharper than the usual level of contention between the city giants in Dar es Salaam, or so the player must have learned.

One incident he especially recalls was a moment where he scored with a header, the referee pointed to the center, and the linesman or assistant referee had his flag raised for offside.

Chaos ensued, the match had to be abandoned 20 minutes before time and riots swept Port Louis, with hordes of youths or fans moving to burn sugarcane plantations of sponsoring company of the rival side.

That approximates something like Azam FC playing one of the city archrivals - and upon game stoppage for a disputed goal, a crowd goes on a rampage against factories or upcountry estates of this or that company.

That is entirely out of place in Dar es Salaam, which reflects underlying social matrices, with Said noting that the conflict and arson on sugar plantations had religious undertones, reflecting the dual social obedience of that country.

It is similar to the early colonial history of Uganda where massacres occurred as two Christian factions jostled for influence around the Kabaka, the Ba-Ingleza (Anglican) and Ba-Fransa (Catholic) factions.

Narrations of who went there first and how he was invited to the Middle East and then to South Africa, and who else he was in a position to call when asked for possibly invite to either of those places a player like him.

He mentioned Ali Yusuf 'Tigana' and Monja Liseki, all of these names having paled from memory as the mind habitually cleans up data it no longer needs, thus at present youths and even adults know of Mbwana Samatta, the returning Simon Msuva, George Mpole and a few others, not the previous generation. Media forays help to relive that era.

#### SPORTS

## Yanga and Simba SC need to be given a run for their money

#### By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

SINCE time immemorial, Yanga and Simba SC have been the fiercest of archrivals on the perennially actionpacked domestic football stage.

Indeed, the two celebrated clubs have claimed more trophies than any other club in the interesting lore of local football.

Over the years, many top-flight football outfits simply could not hold a candle to Yanga and Simba SC in domestic football championships as the two clubs were utterly head and shoulders above the rest. Having said that though, in this 21st century, a few clubs have taken a stab at toppling Simba SC and Yanga from the summit of local football.

For example, in the early 2000s, Mtibwa Sugar regularly challenged Yanga and Simba in an intense battle for top honors although without much success.

Interestingly, when a new club Azam FC was founded several years ago, many pundits believed that the 'ice cream makers' were going to be the football side that would halt the outright dominance of Simba SC and Yanga in local football.

However, despite their immense exertions, Azam FC has sadly failed to snap the long winning streak of Yanga and Simba SC, as the past six seasons so clearly illuminate.

Indeed, Yanga clinched the league title for the second time on the trot last season, while Simba SC commandingly held sway over local football in the four seasons before that by claiming the league trophy four successive times.

It can thus be seen that Yanga's and Simba SC's amazingly glorious spell of success during the last six seasons distinctly demonstrates that the two age-old foes are ruling the roost in local football.

At this important juncture, I would like to go to great pains to underscore the fact that despite Yanga's and Simba SC's unchallenged hegemony over domestic football, our football standard as a country



Tanzania's Yanga center-back Bakari Mwamnyeto (L) outfoxes Algeria's USM Alger attacker, Aymen Mahious, during the first leg of the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup final which took place in Dar es Salaam on Sunday. Yanga lost 2-1 to USM Alger. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

has significantly risen as was evidenced by the sterling displays of our two football juggernauts in CAF's inter-club competitions last season.

The point, however, that I'm striving to make is that local football would receive a much-needed shot in the arm if there were one or two clubs who could become a real thorn in the side of Yanga and Simba SC on the home front.

Such a scenario would immediately up the standard of local football as greater competition also makes for a stronger national football team.

Let us now zero in on the enchanting sport of women's netball as excitement is beginning to mount ahead of the women's Netball World Cup, which is expected to begin unfolding on July 28 this year in the picturesque city of Cape Town.

From an African standpoint, the continent will be represented by four teams which are to wit South Africa, Malawi, Uganda, and Zimbabwe.

Out of this quartet of four netball teams, South Africa and Malawi will be the cynosure of all eyes on the

continent as these two countries frequently hold their own impressively against the world's most impeccable sides.

Nevertheless, it is a certainty that to have a shout at securing the trophy, South Africa and Malawi will have to overcome the sport's elite teams which are Australia, New Zealand, and England.

Axiomatically, then, it seems that we are set for a veritable battle royal for women's netball's most cherished piece of silverware at the world cup this year.

### TFF urged to elevate Dar footballers' status

#### By Correspondent Renatha Msungu, Dodoma

RETIRED President Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete has asked the Ministry of Culture, Arts, and Sports to cooperate with Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) to ensure that domestic players players to ensure that they are found in Tanzania," Kikwete stated.

He further explained that prominent Tanzania clubs, Simba SC and Yanga are doing well but their success is mostly brought about by foreign professionals' contributions.

coaches, and the technical bench, so the Chief of Defence Forces should invest in Mashujaa FC so that it can compete," Kikwete stated.

Chief of Defense Forces, Jacob Mkunda said that the army is looking forward to forming an outfit, Ngome,

when local players arrive in the Middle East - perhaps until recently some recruitment agents or team managers would be under the impression they will take any salary, paltry as they come as if they were refugees. So he left.

At a different landing, this time in South Africa, he enrolled in the Jomo Cosmos side and played one season, then a surprising incident occurred.

Another Tanzanian player also playing for the side and still on contract told the management he was sick and wished to travel home to recover, and was permitted.

And before reporting back, there was a muchvaunted local soccer event that saw him appear apparently for one of the city giants. The report intensely irritated his club, axing both players.

What they said in that regard wasn't that this or that player has misbehaved, but that Tanzanian players are unreliable if they are given a contract, take things lightly and go back home, appear for their former clubs.

The issue there is the risk of injury and what it means for a player having a contract with a foreign club side, and then appear in competitive encounters they have not authorized, for instance, if it was a national team appearance. They cannot be blamed. Beyond these experiences with professional soccer in different countries and their often contrasting environments, not to say sheer surprises of what to expect, there are spheres where the Said narration is an update on the state of soccer as a way of life in the country.

Often when former top players are brought into studios for a session in 'psychoanalysis', one issue that is anticipated by many listeners or viewers is what they are doing after football, and indeed how they are managing in life.

The scene is changing, and stories of poor old former players are being erased.

There have been instances of 'passing the bowl' among wellwishers not just for former traditional music legends but also former soccer players, those who mostly remained inside and perhaps played only fleetingly for the city rivals.

In a good number of cases, they moved on to either worthwhile small businesses or to coaching with varying levels of success - or airs of confidence in that regard.

The current scene is mixed in which players are already community notables and club sponsors within their playing days, like Ali Kiba of Coastal Union fame, who was lately arranging charity encounters with equally successful Samatta.

The horizon is less gray and more silver for professional soccer end-of-career expectations, and that is precisely what should be the case - not success and then older age abject poverty.



Kagera Sugar FC players celebrate after one of the squad's footballers netted a goal in a recent NBC Premier League tie against Mbeya City FC that took place in Mbeya. PHOTO: COURTESY OF KAGERA SUGAR FC

get great recognition domestically and internationally.

Kikwete issued his request at the presentation ceremony for this year's JKT Marathon held at the Jamhuri Stadium in Dodoma last weekend.

The JKT Marathon witnessed participants battling it out in 21.1km, 10km, and 5km races.

He was adamant domestic footballers need to be duly appreciated as is the case with such popular foreign footballers like Yanga's Fiston Mayele and Djigui Diarra, as well as Simba SC Jean Baleke.

Kikwete said that his biggest concern is that he and the rest of the Tanzanians are eager to witness domestic footballers currently featuring for various teams garner praise as a result of their contribution to their teams.

"The Deputy Minister for Culture, Arts, and Sports, I ask you to work on this issue of identifying famous The retired President noted the ministry and the federation should henceforth set forth strategies to ensure that Tanzanian players are equally valued.

He further asked the army to organize itself and set strategies to ensure that the newly promoted Premier League side, Mashujaa FC, registers good players so it can post good results in the top flight. He stressed the army-owned Kigoma team ought to prepare well for the Premier League because the showdown will see the team lock horns with, among other contenders, domestic football big guns.

He said that Premier League is currently very competitive, so, Mashujaa FC should invest in players as well as technical bench so that the squad can successfully compete in the top flight.

"The Premier League is very competitive right now, there are teams that have invested well in players, which will be competing in all sports disciplines.

Mkunda said that the institution is well organized in sports and that is why Tanzania People's Defence Force and JKT athletes excel in various sports tournaments in the country.

"We are well organized in sports, we will ensure that our football, athletics and other sports teams do well," Mkunda affirmed.

Speaker of the National Assembly Tulia Ackson asked Mbeya City FC, which has succumbed to relegation to next season's Championship League, not to give up and, instead, the team should reorganize so that it can make its way back to the top flight.

National Service (JKT) Chief, Rajabu Mabele, congratulated the army for overseeing good preparation for the 2023 JKT Marathon, which culminated with winners raking in cash prizes and medals.

### Yanga's new head coach hints at hunger for success

#### By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

YANGA's new head coach Miguel Angel Gamondi has expressed excitement to continue winning trophies at the club after signing a two-year deal.

The 56-year-old Argentine gaffer will be taking over the reins from Nasreddine Nabi, who recently bid farewell to the club after the conclusion of the highly competitive 2022-23 season.

With an impressive managerial career spanning various continents, Gamondi brings a wealth of experience and tactical acumen to the Tanzanian outfit.

"I'm Miguel Gamondi, a coach from Argentina. I was working more than 20 years in African football," he said in his unveiling video.

"I was coaching teams like Wydad Casablanca, Mamelodi Sundowns in South Africa, CR Belouizdad in Algeria, Esperance in Tunis.

"I was lucky to get some good results, some good achievements with them.

"I'm very excited to join this big club with a huge history. For me, it's one of the greatest clubs in history, with incredible fans as well."

"I strongly believe, if we can work together - fans, management, players, and technical staff, we can continue to

bring success and even greater results.

"I'm excited to join and hope to see you very soon," He said.

The gaffer had successfully managed clubs such as Mamelodi Sundowns, USM Alger, CR Belouizdad, Wydad Casablanca, IR Tanger, and Platinum Stars, among others.

His appointment at Yanga has sparked excitement and anticipation among the outfit's passionate fan base.

His track record of success and his reputation for implementing an attacking style of play have made him a much sought-after coach in the African football landscape.

Gamondi's tenure at Mamelodi Sundowns, a South African powerhouse, was particularly noteworthy.

During his time at the club, he guided them to several domestic triumphs, including league titles and cup victories.

Under his guidance, Mamelodi Sundowns developed a reputation for their free-flowing, high-scoring brand of football, leaving fans in awe of their performances on the pitch.

The Argentine coach also had successful stints in Algeria, where he worked with USM Alger and CR Belouizdad, achieving notable milestones at both clubs.

With USM Alger, Gamondi played a pivotal role in their Algerian Ligue Professionnelle 1 success, while at CR Belouizdad, he led the team to a thrilling Algerian Cup triumph.

#### SPORTS

### Arsenal set for £40m Jurrien Timber deal as Mikel Arteta overhaul gathers pace

#### By Sam Dean

ARSENAL are edging closer to reaching an agreement with Ajax over the signing of Holland defender Jurrien Timber, who is expected to cost around £40 million.

Talks are ongoing with Ajax over the sale of Timber, who is capable of playing as a right-back and centreback and will add much-needed depth to Arsenal's backline.

Timber is believed to be keen to make the move to north London despite interest from other European clubs this summer, including Bayern Munich.

Arsenal's initial proposal to Ajax was around £30 million but the Dutch side have been hoping to receive a fee closer to £50 million. Negotiations are continuing and Arsenal are confident that a deal can be struck.

Telegraph Sport understands that Mikel Arteta and sporting director Edu believe 22-year-old Timber is capable of playing as an inverted right-back, tucking into midfield when Arsenal have possession.

Timber would therefore be able to mirror the role played by Oleksandr Zinchenko at left-back, thus providing Arteta with more options and variety as Arsenal look to balance Premier League commitments with Champions League football next season.

Reports in Holland have said that Timber has effectively agreed personal terms with Arsenal and is prepared to sign a deal worth around £130,000 per week. The defender appeared to drop a hint on social media this weekend when he posted a song by American rapper 'Gunna'.

Ajax's recently appointed director of football is Sven Mislintat, who served as Arsenal's head of recruitment from December 2017 until February 2019.

Arsenal's lack of depth in defence last season was one of the main reasons they were unable to sustain their title challenge in the latter stages of the campaign, with injuries to William Saliba and Takehiro Tomiyasu proving disastrous in the final weeks.

Arteta this week admitted that these injuries proved fatal to his team's hopes of beating Manchester City in the title race, saying in an interview with Marca: "There Arsenal have agreed to pay around £65 million, including addons, for the 24-year-old. Havertz will provide competition for Gabriel Jesus in the Arsenal frontline and will also provide another option in the attacking midfield positions.

Arsenal remain in talks with West Ham United over Declan Rice, having had two bids rejected for the England midfielder. Rice would be a club-record signing if Arsenal can find an agreement with West Ham, but they also face competition from Manchester City.

Arteta and Edu would also be interested in signing a second central midfielder, to be signed as well as Rice, if a buyer can be found for Thomas Partey. Arsenal remain interested in exploring a move for Brighton's Moises Caicedo but are currently behind Chelsea in the race for the Ecuador international.

Meanwhile, Tottenham Hotspur want to thrash out a deal with Leicester City for James Maddison this week and are set to submit their opening offer for the England international.

Maddison is a priority target for new head coach Ange Postecoglou and Tottenham are now pushing hard to agree a fee with relegated Leicester in the next few days.

Leicester are demanding up to  $\pounds 60$  million for the attacking midfielder, who was part of England's squad for this month's European Championship qualifiers. Tottenham are prepared to pay an initial  $\pounds 40$  million and want to strike a compromise which will include add-ons and further instalments.

Newcastle have also been targeting Maddison, 26, but have cooled their interest as they prepare to complete the signing of AC Milan midfielder Sandro Tonali.

That has propelled Tottenham into ramping up negotiations this week, and it is understood their first formal offer is imminent.

Leicester return to pre-season training under new manager Enzo Maresca on Monday, as they prepare for the forthcoming season in the Championship. A number of departures are expected from the club after their relegation from the Premier League, which ended a nine-year existence as a top division team.

Harvey Barnes, the winger, is another target for Premier League

#### By Jason Burt

WEST Ham United have formally rejected Manchester City's official £90 million for Declan Rice as the race to sign the West Ham United captain intensifies.

Telegraph Sport reported last week that City were set to rival Arsenal in their attempts to bring in the much-coveted England international.

Manchester United are also considering a player-plus-cash deal for Rice but have asked for more time and must be regarded as outsiders. Even so West Ham have shown some interest in United midfielder Scott McTominay who is on the list of players made available for transfer this summer while manager David Moyes likes Harry Maguire but his wage demands are likely to be too high.

City's opening offer, in total, matches that of Arsenal's second bid which was rejected out-of-hand by West Ham. Arsenal proposed a deal of £75 million plus £15 million in add-ons although, crucially, the payments would have been spread over a five-year period.

It is understood that City's bid was £80 million plus £10 million in payments conditional on achievements.

Arsenal are expected to come with a counter-offer, a third bid, in the coming days with West Ham hoping to realise an overall package of at least £100 million for the 24-year-old.

Such a fee has always been their target having benchmarked it against how much Real Madrid are paying for Jude Bellingham (up to £115 million) and after agreeing to Rice's request to be sold during this window.

City have made their move after it was confirmed that captain Ilkay Gundogan was leaving at the end of his contract. The 32-year-old German midfielder has agreed a



West Ham reject Manchester City's £90m offer for Declan Rice

Arsenal previously had a bid of £75 million, plus £15 million in add-ons rejected by West Ham, and now the London club have rejected City's latest offer. Agencies

two-year deal at Barcelona with the option for a further 12 months. Gundogan, who was Pep Guardiola's first signing at City in 2016 and went on to win five Premier League titles, the Champions League, two FA Cup and four League Cups in 304 appearances, was offered a new deal but it was not for the length of time that Barcelona were prepared to commit.

Despite signing Mateo Kovacic from Chelsea for £30 million City are in the market to further strengthen their midfield with sources confirming that Rice is regarded as a "strong option" by Guardiola.

There had been some erroneous suggestions that news of City's potential involvement was an attempt by West Ham to drive up the price for Rice. But this was never case as they were always genuinely interested and were planning to make a move.

City's bid was made late on Monday evening with West Ham now

considering their options. It seems likely it will be rejected as an opening offer especially with Arsenal - who were braced for City's intervention - due to make another offer in the coming days.

\*City pursue Gvardiol

If Arsenal lose out to City it will come as a severe blow to the club who have made Rice their number one transfer target during this window. There has been an expectation that Rice does not want to leave London and is keen to make the move to Arsenal.

City are also pursuing a deal to sign defender Josko Gvardiol from RB Leipzig but have been informed that the German club wants a fee of  $\in 100$  million (£85.8 million) for the 21-year-old Croatian international.

Gvardiol has a release clause of €110 million (£94.35million) which can be triggered next summer but Leipzig are prepared to do a deal during this window for the centrehalf. If Gvardiol is signed it is likely to lead to the departure of Aymeric Laporte.

Arsenal are also ready to invest heavily this summer and have already committed £65 million on the signing of Kai Havertz from Chelsea, but it remains to be seen how they will be able to structure their third bid for Rice.

Arsenal are also edging closer to to an agreement with Ajax to sign Netherlands defender Jurrien Timber, who is expected to cost around £40 million.

Timber, who can play as a rightback or centre-back, will add much-needed depth to Arsenal's back line. He is believed to be keen on the move, despite interest from other European clubs, including Bayern Munich.

Arsenal's initial valuation was £30 million but the Dutch side are hoping for closer to £50 million. Negotiations are continuing and Arsenal are confident that a deal for the 22-year-old can be struck.

THE TELEGRAPH

### Wembanyama's arrival bigger than Texas, and he seems up to the challenge

#### SAN ANTONIO

AS Victor Wembanyama took the stage for his first news conference inside his new home arena, he couldn't help but notice an accessory that the San Antonio Spurs commissioned for

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eroon, and the top three finishers in that MVP race this season were all international players – Embiid, Jokic and Greece's Giannis Antetokounmpo of Milwaukee. That trio has combined for the last five MVP awards; Dallas' Luka Doncic of Slovenia should be in the

were three or four injuries to important players and from there, everything got complicated."

Timber's arrival, if a deal can be agreed, would lessen the burden on Ben White at right-back and also reduce Arsenal's reliance on Saliba in the heart of their defence.

Meanwhile, Arsenal are expected to confirm the signing of Kai Havertz from Chelsea after the German underwent a medical in Spain over the weekend. clubs including Tottenham, Newcastle and Aston Villa, but sources suggest a move is not close at this stage.

As reported by Telegraph Sport last week, Tottenham are also considering a bid for Juventus centreback Gleison Bremer. Manchester United's Harry Maguire is another option as Tottenham aim to strengthen Postecoglou's squad following his appointment earlier this month.

THE TELEGRAPH

### Women's World Cup opener sold out - tournament boss

#### SYDNEY

CO-HOSTS Australia will play their opening game of next month's Women's World Cup in front of a full house, a senior FIFA official told AFP Tuesday.

Dave Beeche, chief executive of the Women's World Cup, said the Matildas' opener against Ireland on July 20 has sold out at Sydney's Stadium Australia, which can hold around 80,000 fans.

"There is currently nothing available," he said.

Beeche also expects a capacity crowd the same day in Auckland where tournament co-hosts New Zealand -- the "Football Ferns" open their campaign against Norway.

"It's going to be a massive day for women's football," he said of the double-header either side of the Tasman Sea.

With less than 25 days until kick off, the tournament boss says only a "few thousand" tickets are left for New Zealand's opening game at Eden Park, where capacity will be just under 40,000.

"Yes, definitely" Beeche replied when asked whether the Auckland stadium would be sold out for the opener, despite fears about the tournament's low ticket sales in New Zealand.

Football's governing body FIFA has said around 1.1 million tickets have been sold for the 64 matches in Australia and New Zealand.

FIFA's head of women's football Sarai Bareman has voiced concern about low World Cup ticket sales in New Zealand, where the cohosts are struggling for form.

The Football Ferns approach the tournament on a 10-match winless streak with one chance left to get a morale-boosting win in a final home friendly against Vietnam on July 10.

Beeche said 270,000 tickets had so far been sold in New Zealand and 830,000 in Australia.

Those unequal numbers reflect the population sizes of Australia, where 26 million people live, and New Zealand, which is home to five million, he insisted.

"When you look at the Matildas being a high-ranked team and the Football Ferns' run of form, New Zealand is doing pretty well," he said. the occasion. It was a replica of the Eiffel Tower – made from Legos. Hundreds of them.

Wembanyama loves Legos. He looked down at the 4-foot replica when he saw it and smiled. And then he sat next to Spurs general manager Brian Wright and started to talk business.

The scene was a perfect microcosm of Wembanyama's world right now. He's still a teenager, albeit a very big one, at 19 years old and not averse to saying that he enjoys building things with Legos. And he's also the player, who seems incredibly mature for his age, on a world stage that the Spurs are betting on to change their fortunes and help them return to championship contention.

"I feel like they've already started to take great care of me," Wembanyama said.

They have to. The world is watching. And the hype level is already incredibly high.

The notion of basketball being a global game and the NBA being a global league is not new, with roughly one out of every four players in the league born outside of the United States. But there's never been an international player coming into the NBA with the hubbub that Wembanyama has; he's already a global brand and global phenomenon even without playing an NBA game.

Not even LeBron James had this much global attention when he came into the league 20 years ago.

The Kid from Akron, as he still calls himself, is one of the biggest success stories in the history of sports – grew up with almost nothing, instantly found fame and fortune as a teenager thanks to an enormous Nike contract that he signed when he entered the league, now is a billionaire, the all-time scoring leader in NBA history and still going strong.

LeBron was a big, big, big deal in the U.S. in 2003.

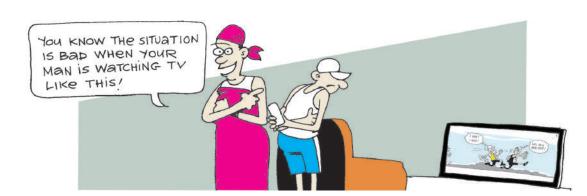
Wembanyama is a big, big, big deal globally right now. That's the difference. Stories have been written about him

San Antonio Spurs first round pick Victor Wembanyama answers questions from the media at a Spurs press conference at the AT&T Center on Saturday, June 24, 2023. Agencies

in English, French and Spanish over the weekend. He speaks English just about perfectly, and now that he's in San Antonio he wants to learn Spanish as well. France wanted him to play in the Basketball World Cup this summer, but Wembanyama told French newspaper L'Equipe for a story published Monday that he has decided to not participate in the games his country will play in Indonesia and the Philippines.

That decision would be a major blow to FIBA, since Wembanyama would have gotten as much attention as any player in the tournament. All eyes are certain to be on him when he plays at Summer League next month. And it'll be the case when the NBA season opens; Denver will raise a banner and get championship rings on opening night, some free agents that'll start agreeing to new deals in the next few

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days will be in new cities, but every storyline to start the season will have Wembanyama's 7-foot-plus shadow looming somewhere around it as well.

"Because of all the hype, he'll have a target on his back," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "So more than Os and Xs to begin with, we'll be most interested in setting a framework in an environment where he's comfortable, where he can be Victor. He's not LeBron or Tim (Duncan) or Kobe (Bryant) or anybody else. He's Victor and that's who we want him to be."

His presence just adds to the level of international stardom in the league right now.

The reigning NBA Finals MVP is Denver's Nikola Jokic of Serbia, the reigning league MVP and scoring champion is Philadelphia's Joel Embiid of Cam-

MVP mix for years to come as well.

There's even talk of a World vs. the U.S. format to the All-Star Game before long. That might be a heck of a challenge for the American side.

"We're really seeing the ongoing continued growth of this league," Commissioner Adam Silver said earlier this year. "I know David Stern, who unfortunately is no longer with us, but it was so much of his vision to turn this into the global game it's become today. If he's looking down on us, I know he'd be incredibly proud of those numbers."

Stern would have loved Wembanyama. The teenager – already being mentored by past Spurs great big men like Duncan and David Robinson, along with French Spurs Tony Parker and Boris Diaw – is worldly, mature, engaging, funny and somehow has stayed humble even with all the attention. His family shuns the spotlight. They want no part of the attention. Wembanyama's parents are almost always around, but never meddling.

"To my family, it's got to be weird sometimes," Wembanyama said. "It's got to be strange. There's a lot of new stuff. But they're really smart and grounded people. Whenever I need to find stability, I can go to them."

He's going to need those bits of normalcy. The challenge that awaits him is as tall as he is and the world is watching.



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Tanzania U-18 women's football side.

### FIFA clamps down on Yanga

#### By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA's football big gun, Yanga, has reportedly been handed a transfer ban by FIFA.

Yanga, this season's Premier League champion, was instructed by the world football governing body in October 2022 to pay the side's former head coach Luc Eymael outstanding fees for unfair dismissal.

"We take due note that in its correspondence, the creditor informs us that the respondent, Young Africans SC, has not complied with its financial obligations following the decision of FIFA," read a letter signed by FIFA's disciplinary coordinator, Pablo Arias.

"In this regard, we wish to inform the parties that a ban on registering new players internationally has been implemented by FIFA as of today."

"Moreover, and following this aforementioned decision, the respondent's member association (TFF) is requested to immediately implement on the respondent, Young Africans Sc, a ban from signing new players at the national level.'

The ban comes after FIFA, in October 2022, ordered the Tanzania football heavyweights to pay their former head coach Eymael \$148,000 (346m/-) for unfair dismissal.

The club then allegedly contacted Eymael to accept the payment in installments, despite the FIFA order stating it needed to be an immediate lump sum.

Eymael is said to have accepted the deal in good faith as he looked to ease the situation and was not having to fork out the full amount.

"I told him the proposal was dangerous, maybe he liked the club and accepted to receive it in a few installments, so he signed the settlement agreement," his lawyer Semeria Antoine said.

The first payment was on October 31, 2022, for \$20,000, and after that, it was scheduled for each month on November 30 with an agreement of \$33,000 until the 28th of February.

### Azania Bank Upanga SC clinches 2023 Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup tourney top honour



Cricketers making Azania Bank Upanga SC that has clinched this season's Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament title celebrate their victory along with Chairman and Managing Director of Petrofuel, Satish Kumar, and Chairman of Caravans Cricket Club, T.G. Thulaseedas. Azania Bank Upanga SC beat Aurobindo Aga Khan SC in the final held in the city on Sunday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

#### **By Guardian Reporter**

AZANIA Bank Upanga SC has lifted this season's Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup silverware, beating Aurobindo Aga Khan SC by a staggering 88-run margin on Sunday.

The match took place at the esteemed Leaders Club ground in Dar pant batting display, with Sivaraj Selvaraj es Salaam, and it marked the third consecutive final appearance for Aurobindo Aga Khan SC, aiming to turn into one of the most successful

His outstanding performance throughout the tournament earned him the prestigious TATA Best Batsman award.

With these remarkable performances, Azania Bank Upanga SC amassed an impressive total of 180 runs for the loss of six wickets in their allotted 20 overs.

Aurobindo Aga Khan SC's bowling attack struggled to contain the opponents' ramer that the final is what truly matters in determining the ultimate champion.

Individual awards were also presented to the best players of the tournament. Umar Shaikh of All Seasons Lions received the ASAS Emerging Player Award, recognizing his talent and potential.

Bom was awarded the Alliance Champion of Champions title. Augastin, who displayed consistent excellence throughout the tournament, was honoured with the Car & General Man of the Series award and went home with a brand new TVS Apache RTR bike.

# National U-18 women's squad dissolves camp

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

THE Council of East and Central African Football Associations (CECAFA) has pushed forward the CECAFA U-18 Women's Championship that will be staged in Nairobi Kenya.

After weeks of rescheduling, everything now points to another postponement of the CECAFA U-18 Women's Championship initially scheduled for the June 29 kickoff.

This comes after fresh developments indicated that both Tanzania and Uganda had resulted in dissolving active camps.

The move has been brought about by the fact that CECAFA, through the body's Executive Director Auka Gecheo, had 'informed the teams that the competition had been postponed to a later date'.

"We just have out the information that the tournament may be moved to after July 13, we will give a final position on the way forward once we finalize the arrangements," the official noted.

If the reports are factual, that would present the fourth time the tournament has been moved in months.

The first CECAFA U-18 Women's tournament of the season was initially penciled to take place on June 3-17 before being pushed to June

"The club paid with many delays, only the first two installments, the first came on November 16 and the second one at the end of December when the deadline was November 30," he added.

"The third one was not initially paid but eventually came just before I referred the case to FIFA and after that, they stopped all payments. So on February 3, I referred the case and they still have \$99,000 unpaid with a \$5,000 penalty for the delay."

On March 7, the case was officially referred to FIFA to certify that the club didn't respect the settlement agreement and to condemn the club to pay the full amount plus the penalty.

FIFA then sent the decision condemning the club to pay Luc Eymael the sum of \$66,000 with a \$5,000 penalty with a 45-day deadline to pay since the notification.

"They didn't pay, so I wrote to FIFA [again] on June 19, 2023, to ask to certify the club didn't pay during this period of 45 days and to order the ban of registration during the windows," he confirmed.

"After that I received something, to confirm that FIFA communicated with the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) to inform all parties that Young Africans SC didn't comply with the financial obligations following the decision of FIFA and, in this regard, they informed the party of registering new players, internationally has been implemented and the TFF have to watch if the club breaks this ban."

The former AFC Leopards coach and Yanga parted ways after the tactician is said to have referred to the fans racially.

This will be a big blow for Yanga, who are just coming off an impressive campaign both at the national and continental levels.

Yanga enjoyed an impressive 2022/2023 campaign after clinching the Premier League title while they also reached the CAF Confederation Cup final, where they lost to USM Alger over two legs.

Yanga will now need to pay him in full or the ban will remain in effect and this website understands the club has made no official communication with Eymael's lawyer and FIFA since the ruling was passed down on Sunday morning.

teams in the competition's history. Winning the toss, Aurobindo Aga Khan SC elected to field first, hoping to restrict Azania Bank Upanga SC's batting line-up.

Opener Yelda Reddy provided a solid start for Azania Bank Upanga SC with a quickfire 26 off just 15 deliveries, laying a strong foundation for the team.

However, Uganda's senior national team's star Riazat Ali Shah was the cricketer who stole the show, delivering an exceptional performance.

Shah's unbeatable knock of 61 runs off just 31 balls displayed his prowess and dominance on the pitch.

The cricketer was rightfully honoured as the Colourflex Man of the Match for his explosive batting display.

Supporting Shah's outstanding innings was Maker Mukesh, who contributed a commendable 53 runs off 41 deliveries, earning him the Rickshaw Game Changer of the Final award.

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#### emerging as the sole notable performer for the former.

Selvaraj managed to take three crucial wickets and was recognized with the RAS Logistics Best Bowler award for his exceptional efforts. Chasing a formidable target of 181 runs, Aurobindo Aga Khan SC faltered under the pressure of the final.

Only Ajith Augastin managed to put up a fight with his quick knock of 25 runs off 12 balls. The rest of the batting line-up failed to make an impact as Aurobindo Aga Khan SC crumbled under Azania Bank Upanga SC's relentless bowling assault.

Dinesh Nakrani spearheaded the bowling onslaught, wreaking havoc on Aurobindo Aga Khan SC's batting order.

Nakrani's remarkable spell saw him claim four wickets while conceding just 15 runs in 2.5 overs. Asuri Rajendra and Sanjay Bom also contributed to the team's success, picking up three wickets and two wickets respectively. The final result was a resounding victory for Azania Bank Upanga SC, as Aurobindo Aga Khan SC was dismissed for a mere 92 runs in 14.5 overs.

This loss marked Aurobindo Aga Khan SC's first defeat in this year's Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup and served as a remind-

The 2023 Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup concluded with an enthralling final, showcasing exceptional cricketing skills and the determination of the competing teams.

Azania Bank Upanga SC's dominant victory established their place in the annals of the prestigious tournament's history, while Aurobindo Aga Khan SC will have to regroup and strive for success in future editions.

This season's tournament penned a landmark achievement being the first tournament in the country to feature over 15 foreign players that played for various teams in the tournament.

The Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup is an annual T20-formatted cricket competition organized by Caravans Cricket Club.

Petrofuel is the title sponsor of the showdown. Other sponsors include Alliance Insurance, Colourflex, TATA Africa Holdings, ASAS, Rickshaw Travels, RAS Logistics, Pepsi, e-Parking, Remax, Flashnet, and Aurobindo.

Others are Azania Bank, Jiuzhou, All Season Hotel, General Petroleum, UMC International, Automark, Hisense, Oman Air, Ashton Media, Mo Assurance, Aucom & Harmonic, and Car & General.

24-July 8.

Just a week ago, CECAFA, while announcing that seven teams had confirmed their participation, opted - this time in negotiation with FKF - to push the tournament by five days; resetting the dates to June 29-July 11.

With Tanzania and Kenya camps broken, it is noted that 30 out of 44 players making Kenya's U-18 women's team camp are active.

"If they move it a lot of countries will withdraw," Otieno added. "July 13 is tricky for most countries with exams and school games," Football Kenya Federation CEO Barry Otieno clarified.

The confidence that pushing the start of the showpiece forward will give Member Associations enough time to prepare their teams for the season-opening tournament on the CECAFA calendar has turned out to be different after Tanzania and Uganda dissolved their teams' camps.

The countries that had confirmed participation include Kenya's Junior Starlets, Ethiopia, Mainland Tanzania, Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda, and Zanzibar.

