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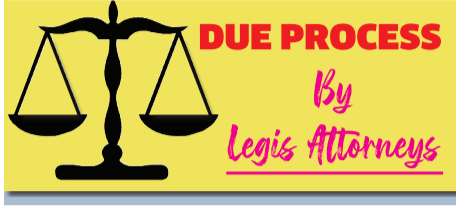
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CRDB Bank to sell Precision Air tickets

By Correspondent James Kandoya

TRAVELLERS using Precision Air can now buy tickets at CRDB branches.

Precision Air group managing director Patrick Mwanri (pictured) said at a function to unveil the new arrangement on Wednesday in Dar es Salaam that the new dispensation is based on a CRDB Bank integrated service delivery channel.

Tickets will thus be accessed anywhere, as the bank has a network of more than 200 branches across the country.

This will help to ease ticket purchasing to customers even in remote areas, easing transport needs to obtain a ticket especially for emergencies or unplanned trips, he said.

The demand for air transport services is increasing, thus the new arrangement is likely to pull more customers to the airline, he said, asserting that this is likely to increase company income and its contribution to government revenues.

The collaboration enables even those residing in remote areas to buy tickets during



The airline based at the Julius Nyerere International Airport in Dar es Salaam operates scheduled passenger services to Nairobi and Entebbe, as well as several destinations to airports and airstrips countrywide

emergencies, he said, praising the government for its part in this initiatives, ensuring a conducive environment of economic prosperity.

Abdulmajid Nsekela, the bank's CEO, said that this initiative ensured ecosystem payments in being able to offer a variety of services, affirming that Precision Air customers can use the CRDB Bank integrated systems channel to buy tickets anytime, even in late hours.

The new system is convenient and cost efficient, enabling the government to collect revenues and travellers to make book reservations urgently or for an unplanned trip, for Diaspora and local residents holding CRDB Bank accounts.

Precision Air was established 30 years ago and has for years been in operational collaboration with Kenya Airways, KQ.

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Cement firms' merger dispute dividing MPs



A resident of Mitumbati ward in Nachingwea District, Lindi Region, airs her grievances to Nachingwea district commissioner Mohamed Hassan Moyo (seated-R) at a public meeting the DC called chiefly to listen to the citizenry's concerns. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

INSTITUTIONAL disputes concerning the planned acquisition of Tanga Cement Co. by the Dar-based Twiga Cement, the subsidiary of a multinational firm, is beginning to shake up the regulatory environment, MPs say.

Timotheo Mzava (Korogwe Rural) made this suggestion while contributing to debate on estimates tabled by the Investment, Industry and Trade minister Dr Ashatu Kijaji.

The minister tabled 119.17bn/- estimates for the next financial year, with the cement plant acquisition plan taking up plenty of time as MPs reacted to the minister's speech.

The MP said the proposed merger was not being handled in a transparent manner, affirming that back in March the companies' registrar, BRELA "deregistered Chalinze Cement Co. Ltd, the main challenger in the deal on the reason that it had not filed its annual returns."

The proposed deal started in October 2021 when a Scandinavian cement group Scancem International DA, a subsidiary of Heidelberg Cement AG, the parent firm of Twiga Cement - and AfriSam Mauritius Investment Holdings Ltd, controlling Tanga Cement, agreed on the issue.

They issued a joint statement that they had finalised the terms upon which Twiga Cement would acquire a 68.33 percent stake in Tanga Cement, he said, affirming that the Fair Competition Commission (FCC)

'AfCFTA strengthening civic groups functions'

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

TANZANIA has expressed confidence in the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) as a plan to simplify economic cooperation in Africa, boost internal trade and create mitigation levers against global disasters.

Dr Dorothy Gwajima, the Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups minister, appearing for President Samia Suluhu Hassan, made this remark here yesterday, opening a three-day East Africa NGOs Forum.

For young women, AfCFTA is expected to instill the spirit of transformation, contributing to sustainable development



We also believe that people's participation via civil societies is important in making sure policies work at the grassroots level

as a whole, she said.

Daniel Lema, the East Africa Civil Society Organisations president, said the forum sought to bring together civic organisations "to be part of the link between the people in the area with organs that drive EAC integration."

Swift implementation of AfCFTA arrangements would be a boon for the EAC bloc, while Tanzania, the second largest economy in the region, would have its real income increase by 10 percent from 2021 to 2035, he said.

AfCFTA is expected to boost intra-African trade by the gradual elimination of tariffs by up to 90 per cent if intra-African trade,

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LATRA unveils travel start time

By Getrude Mbagu

THE Land Transport Regulatory Authority (LATRA) has asked operators of upcountry passenger buses wishing to commence trips at 3am to submit their applications.

Salum Pazy, LATRA acting director of communications, told journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday that LATRA will go through those applications and issue a go-ahead for buses meeting the needed requirements.

Currently, some buses are allowed to commence their journeys at 5am and park



before midnight, he said, accompanied by Joseph Priskus, secretary general of the Tanzania Bus Owners' Association (TABOA).

LATRA has all the time been considering requests from bus owners on extension of operation time, he said, noting that currently there are more than 180 upcountry buses commencing their morning travel at 5am.

"They have been given special permits, so we are requesting those wishing to start earlier to bring their requests," he stated, elaborating that LATRA has

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intervened to halt the deal.

In December Scancem wrote to FCC seeking acquisition approval, and in February FCC called for public opinions on the issue, which the MP said is contrary to the land laws.

"If these firms are merged they will form 42.27 of the cement market share," he stated, insisting that this is contrary to Article 11 (I) of the Fair Competition Act 2003.

He stood on the grounds that there was no formal merging advert by FCC "that could attract transparency and competitiveness," thus the acquisition will make the acquiring company monopolise the market.

Tanga Cement has a larger clinker deposit and the deal is a threat to production competitiveness, he emphasised, while Charles Mwijage (Muleba North) was of the view acquisition will pose a threat in case the company fails.

It would drag the country into a cement shortage crisis that would pull up prices of the commodity, he said, raising the spectre of national security challenges if cement scarcity picks up.

Protecting the industry is crucial, he cautioned, underlining that the industry can collapse and the country starts to rely on imports. Market share criteria should be observed as the country readies for the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), he stated.

Dustan Kitandula (Mkinga) said that

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Tanga Region has been a victim of company acquisitions in the past 15 years, with most of the purchased firms failing afterwards. That brings up skepticism of Tanga-Twiga cement deal, he declared.

Judith Kapinga (Special Seats) argued that the Fair Competition Act is clear on agreements likely to affect fairness in the market share through reduced competitiveness or domination.

Article 5 and 8 of the Act stipulate the kind of acquisition agreements and modalities that must be agreed regarding the local market impact. The law discourages acquisitions and mergers leading to over 35 percent dominance of market share, she emphasised.

The deal should not obviate from

the protection of consumers, she said, citing FCC observation that if the two firms are merged or one is acquired by the other, they will dominate 52 percent of the market.

Four out of five main cement trading zones will be dominated by the merged firms, holding 92 percent share in the northern zone market, 77 percent in the Lake Zone, 60 percent in coastal zone and 49 percent in the central zone.

Ahmed Shabiby (Morogoro Urban), said that he sees no problem with the deal, citing mergers of soft drinks and wheat flour producers, without any market monopoly arising.

Business should not be mixed with policies, and the government should only regulate the business instead of dictating business issues, he added.



Agriculture ministry permanent secretary Gerald Mweli (L) and the Dutch Ambassador to Tanzania, Wiebe De Boer, sign documents in Dodoma city yesterday on an agreement meant to support Tanzanian exporters with digital technology. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

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removing of non-tariff barriers and trade restrictions on goods and services, he stated.

EAC exports to the rest of Africa stood at \$7.9bn/- in recent trade data, taking up 42 percent of EAC exports, valued at \$18.7bn/-, he affirmed.

Citing remarks from the president, the minister said the government is keen about boosting relations with civil society organisations (CSOs) by policy and legislative initiatives.

She said the charter of East African integration seeks zonal

cooperation and people-based development in the zone. "The government believes that the forum will generate ideas on wider cooperation strategies, ensuring the presence of civil societies as a voice of the people at the zonal level," the minister remarked.

"We also believe that people's participation via civil societies is important in making sure policies work at the grassroots level, and we recognize the societies' vital role in the pursuit of research and public discussion on various policy issues," she added.

TTB directs tour operators to improve service delivery

By Correspondent James Kandoya

TANZANIA Tourist Board (TTB) director general Damas Mfugale has urged tourism services providers to offer quality services to make tourists come back after their departures.

Mfugale said this after opening a one-day workshop to the journalists on the importance of line platforms to promote tourist attractions organised by TTB in collaboration with Tanzania Media Practitioners Association (TAMPA) available in the country.

Speaking to journalists after opening a one-day workshop about tourism, Mfugale said they must use their professional skills to promote tourism through media and online platforms.

"Promoting tourism alone is not enough; we need to improve the quality of our services. Good and quality services will make tourists good ambassadors," he said.

He said scribes are very important in promoting tourism and have a chance to promote through local and online abroad. "Tourism is a business once conducted in professional way will help to improve the economy and Gross Domestic Product national revenues where currently tourism sector contributes 17 percent," he said.

Mfugale said it was now one year since the Tanzania Royal Tour was launched, and its impact is currently noted as an increase in the number of tourists coming in the country.

According to him, promoting tourism through media alone is nothing if the service providers offer poor and attractive services to the

tourists arriving in the country.

The National College of Tourism tutor, Amri Abdi said the training will help to improve the country's economy through the tourism sector.

He said there were a number of untapped tourism potentials that needed special attention so that they could contribute to nation revenues.

TAMPA president Simon Mkina said the aim of the workshop was to increase national revenues collected from the tourism sector through online platforms.

"Journalists through online platforms can play a role of promoting the country's tourism sector by posting news about country tourist attractions," he said.

On February 22, this year, Mohamed Mchengerwa, the Natural Resources and Tourism minister issued 60 days to the Tanzania Tourist Board (TTB) directors and management to come up with a strategy of effective promotion of the country's tourism attractions, including cultural tourism.

He issued the directives during a familiarisation tour where he discussed a range of issues with TTB staff and management.

Cultural tourism eases contention between local cultural values and globalisation, making culture and tourism largely symbiotic, increasing incomes and enabling cultural resources to add to sustainability of tourism growth, he said.

Reaching the five million tourists strategy needs to give priority to Asia, in particular China and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), apart from India.

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started reviewing regulations to improve transport services.

Later this month, LATRA will convene a number of meetings in various zones and Dar es Salaam city to bring together stakeholders for discussion on e-ticketing and the vehicle tracking system (VTS), among others.

The TABOA coordinator expressed satisfaction with LATRA for the early start decision but appealed for a 24 hours operational framework as the demand for

transport is increasing on a daily basis.

The government also needs to strengthen infrastructure and security to enable travelers to reach bus stations at any time, even at night, he said.

"Allowing buses to operate 24 hours will not only improve transport services, but also stimulate the economy as people will be able to travel anytime to fulfill various economic obligations," he said.

"So it is needful that the government takes up the matter as it is vitally important," he added.

Deputy minister reiterates govt commitment to solve remaining contentious Union issues

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE Deputy Minister of State in the Vice-President Office, Union and Environment, Khamis Hamza Khamis yesterday reinstated the government commitment to solve the remaining four contentious union matters.

He told the Parliament here that the remaining four issues are being worked upon, adding that there are hopes that they might be resolved soon.

He cited the remaining issues as the distribution of revenue from the Zanzibar's shares in the East African Currency Board and the Bank of Tanzania profit, recommendations of the Joint Finance Commission, motor vehicles registration and importation of sugar produced in Zanzibar into Mainland market.

"Let me assure the Parliament that both governments are committed to work on the remaining issues and those which will arise in the future," he said.

He assured the parliament that

the efforts of solving the union vex is not stuck nor has it been disrupted because until now they have succeeded to solve more issues than the ones remaining.

The deputy minister gave the sentiment when responding to a question by the Mtambwe MP, Khalifa Mohamed Issa (CCM) on the measures to settle the remaining union issues.

He explained that to date the two governments have discussed, resolved, and removed from the list of union vexes 22 issues.

The explanation went on in response to a supplementary question posed by Same West MP David Mathayo (CCM), who wanted to know which union contentious issues have been solved and which ones remain.

Khamis noted that some of the issues resolved include the costs of unloading cargo at the Dar es Salaam Port for cargo arriving from Zanzibar, as well as the exploration and extraction of oil and natural gas.

He said to discuss issues and

solutions; both governments have adopted open and independent procedures for holding joint meetings conducted by the joint committee for dealing with Union issues.

Before the committee was formed in 2005, the government was resolving matters through various commissions and committees for investigating issues and recommending appropriate measures.

In a follow-up question, MP Mathayo asked which law was used to resolve the issue of oil and gas exploration, even though the constitution states that it is a union matter.

Responding, Khamis said it was true that the exploration and extraction of oil and natural gas was a challenge and there was a time when there was tension, but due to the wisdom of leaders who manage the union and the committees dealing with resolving vexes, they reached a good place to solve this matter using the law.

According to a book on resolved

union vexes available on the Vice-President's website, on oil and natural gas exploration and extraction, there was an argument on how to share revenue from such resources when available.

After negotiations, the two governments decided to bring into play the Aberdeen University Petroleum and Economic Consultants (AUPEC) from Britain to provide technical advice on the distribution of the resource revenue.

AUPEC completed the work and proposals were submitted to the governments.

It further read that the Petroleum Act No. 21 of 2015 was enacted and gave Zanzibar the authority to establish an instrument to manage petroleum activities and natural gas issues, in September 2016, Zanzibar's Ministry of Lands, Housing, Water and Energy formulated the Zanzibar Oil and Gas (Upstream) Policy that among other things, acknowledged the existed gap regarding manpower, legal and institutional framework.



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa has an audience with Culture, Arts and Sports minister Dr Pindi Chana (2nd-R), deputy minister Hamis Mwinjuma alias Mwana FA (L) and permanent secretary Said Yakub ((2nd-L) as well as Arusha regional commissioner John Mongella in Arusha city yesterday shortly before opening the African Union's Council of Sports Ministers Meeting - Region IV. Photo: PMO

Projects from Barrick CSR funds change lives of residents around Ulyanhulu Mine

By Guardian Correspondent, Msalala

BIG projects accomplished by Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds given by Barrick Bulyanhulu Mine have transformed the lives of many residents, making project areas more attractive to many stakeholders who go to learn on the supervision of projects.

This week Nyang'hwale, Geita, Msalala and Kahama districts were visited by officials from Mara Region led by the Region's Acting Administrative Secretary (RAS), Dominicus Lusajo accompanied

by members of Community Development Committees (CDC) to see and learn how Barrick Bulyanhulu Mine have been able to accomplish big CSR projects for them to emulate.

Barrick Bulyanhulu Senior Community Relations Officer, Zuwen Senkondo told the visiting delegation during their visit at projects accomplished in Nyang'hwale District that during 2022 and 2023, Barrick Bulyanhulu Mine has built more than 15 dispensaries in the district and improved infrastructures to schools

and roads.

Some of the big projects built from CSR funds that continue to benefit the people in the districts include Bugarama Technical College, Bugarama Hospital, Bulyanhulu Girls Secondary School and Ntobo Health Training College.

Others are the Segese Bus Stand, Kharumwa English Medium Primary School and the refurbishment of infrastructures to primary and secondary schools as well as clean and safe water projects and road infrastructures.

Speaking on behalf of his

delegation, Mara RAS Dominicus Luhajo showered praise on Barrick for the development projects in areas around its mines in Bulyanhulu and North Mara.

He said through the visit they will be able to learn how to invent projects that are beneficial to the people.

Tarime Rural Member of Parliament who was part of the visiting delegation, Mwita Waitara praised Barrick Gold Corporation for implementing in deeds the government's policies in regard to investments in the mining sector.



Zuwena Senkondo, a senior community relations officer with Barrick Bulyanhulu Gold Mine, pictured at the company's premises earlier this week addressing visiting members of Mara Region's Community Development Committee. They are on a training tour of projects implemented in Geita and Shinyanga regions with corporate social responsibility funding from the firm. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Tanzania on right track in fighting GBV - REPOA

By Felister Peter

TANZANIA is said to make good progress on gender equality and reduction of Gender Based Violence (GBV) cases as per new findings of a survey conducted by REPOA.

According to findings of the Afrobarometer survey which was conducted between September and October 2022, involving 2,400 citizens in rural and urban areas across regions, Tanzania sees GBV as the most important women's rights that the government and society must address.

Presenting the findings in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Jane Mpalika, Senior Researcher said 83 percent of Tanzanians said it is not acceptable for a man to physically discipline his wife.

"Most Tanzanians believe that the police are likely to take GBV seriously and that such issues should be treated as criminal and not private matter," said Mpalika, noting that the majority of the people said GBV is not a common

problem.

She said that 92 percent believe that police are likely to take GBV cases seriously while 64 percent of respondents said domestic violence is a criminal matter that requires the involvement of law enforcement.

"Only 33 percent of the people saw GBV cases as private matters that can be resolved within the family," she added.

On government performance in promoting equal rights and opportunities, she said the survey showed that educational achievement is close to gender-equal and the gender gaps in control over household assets and participation in household financial decisions.

The researcher noted that 83 percent of Tanzanians said the government is doing a 'fairly' good job of promoting equal rights and opportunities for women.

She said three-quarters (75 percent) of citizens think the government should do more to promote equal rights and

opportunities for women. 19 percent said the government is doing about the right amount, while only 5 percent said the government should reduce its gender equality efforts.

On gender equality in political participation, Mpalika said findings indicate that seven in 10 citizens said women should have the same chance as men to be elected to public office, rejecting the idea that men make better political leaders, thus should be given priority as candidates.

Fewer men (67 percent) than women (72 percent) support gender equality in politics.

She said about four in 10 people said men should be given priority over women in hiring when jobs are scarce, while 60 percent rejected such kind of gender discrimination.

"Majority Tanzanians (85 percent) endorse equal rights to own and inherit land while women support the matter more than men (89 percent). Many people (87 percent) said women do have the

same opportunities as men to get a paying job and own and inherit land (82 percent).

Dr Donald Mmari, REPOA Executive Director said Tanzania is among 35 African countries that conduct Afrobarometer surveys whereas REPOA started conducting the surveys in 2001. He said the informative surveys aim to collect views on what citizens think of the government's provision of services.

Nuru Maro from the Tanzania Human Rights Defenders Coalition (THRDC) said the government should continue to invest in bringing gender equality to enable women to directly contribute to the country's development.

Prof Esther Mwaikambo, former chairperson, REPOA's Board of Directors underscored the need for continued education especially women on the importance of reporting GBV cases to relevant authorities. He said the problem exists, hence the need to work on modalities to reduce cases.

Ministry of Investment registers growth in new project registration

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

THE Ministry of Investment, Industry and Trade have recorded a growth in new project registration in the current financial year as counterfeit products continue to bite the business fair playing grounds of the local market.

Presenting the 2023/24 budget estimates pegged at 119.17bn/- in the National Assembly yesterday, the docket minister Dr Ashatu Kijaji said that major success has been recorded in the current fiscal year ending in June but challenges like smuggling of counterfeits persists.

The minister said between July 2022 and March this year the ministry has registered 240 new projects. Of the projects, 89 are local investment owned, 94 foreign investments and 57 joint venture projects.

The projects are expected to attract an investment worth 10.2trn/- (\$4.39billion). It is expected that the projects will generate 39,245 direct and indirect employment opportunities. There has been an increment of 34 projects, an equivalent of 16.5 percent.

Of the 240 projects, 187 (77.9 percent) are being implemented in the sectors of agriculture, property business, infrastructure, human capital, factories, services, communications, tourism and transportation.

She said the ministry conducted 19 raids in Dar es Salaam, Kilimanjaro, Arusha, Mwanza, Manyara, Iringa, Mbeya and Njombe in search for counterfeits where it successfully nabbed counterfeits worth 1.13bn/-.

"During the inspection at the Dar es Salaam port that involved 7,918 containers, 206 were proved to be loaded with products that violate the Trademark Act 1963. The products in the containers are worth 15.9bn/-," said Dr Kijaji.

She said in its priorities for the 2023/24 fiscal year the ministry has planned to coordinate the private sector to fully take part in investment, trade and industrial

development.

It also plans to coordinate entrepreneurship training programmes for youths, cooperative unions and other economic groups, implementation of 2004 women empowerment policy and promote local communities involvement in strategic investment projects.

The ministry also intends to invest in manpower and technologies of fighting the supply and smuggling of counterfeits into the local market.

The minister said so far so good with resolving non-tariff barriers with Kenya where 15 NTBs remained of which seven are against Tanzania and eight are against Kenya.

The ministry registered 10,918 companies of the targeted 13,000, an equivalent of 84 percent. It registered 19,954 business names of the targeted 25,100. The ministry issued 138 industrial licenses, an equivalent of the intended 200.

Between July 2022 and March 2023 the ministry through economic empowerment schemes issued soft loans worth 714bn/- to 2.20 million entrepreneurs of which 1.23 million are women and 969,689 are men.

The loans led to the creation of 3.12 employment opportunities of which 1.62 million opportunities were grabbed by women.

The ministry had during the same period through the National Entrepreneurs Development Fund (NEDF) issued 1,474 loans worth 3.50bn/-.

Of the loans, 516 loans worth 1.23bn/- were allocated to village projects that led to the creation of 5,489 jobs. The ministry linked 13 entrepreneurs to Azania Bank and CRDB Bank where they borrowed 1.15bn/-.

The ministry had between October and December 2022 conducted verification for 481 Ludewa residents for compensation to pave the way for the Liganga iron ore project of the targeted 494 residents. As of April this year the ministry has received 15.4bn/- from the treasury for compensating.



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"Dua" for our beloved **Mzee Tukai** will be held at the family residence in **Kibamba Dar-Es-Salaam** on **Saturday 06/05/2023 from 11:00Am.**

You are all warmly welcome.

Innah Lilah



Daniel Malanga (L), Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority's Economic Control director, opens the annual general meeting of leaders of the Tanzania Union of Government and Health Employees (Tughe) branch at the agency held in Morogoro municipality yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Dickson Mulashani

Man trampled to death by wild elephants in Ruvuma

By Guardian Correspondent, Tunduru

A 60-year-old man, Ali Musa of Mbatu Village in Tunduru District, Ruvuma Region has died after a herd of elephants attacked him while working on his farm on April 23, this year.

In line with the killings, the group of over 30 elephants attacked farmers' fields in the village, destroying crops of about four acres, belonging to the deceased's

younger brother—Said Hemed.

Reports have it that Mbatu died after the jumbos trampled the man to death and beyond recognition.

Mbatu Ward Councillor Rashid Swalehe admitted the increasing incidents of elephants' attacks which have been causing peoples' disabilities, deaths as well as eating and destroying crops for the people of the area.

He urged the government to increase the amount paid as

compensation paid to the victims as the current amount is very small.

The councillor urged the farmers in this district to keep the spectrum of pepper mixed with dirty oil on their fields to protect themselves from the animals.

He said that the statistics of incidents in his office show that more than 15 people reported dead due to attacks by groups of elephants in the past three years.

Statistics also show that during

that period 13 citizens were injured in those incidents and were left with lifelong disabilities.

He said that during the year 2020, five people died due to being killed by elephants and four people were injured. He added that in the period of 2021, two citizens lost their lives and three others were injured and caused lifelong disabilities.

It's noted that 6,959 farms were destroyed by these destructive animals.

MUHAS embarks on new project intended to step up diagnosis of range of cardiovascular diseases

By Beatrice Philemon

THE Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) is implementing a new project dubbed: "MOYO Artificial Intelligence (IA)" aimed to strengthen early and quality diagnosis on cardiovascular diseases.

Cardiovascular diseases (CVDs), are a group of heart and blood vessel disorders and cited as the number one cause of death and disability globally.

Delivering a research presentation on Cardiovascular disease at a one-day Tanzania Medical Laboratory Students Association (TAMELASA)'s Scientific Conference in Dar es Salaam last week, David Maro, a three-year student studying bachelor of medical laboratory science at MUHAS said under MOYO AI project, he has been able to develop MOYO AI machine learning tool in collaboration with Nashoni Israel and Emmanuel Tarimo from Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology (DIT) to evaluate each episodes of the patients, predicting the outcome and hence early interventions to be done.

"We have been able to collect 900 data from different patients that include different samples to help MOYO IA machine learning tool to provide accurate prediction of patient outcome and later on allow healthcare providers to provide early treatment and save patient's lives," he said.

He said MOYO AI technology helps to provide accurate diagnostic results for patients and improve the healthcare system in Tanzania.

According to him, cardiovascular disease is one of the leading causes of morbidity and mortality in the world. In Tanzania it is identified as one of the major non-communicable diseases with a mortality rate of 14 percent every year.

As a result, major intervention is needed to reduce the morbidity and mortality rate caused by this disease.

He called on medical laboratory scientists to provide best results

and avoid risks that can occur in laboratories as they move to Artificial Intelligence models in healthcare.

"We have to be accurate in what we do because laboratory results are essential in the prognosis of disease. It is the first thing ordered by the clinician as the patient is admitted in a health centre," he said.

Other tools such as Vital signs and images from X-Rays and ECG are also used in the diagnosis and interventions of patients presenting with cardiovascular disease.

He said so far they have been able to test the tool, in this model they fed it a dataset of about 919 instances of patient's data with different attributes and dropping death attribute as an outcome," he said.

"With the high accuracy of the tool, we can say we are able to predict the outcome of heart failure and risk of ICU admission hence proving to be an essential tool in delivering health care to cardiovascular patients," he said.

He also called on different stakeholders and government as well to help them access funds to modernize the MOYO IA system as well as obtain supervision from other experts who have been utilized the Artificial intelligence system in their daily activities so that they can be competent on how to operate it and improve the system.

Tarimo said they also plan to improve the model by increasing the amount of data set hence increasing the accuracy of the model, developing other predictive tools so as to assess other conditions such as stroke hence aiding early management.

Also developing tools for other conditions such as Sepsis and developing a continuous measure of lab tests that can be fed into the system so as to increase the accuracy of prediction.

Mathew Mwalongo, TAMELASA's Chairperson at MUHAS added that conference's theme was "Laboratory Diagnostic in Quality Healthcare, National Development and Global Health Security."



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Over 4,000 women living with HIV benefit from free cervical cancer testing at Tumbi hospital

By Correspondent Mary Kadoko

OVER 4,000 women living with HIV in the Coast Region have benefited with free Cervical Cancer Screening at Tumbi Regional Referral Hospital (TRRH), an initiative funded by U.S Center for Disease Control and Prevention through Tanzania Health Promotion Support (THPS).

Dr Asnath Nnko, Maternal, Adolescents and Paediatrics Officer said since January to March 2023, U.S CDC through THPS's AFYA Hatua Project in collaboration with Kibaha Council Health Management team has managed to attend 4,000 beneficiaries of which among them 58 clients that had early cancer signs were enrolled to treatment.

"For the first time this year since January to March 2023, 4,000 women living with HIV were enrolled to free cervical cancer screening different from the past where most cancer suspects could not afford to pay for biopsy and hence did not receive timely diagnosis and treatment that resulted to loss of lives," Dr Asnath said this on Wednesday during the media tour at the hospital.

She added: "Among the enrolled 58 who had early signs of cervical cancer were treated and 27 cancer suspects five were found negative after further investigations."

Dr Asnath stressed that the technical and financial support has also increased a working morale among health care workers as they effectively provide women with cervical cancer screening services, likewise increasing patients' concern on motivating one another towards clinic attendance.

THPS covers fees for sample diagnosis (biopsies) athistology laboratory from Mloganzila Hospital and return samples at TRRH.

Maria Mpongwe, assistant nursing officer at TRRH urged the community to wave out witchcraft

notions upon cervical cancer symptoms.

She said that with the awareness, most of them have woken up urging the community to go for early screening based on the fact that the disease is curable.

Stellah Mkawe, Enrolled Nurse at TRRH highlighted the early cervical cancer signs as fatigue, blood discharge during sex and vaginal smelly discharge.

Dr Innocent Kweka, Laboratory Technologist at Tumbi Regional Referral Hospital Commended U.S CDC and THPS donation initiative of which by now they are able to accumulate 15 to 18 samples in a month with early results different from the past where they managed to collect only 8 samples.

"We calmly ask the U.S CDC and THPS to kindly request the government to think of initiating a well-equipped biopsies processing unit at TRRH that will ease screening and patients treatment," she added.

Through a five-year 'Afya Hatua Project' funded by PEPFAR/US CDC through THPS has managed to support not less than 95 women's biopsies between October 2022 and March 2023 across Coast Region by paying for fee and supporting transportation and return of results of biopsies taken from clients suspected to be having cervical cancer. Biopsies are taken at Tumbi hospital and transported to Mloganzila Hospital in Dar es Salaam for processing.



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Tanganyika Law Society's outgoing vice president, Gloria Kashununu Kalabamu, reads the resumes of retired Judges John Mgeta, Beatrice Mtungi and Sekela Moshi at a ceremony held yesterday at the Dar es Salaam premises of the High Court of Tanzania to bid them farewell. Photo: Correspondent Iman Nathaniel

Govt to build dormitories in girls' secondary schools with science subjects combinations

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government will build dormitories in some ten girls' secondary schools with science subjects combination by July 2023, it has been revealed.

Deputy Minister of State, President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government, Deogratius Ndenjemi told the Parliament yesterday, adding that the aim is to enable students have good learning environment.

Ndenjemi added that this

part of the government efforts to build dormitories in all advanced secondary schools including those with science subjects combinations, saying both girl and boy students face challenges.

He made the statement in response to a question asked by the Special Seats MP, Dr Pauline Nahato (CCM), who had wanted to know the government's plan to build dormitories in girls secondary schools with science combinations.

"What is the government doing in effort to build dormitory facilities in girls' schools, especially those with

science subjects combinations?' she asked.

The legislator argued that most girls fail to complete their secondary school education due to harsh environment that expose them to a lot of challenges.

In his response, the deputy minister explained that the government continues to prioritize construction of dormitories in boarding secondary schools.

He said in 2021/2022, the government disbursed a total of 30 bn/- for construction of ten special girls science schools from ordinary

to advanced levels.

"This is the first phase of the construction of such 26 schools in every region through the SEQUIP project," said the deputy minister.

He told the lawmakers that the project also aims at building nine dormitories in every school with capacity to accommodate 120 students each.

Through the project, the government aims at building and renovating more dormitories in effort to increase the capacity to accommodate students joining advanced secondary education.

Govt roots for ethical behaviour on the reduction of use of zinc by small miners

By Guardian Reporter

ENVIRONMENT officers and mine inspectors have been urged to adopt ethical behaviour in order to accomplish the government's aims regarding the reduction of the use of zinc by small gold miners.

Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Vice President's Office (Environment) Dr Switbert Mkama issued the appeal when opening a two-day training workshop to environment Officers and mine inspectors regarding the Manimata and Basel Protocols on the reduction of the use of zinc that started Wednesday in Dodoma.

Dr Mkama said Tanzania the Manimata Protocol on zinc on

October 10 2013 with the aim of reducing the use of the chemical that has adverse effects to both the environment and human health.

He urged the officers to adopt ethical behaviour as without ethics, the country will not move forward as intended in regard to the reduction of the use of zinc by small miners.

"I appeal to you to avoid mixing personal interests and inspections so as to make sure human health and the environment remain safe as we should understand that zinc has adverse effects to both the environment and human health," he added.

Meanwhile, the director for the adherence of implementations of environmental conservation

management from the national Environmental Management Council (NEMC), Eng Redempta Samuel said the training will empower them to solve environmental challenges.

She said many small gold miners' activities are conducted in areas with water sources and forest reserves, which become prone to environmental destruction, hence the training will provide them with the knowledge to address the challenges.

In the same vein, Lucas Maselo from the National Mining Commission said the training will empower them and spur the use of modern technology in gold processing, instead of the use of zinc.



Chunya district commissioner Mayeka Simon Mayeka (2nd-L, in glasses) pictured on Tuesday inspecting dried tobacco leaves stored in one of the Lupatinginga ward warehouses as he graced the launch of the tobacco market season. Left is Mkwawa Tobacco managing director Ahmed Mansoor Huwel, the investor. Photo: Correspondent Nebart Msokwa



TANZANIA PORTLAND CEMENT PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that the 31st Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of the above company will be held at:

**Johari Rotana Hotel – Almasi Ballroom
Sokoine Drive, Dar-es-Salaam,
On Wednesday, 31st May, 2023 at 10:00 am.**

AGENDA

1. Constitution of the Meeting: The Secretary to read the notice convening the meeting and determine if a quorum is present.
2. To confirm the minutes of the 30th Annual General Meeting held on 25th May 2022.
3. To Receive, Consider and, if thought fit, Adopt the Directors' Report, Auditors' Report and the Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2022.
4. To Receive, Consider and, if thought fit, Approve the Declaration of Dividend for Year 2022.
5. To approve the appointment of the Statutory Auditors for the year ending 31st December 2023.
6. To transact any other business of the Company of which due notice has been received.

**By Order of the Board
Dated 5th May 2023
Company Secretary**

1. Any member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy or proxies to attend and vote in his/ her stead. The proxy form is available on the company's website (<https://www.twigacement.com>).
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3. Shareholders should come with their share certificates together with identity cards (e.g. Passport, Driving License, National ID, Employment ID, or Voters ID).
4. A full set of audited accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022 is available at the company's registered office at Wazo Hill, Dar es Salaam, or can be downloaded from the website (<https://www.twigacement.com>).

We often profusely spit fire, while ending up ineffectual!

RECENT months have seen and heard all manner of alerts, cautions and warnings relating to how costly being found guilty of noise pollution can prove if and when the authorities concerned decide to swing into the kind of action the law of the land empowers them to take.

Maybe for the sake of ensuring fairness, including equality before the law, not even places of worship have been spared.

In fact, in part because of the regularity and frequency with which they engage in the making of markedly audible pronouncements, these have been among those most frequently mentioned as targets of the measures lined up.

Experts say that whether noise is traffic-related or coming from music concerts or construction sites, it can cause hearing impairment, stress, high blood pressure and other forms of health problems, discomfort or inconvenience. Accordingly, there is a whole standing piece of legislation in the country relating to the matter – complete with action to take in cases of default.

Yet, as with respect to various other issues where contravention of laid down regulations, rules or guidelines is supposed to attract deterrent measures, it is not always that this actually comes to pass. Soon thereafter, familiarity gradually breeds contempt – and it is business as usual all over again.

And, as noted, it is not only with regard to noise pollution that we find such case studies. For instance, consider violations of road traffic regulations, even in cases where they result in massive loss of life and limb.

As often happens, law-enforcement agents would swiftly arrive at the scene of the incident

for an on-the-spot assessment. That would likely include briefing the media on the goings-on, among the details being apportioning of blame, and promising “severe legal action against whoever is in the wrong so that the action serves as a deterrent...”

Too bad, this would apply while the facts of the matter tell a completely different story: that there is, in fact, no “severe legal action” anywhere to begin with – not to mention the fact that it would not take even as much as a week before things cool down near-literally, until there is a recurrence of the tragic incident.

Which takes us back to standing directives – in truth, not legally binding – one relating to the manner in which containerised cargo ought to be transported on our highways and other roads.

It is all to be expected that any crash involving the heavy-duty trucks commonly used in moving such cargo would attract enormous interest, not to mention the fact that such incident would be especially deadly should it mean the falling off of a container from the truck and onto other vehicles.

It has happened time and again, the respective authorities thereafter swearing that any repetition of such reckless transportation of containerised cargo would attract “very stern action”.

And then what do we see – on the very same highway and possibly even only a few minutes later? Simple: several other similarly loaded heavy-duty trucks with the cargo far from really securely fastened to the truck.

We could go on and on and on, citing cases of the swiftness and concern with which we move in emergencies but revert to our business as usual positions soon after the storm is over. Oh, how sad!

One-sided fishing bans not new in sustainable fishing measures

EFFORTS to ensure the sustainable exploitation of resources aren't always coming up as a series of sweets, as at times it is vital to diminish the harvest of wood or, in this instance, fish in Lake Tanganyika.

A three-month ban on fishing has been declared over the lake's shores on the Tanzanian side, with a number of legislators from the zone finding it abysmal, arguing that it only applies on the Tanzanian part of the lake.

There is also the issue of alternative activity during the period, plus the view that all these matters should have been raised earlier.

It is neither easy to fault the MPs on these criticisms nor to see the relevant ministry finishing up all consultations to look for consensus on all aspects being contested, and then move to slap the ban.

Chances are that it is dissuaded from that measure and constrained to find other ways of boosting fish populations – outside a straight ban on fishing activities.

With a closer follow-up on the issue, it is possible to say how far such a method was feasible or rather what it required.

Thus, the MPs who expressed dismay at what happened didn't lack avowedly justified considerations, especially the one-sidedness of the measure, that fishermen in neighbouring countries enjoy their fishing rights as usual.

It is unclear how much work has been done by the relevant parliamentary committee to cultivate a measure of policy understanding on the issue, as environmental protection can't wait for consensus among riparian states.

Rather, one proceeds with it and then expects, or just engages in diplomatic pursuits, that others may follow.

This is what the government did in the past in relation to Lake Victoria fishing nets, where authorities here moved to destroy all nets less than 0.75mm while our neighbours were not doing the same, letting fishermen operate with 0.5mm gauge of fish nets. But when one hears that the Lake Victoria fishing zone accounts for upwards of 70 per cent of fish catches, the conservation measure may not be irrelevant to this result.

Whether other countries feel its importance is a different matter as fish is wildlife and needs fairly protected breeding zones.

It is all the same difficult to find preliminary answers to the issue of creating an enabling environment in advance for communities that rely on fishing for their daily survival.

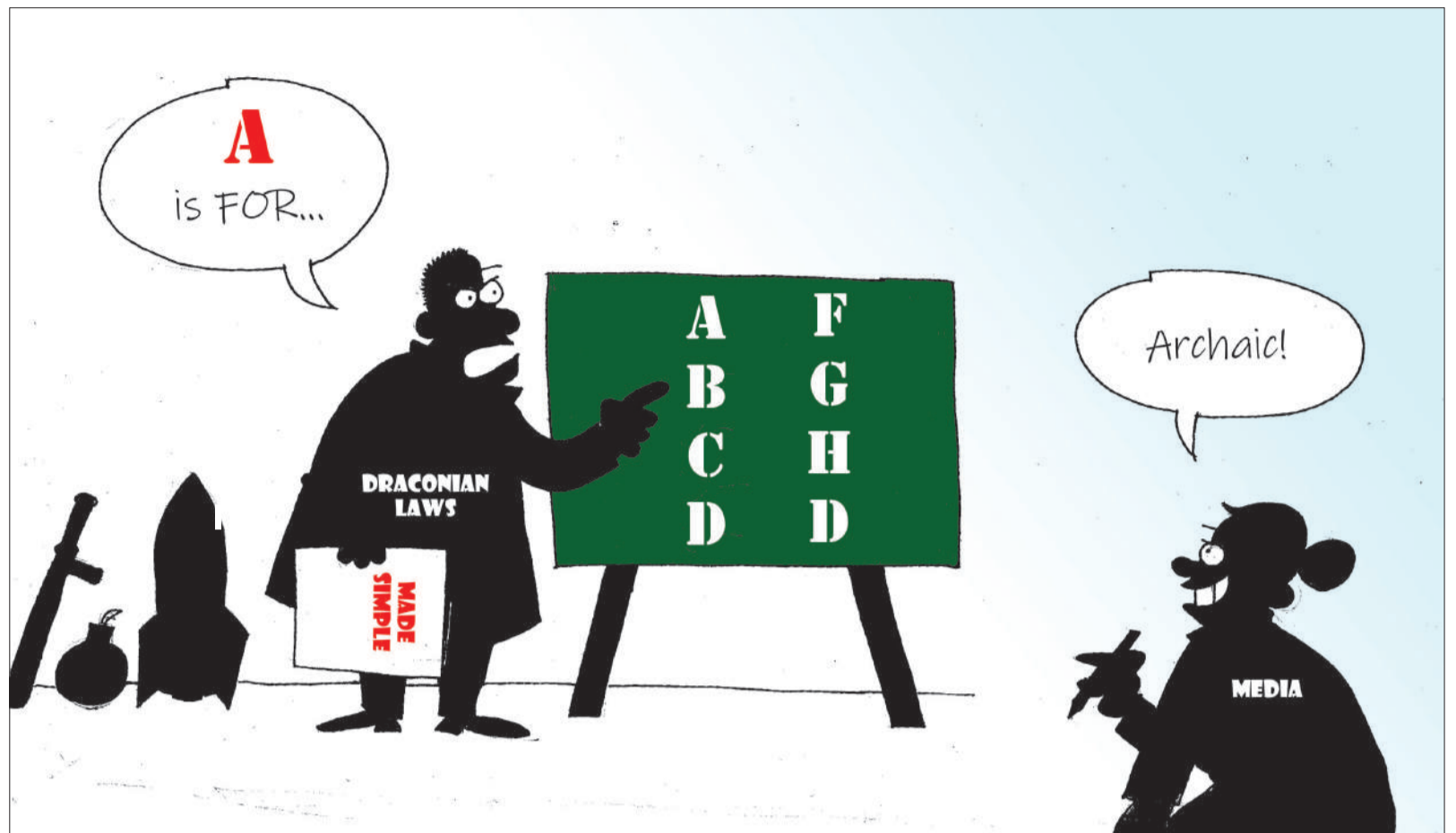
MPs were aghast that fishermen in lake shore communities had just a fortnight to May 15 when the ban takes effect, saying they are unable, in the circumstances, to engage in alternative economic activities.

That may as well be true and it is a structural dilemma; farmers don't harvest all year long.

The issue widens conservation policy measures to include initiatives applicable across the zone, for instance, taken up as part of the blue economy thrust, where isn't the modernisation of fishing equipment that is immediately at issue but rather to find ways of diversification of activity. It is a matter for the respective ministry, MPs and local authorities or even agro-sector researchers in various universities, to come up with low-cost pursuits, especially for such periods.

It could ease policy work and make conservation less contested among the residents, a job that may not just be taken up by the relevant ministry but also other actors engaged on the scene.

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By James Bellerjeau

YOUR core duties are important, sure, but they're not where you'll really have a chance to shine. It took me many years as an S&P 500 executive to master my core job. It took me several more to realise that my greatest opportunity to make a lasting mark lay elsewhere.

Today, I'll share what it means to perform well as an employee, looking at three key career phases. I'll explain why so few people manage to make it beyond the second phase.

I hope the takeaways help you manage your own work and life, regardless of the position you're in right now.

Your career has three distinct phases. The simplest way to describe a person's potential career trajectory is this: learning the ropes, where you mustn't screw up anything too big; delivering the essentials, where you master the core job responsibilities; and contributing unique value, where you go beyond the core job.

Let's briefly explore the three phases. What are the characteristics of each? Why does a person survive one and make it to the next? What are the reasons for stagnation and failure?

Phase 1: Learning the ropes (Survival Is a Matter of Luck). When you start a new job, neither you nor your company really knows if you are suited for it.

The job description was incomplete and inaccurate because no description captures the full breadth of any job. Both your application materials and your interviews were carefully scripted to show everyone at their best.

This means that your early days are a period of discovery. What exactly does the job entail? Do you have the knowledge and skills to perform? Most importantly, while you are figuring this out, will you be lucky enough to avoid major screw-ups?

If you are fortunate, you will have no major crises that challenge you before you've learned the basics of what your role entails. The basics include much more than your job scope and duties.

You will need to learn what the unstated expectations are in addition to the explicit ones. You must identify who the people who can derail your progress are and, likewise, who will come to your aid. Your company and your colleagues will be more or less indifferent to your success. Your company wants you to succeed, but that doesn't mean that it will create optimal conditions for you to do so.

Let's assume that the undisclosed factors about the company, the job itself, and your own experience do not promptly torpedo you. To

The three phases of your career: Why best performers ignore JDs



survive phase one of your career in a new job, then, you need time to acclimatise before you suffer major stresses.

How much time? I'd estimate anywhere from six months to two years, depending on your history and the job. That's just the time needed to avoid that a serious problem proves fatal. Mastering the core job usually takes considerably longer.

Phase 2: Delivering the Essentials (You Cannot Skip This Phase). When I started as General Counsel of a global multinational, I was too young, too inexperienced and hopelessly naive about what the job entailed.

I am quite sure it was just a matter of luck that I didn't flame out (= fail badly) in the early years. The reason is that I would have been unprepared to handle a serious problem. I likely wouldn't have recognized trouble brewing sufficiently early to keep it from metastasizing (= spreading) and growing.

With every passing quarter, I learned what my job was and how to do it. I figured out what resources I had myself and which I could call upon for help. And with each transaction, dispute and public filing, I gained experience that prepared me to handle the next one better.

You are not an expert for having done something once. By the Nth repetition, however, you may have developed expertise.

This is what it means to master the core job: You know how to do everything that your job regularly entails and you know how to do it well. And this is because you have done core tasks before, you can easily handle nuance and variation.

The more aspects of your core job you become an expert in, the more work you can complete. And because each task takes less time

than it used to, you deliver better results with greater confidence in more areas.

Many people never make it to this level. Why is that? I see two primary reasons: (1) they do not sufficiently focus on what they're doing, and (2) they switch jobs too frequently.

Many ambitious people are focused on getting promoted. Ironically, this leads them to invest insufficiently in their core jobs. Without mastering your core job, you may get promoted but you will not deliver exceptional value.

That's because switching your job too frequently dramatically hampers your effectiveness. You put yourself back into the learning the ropes phase. You shorten the time you've spent mastering the core job. You thus lower your odds of ever mastering the next job.

Phase 3: Contributing Unique Value (Beyond the Core Job). Mastering your core job is a fine accomplishment. If you do feel yourself gaining mastery, you have several options: stay put and comfortably perform your job, seek out a new job, or expand beyond your core job.

Strictly doing your job well is honourable but unlikely to leave a lasting legacy. Switching jobs resets your career clock and lowers your chances of growing beyond the core. You should thus view a move as satisfying your own ego more than doing something extraordinary.

So how does one expand beyond his or her core job? The best way I can describe it is striving to serve interests beyond your own.

Getting a promotion and more pay is about you. Helping your colleagues grow their potential or helping your company thrive long-term is about others.

To make it concrete, here's how I expanded beyond my core job when I was General Counsel.

Together with a colleague, I started questioning the company's vision and values.

Specifically, we asked whether the vision was inspiring for employees at all levels and not just management. And we asked whether the values accurately captured the company's culture.

This had little to do with my core job. But after more than ten years in the role, I felt that I understood the company well enough to raise the topic. And not just to ask questions, but to make suggestions.

Over the next two years, we updated the company's vision and corporate values in a project involving senior management and the board but also employees around the world. My goal was to help shape the company's culture.

I can't tell you how empowering and invigorating it was to work on something that would have a lasting impact on the whole company. To feel that our contribution really mattered and see that belief reflected by colleagues around the world.

Your Opportunity Will Be Unique

I can't predict what opportunity you will find to contribute extraordinary value beyond your core job. I can say that you greatly increase your odds by recognizing that your career follows a predictable trajectory and making sure you properly focus on each of the steps in turn.

You must survive your beginner phase and devote enough time to master your core job. The trade-off for being patient and staying at one company in one job is that you may ultimately be in a position to do great things. Be well.

* A dispatch from **Better Humans, a Coach.me's Medium publication.**

Recent instances and legal status of LGBTQ persons in Tanzania

THE acronym LGBTQ which stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer or Questioning persons is currently a buzzword across the world. The movement seeks recognition for people who engage in and legalization of sexual relations between people of the same sex as well as rights to form unions and family.

In recent months, LGBTQ movement caused eruption of hot discussions and debates and divided races, regions, countries, religious denominations and their leaders, families as well as friends.

With exception of South Africa, African countries have on numerous occasions expressed their displeasure on the LGBTQ movement. Many still remember the strong stand against LGBTQ expressed by Qatar which hosted the 2022 FIFA World Cup. The German national team had to look for a different plane to fly to Qatar as their plane had a rainbow flag normally used by individuals, groups or organizations that in one way or another, support LGBTQ.

Here in East Africa, there was applause in Uganda recently when the country's parliament endorsed anti-homosexuality bill proposing harsh penalties. And across the border in Kenya, people went to the streets to protest against the country's Supreme Court ruling that Kenyans were free to form and register an LGBTQ union.

Now, what is the legal status of LGBTQ persons here in Tanzania? We have heard individual citizens, politicians and religious leaders from various dominations send strong messages against LGBTQ but the question is: do their messages have back up of the law?

Although there is no specific law dealing with LGBTQ, there are various laws which prohibit and criminalize some activities or practices and rights sought by the said group.

Firstly, the Law of Marriage Act Cap 29 which is the governing law in marital affairs, under section 9, recognizes marriage as a union between man and woman. This law recognizes both monogamous and polygamous marriages but not union between man and man or woman and woman.

Its implication is that there is no way same sex marriages can get recognition of the law, protection and privileges which are accorded to married couples. In other words, people of the same sex cannot have a lawful marriage in Tanzania.

Secondly, there are acts or habits that



Ugandan activists launch LGBTQ rights campaigns dubbed 'My Body is Not a Battlefield' and 'Break the Chains, Stop Violence' last month against the country's recently-passed anti-homosexuality bill. File photo

are associated with LGBTQ rights and most of them are forbidden and have been categorized as criminal offences. The Penal Code Cap 16 R.E. 2022 under section 154 provides for an offence of unnatural offence and any person who has carnal knowledge of any person against the order of nature is liable to the offence and the punishment to this is 30 years imprisonment and if the said act is committed with or to a child, its punishment is life imprisonment.

The key ingredients of this offence is the actual act of having the carnal knowledge against order of nature and giving permission or consenting to a person to have such carnal knowledge against the order of nature.

Further, any attempt to commit unnatural of-



fence like an attempt of have same gender sexual intercourse, even an attempt if established, the same is an offence punishable under section 155 of the law with not less than 20 years imprisonment. Also, any indecent practice between persons of the same sex in public or private or any attempt thereto is also punishable under section 157

and its punishment is imprisonment for five years.

Courts of law have on several times and for ages litigated cases relation to these offences and issued judgments and in the process pronounced various principles guiding the circumstances surrounding this issue.

Something to note is that court of law does not circumvent the law

but interpret or apply the law and proof of an offence is of paramount importance.

In a 1983 case in Singida Region, an accused person was a male dressed in female clothes and identified himself. He was brought to court to answer charges of unnatural offence and despite being found with unusually wide hole in his genital

parts, the court held inter alia that for one to be found guilty, establishment of consent or permit for a man to use the said part is mandatory to convict an accused person.

In a criminal appeal of 2015, the court held that despite the accused man being found with sperms on his behind yet he had no any bruises to show penetration

which is mandatory, the court held that still there was evidence of attempted intent to commit unnatural offence thus the appellant was imprisoned for 20 years.

In a recent criminal application instituted by the Republic, the court granted an order that one is to be mandatorily subjected to medical diagnosis to ascertain engagement in homosexuality, although this approach is still questionable and has caused hot debates among members of the public.

In another case of Republic vs Suleiman Mustafa Mtipa before the Newala District Court in Mtwara Region, the accused person was imprisoned for 30 years after admitting that he allowed various men to have carnal knowledge with him against the order of nature.

Although these acts are covered in separate laws, it is time the state enacted a new specific law that can address this matter as at present, there are hundred ways to circumvent the law. Currently, for one to be held liable of the offences, one has to prove the act and permission given to commit such act.

In other words, this law seeks to punish victims and not perpetrators of the offence. Bearing in mind that issues related to same sex relationships are done very discreetly, there is a need for the enactment of a new law which is more preventive to address this issue broadly.

Medical diagnosis or expert opinion should be given considerable weight unless a person appeals or brings a counter report sufficient to repudiate what was placed before as to his or her engagement in the said act.

Note: the material and information contained in this article are for general information purposes only. They only provide either elementary or basic legal knowledge on the above subject. Anyone considering legal action should consult an experienced lawyer to understand current laws and how they may affect a case in question.

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By Prof Raphael Mwalysoli

THE Institute of Resource Assessment (IRA) of the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) examined the major land use and cover, and management trade-offs in the Kilombero River Basin. The overall objective was to improve awareness of environmental, social and economic impacts of land use on communities and ecosystems as well as inform land use policies in the basin.

Kilombero River Basin is a subset of the Rufiji River Basin and critical for Tanzania's development in relation to food and water security, while recognizing the competing water and land use options in the basin which include forestation of mountain grasslands in the Southern Highlands, development of dams for irrigation and hydropower generation and intensive water irrigation farming practices in the lowlands, all of which make sustainable management of the Kilombero watershed a challenge.

The basin covers 40,330 square kilometres and contributes 62 per cent of the total flow in Rufiji River. The Kilombero River flows through a 35-km-wide flood-plain between the Udzungwa

The economics of ecosystems and biodiversity of Kilombero River Basin



Mountains and the Mahenge massif where it forms the Kilombero swamp.

The Kilombero valley as a whole has 300,000 hectares potential for irrigation. Under the Southern Agriculture Growth Corridor of Tanzania

(SAGCOT) plan, a Business as Usual (BAU) scenario analysis showed that about 51,800 hectares of the potential irrigable land could be developed and generate annual gross revenues of USD35 million after five years, yield

around 4,500 direct employment opportunities and provide benefits to almost 40,000 people in total.

The scenario assumes a steady growth of human population and associated agricultural expansion to

meet the population demand while increasing agricultural land. The scenario plan also acknowledged the potential conflicting interests of land use between farmers and livestock keepers.

Population growth in the

BAU (with water constraining) levels off around the year 2021, as opposed to the BAU scenario where it continues to grow until 2030. The growth in population in the BAU with water constraining scenario would be constrained by the availability of water required for the expansion of subsistence agriculture.

In the face of food and water scarcity, people would tend to out-migrate from the Kilombero valley. However, project intensification scenario, in the period 2014 to 2030 would lead to loss of carbon sequestration amounting to 857,621 tonnes, with a potential higher loss in carbon sequestration when compared to BAU, amounting to 125,033 tonnes, and a net gain in carbon sequestration compared to the SAGCOT scenario, amounting to 289,913 tonnes.

Therefore, application of BAU scenario should not be allowed to continue in the Kilombero valley because it would tend to drive agricultural land expansion at the cost of higher amounts of water extraction from the river, causing detrimental consequences to the Kilom-

bero valley, hydropower generation potential at the Julius Nyerere Hydropower Station as well as the ecology of the Rufiji delta downstream.

In other words, agricultural expansion in Kilombero valley should go hand in hand with water management through integrated approaches, including a combination of agriculture intensification and increased irrigation efficiency. Such tradeoff ensures viable options for SAGCOT investment and lasting economic benefits as well as avoiding damage to the environment.

While agriculture intensification is recommended for doubling the output per hectare, crop diversification provides the opportunity to grow crops that fit well with the respective seasons, thereby reducing land conversion while limiting the use of fertilizers, thereby avoiding soil and water pollution.

Moreover, selected crops enhance carbon sequestration, carbon dioxide absorption capacity and thus reduce emissions and avoid climate change and its associated risks.

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Rise of East Timor's aquaculture sector blueprint for other small island nations

By Dr Jharendu Pant

FOR East Timor (Timor-Leste), as with most other islands in the Pacific, fortunes are to be found in fish - an equity food available to all regardless of status.

Nevertheless, the island is highly exposed to the impacts of climate change, hampering domestic food production and contributing to Timor-Leste's ranking of 110th out of 121 countries for malnutrition. Meanwhile, the country is highly dependent on imported foods - including aquatic foods.

But a national strategy to prioritise the sustainable growth of fish production, particularly through farming of Genetically Improved Farmed Tilapia (GIFT), is helping not only to reverse these trends, but also to provide new economic and livelihood opportunities throughout the entire aquaculture value chain.

And its successes offer economies of scale for development agencies and donors looking to maximise impact by replicating the strategy across other Pacific states with similar environments and challenges.

Timor-Leste's National Aquaculture Development Strategy (NADS) began in 2012 and has taken some years to start yielding results because a lack of infrastructure, resources and know-how meant the model had to be de-

veloped from scratch. Now, though, the country is steadily progressing towards building a more sustainable and resilient aquatic food production system.

Timor-Leste is on track to double fish consumption between 2010 and 2030, with all the benefits for improving nutrition this holds, having already generated returns by tripling productivity while reducing culture period by half. Timor-Leste's farmers are now able to produce more nutritious aquatic food in less time.

The ripple effects of these successes are already spreading in the region: representatives from the Solomon Islands travelled to Timor-Leste for training in 2018 and 2019 to learn from the model, which offers a blueprint for addressing similar challenges faced by other island nations.

Small island developing states (SIDS) are collectively among the countries most affected by malnutrition, with 75 per cent of adult deaths in the Pacific caused by non-communicable disease - many of them diet-related. At the same time, small island states are among the most exposed to climate risk, which impacts the production of nutritious, indigenous foods.

But based on Timor-Leste's learnings, other small island nations can also boost nutrition security and livelihoods through a similar dedicat-



Senor Robiay (R), cluster coordinator of Laubonu. Credit: Silvano Gomes

ed strategy for aquaculture.

The approach starts with prioritising and deploying locally adapted solutions and technologies. WorldFish, working together with the Government of Timor-Leste, helped to introduce a public-private partnership (PPP) model for Genetically Improved Farmed Tilapia (GIFT) hatcheries across the country, ensuring that farmers have access to high quality fish fingerlings in their lo-

cal area.

This improved breed of tilapia is ideal for addressing nutrition gaps for protein, essential fatty acids and micronutrients, while also minimising the burden on the environment, due to its relatively lower carbon footprint. The hatcheries were also established following rigorous environmental standards, which limits the release of effluence and observes biosecurity measures.

However, one of the challenges remaining for Timor-Leste and other resource-poor countries is the development of effective regulations and compliance monitoring. Alongside greater capacity for upholding environmental standards, subsequent phases of the strategy would also look to ensuring the benefits of increased production are shared equitably. This includes addressing issues of

gender equality as well as youth employment opportunities.

Secondly, other countries with similar contexts can learn from Timor-Leste's example of prioritising growth in production to drive increased consumption. Timor-Leste's new fish hatcheries have helped increase production threefold between its first and second phase, paving the way for the successful scaling of aquaculture across the country.

And by prioritizing the production of monosex (all male) tilapia - which grow faster than female tilapia - Timor-Leste's approach allowed the country's farmers to maximize growth and the rate at which domestic production could meet the nutrition needs of the population. This resulted in increased availability and accessibility of nutritious fish to support higher levels of consumption.

Finally, Timor-Leste's commitment to an ongoing aquaculture strategy over a decade and counting has also allowed the initiative to evolve over time. Such a long-term approach has also enabled the testing and validation of technologies and practices, making the scaling and replication elsewhere comparatively straightforward.

But ongoing funding is

critical, both to develop the long-term capacity needed to maintain economic and nutritional gains in Timor-Leste, and to jumpstart similar initiatives elsewhere. The Partnership for Aquaculture Development in Timor-Leste (PADTL2) has been funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) New Zealand since 2014, with complementary financing from USAID in recent years, offering more solid and lasting gains than ad hoc interventions that last just a couple of years.

The sustainable growth of aquaculture production offers many benefits for small island nations. Over the last decade, Timor-Leste's aquaculture strategy has become a model for developing more inclusive and secure food systems for all, helping to combat the challenges of malnutrition and exposure to climate change that impact Pacific Islands.

Partners including WorldFish are standing by to replicate this success and support other island governments to sustainably increase fish production and consumption to unlock blue fortunes for all.

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Fish farmers harvest genetically improved farmed tilapia. Credit: Shandy Santos

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Women miners call for their own mining areas

By Guardian Correspondent, Shinyanga

WOMEN Miners Organization (WIMO) says in order for women to benefit from the mining sector's value chain, they should be allocated their own mining areas, different from those for men.

Lightness Salema, WIMO secretary, says in an interview that without having their own mining areas including being provided with capital and modern equipment, it will still be a dream for them to attain 50/50 involvement with their male counterparts.

Lightness says women in the mining sector face monumental challenges including acts of gender-based violence (GBV) and being provided with minor low paid jobs.

"There is no country in the world where women have been allocated their own mining areas, but we request Tanzania to be the first such country to establish the procedure," she says.

Regarding solutions on gender-based violence they are subjected to, Lightness says having their own separate mining areas will solve this nagging problem.

The supervisor of the licensed Mama Shida Mine at Sirorisimba in Butiama District, Mara Region, Elizabeth Samuel says for women to benefit from the mining sector, the government is supposed to give priority for them including provision of mining licences.

"People with mining licences are overwhelmingly men, we women also lack capital, but when we are empowered, we can do the job, sometimes even better than men," she says.

Pendo Kitone who is engaged in gold panning at the Irasani mining area at Magunga, Butiama District, Mara Region says women in the mining sector are not ac-



A woman works in quarry mining site

corded priority, and they end up doing small menial jobs owing to misleading beliefs.

Another woman, Joyce Charles engaged in mineral stone crushing at Nyarugusu Mine in Geita District says the jobs being done by them is to crush stones and once they fill a 50kg bag of crushed stones they earn 3,000/- and one woman can crush up to three

bags per day.

Another woman, Katalina Mabula, engaged in mining at Mwakitoyo Mine in Shinyanga District says unsafe environment has been the main source for women not to benefit from the mining sector, especially when they are in their menstrual periods.

Gregory Kibusi, Secretary of Shinyanga Region Miners As-

sociation (SHIREMA) also says women in the mining sector are faced with many challenges including the patriarchy system, misleading beliefs and lack of capital.

He says as leaders they have been fighting for gender equality in the mining sector while collaborating with other stakeholders to eradicate misleading beliefs, believing that

mining activities are not solely for men.

Johari Samizi, Shinyanga District Commissioner also says as a woman she was one engaged in mining activities but failed, and called on government officials in the sector to assist women miners including providing them with capital.

Women in Tanzania own

and control only a small component of the extractives sector. They constitute almost 25 percent of the mining operations, many participating directly as service providers. This percentage is unacceptable given that women are 51 percent of the overall population in the country. Women continue to face barriers such as lack of capital to engage in artisanal mining as well as inadequate capacity to be able to negotiate for better deals in the sector. Evidence shows that the sector has only taken on board few women in the supply chain and that it is rare to find women owning mining pits.

This is due to a huge capital required for initial investment and the patriarchal nature of the sector that reduces their chances of benefiting from the sector and achieving the right to development. The situation is even worse looking at the oil and gas sub sectors where the involvement of women is not documented. There is a need for affirmative policies, legislation and programs that give women a fighting chance in the extractives sector.

Women leadership of important segments of the extractive value chain is limited. This is evident in medium and large-scale mining operations. The situation is replicated in key agencies charged with the management of the sector. There are unequal power relations in decision-making at all levels. One example is the Mining Commission which is composed of one (1) woman out of nine (9) commissioners thus showing underrepresentation - a situation that is common across the sector. Customary practices, discriminatory attitudes against women exacerbate the situation. Unless action is taken, women will continue to 'lark in the shadows' as far as the leadership and management of this important sector is concerned. They will be left out of key decision-making processes that impact on their lives and fail to realise the full spectrum of benefits that extractives offer.



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- Occupational, Health, Safety and Environmental Requirements
- Trade references, Sample POs and contracts, completion certificates
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- Distribution points in Mwanza or Geita or list of satellite offices if applicable
- Compliance to Tanzania's Mining Local Content Requirements as per the Mining Local Content Regulations 2018.

Any response received beyond **16:00HRS** Local Time **12/05/2023** shall not be considered.

2. Assessment criteria

The mandatory information requested at paragraph 1 will be evaluated and scored to shortlist pre-qualified companies.

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Voices from Sudan conflict: You either lose everything or die

By Hisham Allam

On the first day of the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Fitr, Sabre Nasr, a young Egyptian man of 20, developed a fever.

Sabre, who left Egypt for Sudan to pursue his dream of becoming a dentist after his high school grades prevented him from enrolling at an Egyptian university, was unable to find medical attention even though his temperature reached a dangerous 40 degrees Celsius.

One of his friends, Ahmed, attempted to seek assistance from the nearby hospitals in Khartoum, but all of them were locked. Nasr's father followed up on the phone, helplessly asking Ahmed to continue helping his son.

Ahmed couldn't find transport, so he carried his friend for three kilometers to seek medical attention.

They, unfortunately, came home empty-handed. Sabre passed away several hours later.

Sabre was one of the 5,000 Egyptian students studying in Sudan, alongside the 10,000 citizens who work there.

Sabre and his friend were caught unawares when Sudan's army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) came into conflict on April 15, 2023. Both had been involved in the overthrow of the civilian government in 2021. The tension between the army and RSF was brought to a head following an internationally-brokered agreement to return the country to civilian rule, with the RSF refusing to join the Sudanese military. As ceasefire attempts fail, the conflict continues on the streets of Khartoum, resulting in a humanitarian crisis. The International Rescue Committee (IRC) estimates that 334,000 have been displaced within Sudan, with almost 65,000 estimated to have moved over borders as refugees.

Nasr Sayed, Sabre's father, tells IPS that his son's friend was a hero who risked his life to provide care for his son and that when he went out to the street for the first time to buy medicine, RSF soldiers stopped him, beat him, and confiscated his money and phone, but this did not deter him from trying to save his friend.

The grieving father claims that he attempted to contact the Egyptian embassy to obtain medicine for his son before his death, to assist in transporting his body to Egypt after his death, or even to bury him in Sudan, but to no avail.

On April 31, 2023, the Egyptian Foreign Ministry announced that 6,399 citizens had been evacuated via air or land ports.

They also stated that the Egyptian Armed Forces flew 27 missions to evacuate citizens.

Mohamad El-Gharawi, an assistant administrative attaché at



Ahmed Saber with two of his children. His son, Sabre Nasr, died when he was unable to access medical attention due to the conflict in Khartoum, Sudan.

the Egyptian embassy in Khartoum, was killed on his way to the embassy's headquarters to follow up on the evacuation of Egyptians in Sudan, the Egyptian Foreign Ministry reported on April 24, 2023.

Ahmed Saber Ahmed, a builder in his early 40s, relocated to Kalakla, south of Khartoum, in 2008 to work in the construction sector. He and his family remain in the city and have become targets of extensive looting, and the neighborhood they live in is a hotspot for warfare. He blames this on prison breaks during the conflict.

"My family and I are stuck here, and we are trying to manage our lives with what we can buy at double (the usual) prices," Ahmed tells IPS. "The money thaave is frozen in the bank, and it has been shut down since the beginning of the war." In addition, a banking app he uses is out of order.

"We are surrounded by armored vehicles on one side and weapons depots on the other, and a few kilometers away are the Sudanese Armed Forces' central reserve stores and

ammunition stores, so we can't leave or move to search for resources, nor can we move to evacuation points announced by the Egyptian authorities.

"I have three children, including a six-month-old girl who is dependent on formula," Ahmed says. "All pharmacies had been closed since the beginning of the war, so I couldn't get her any milk. When I considered going to the evacuation gathering points, I discovered that the drivers were demanding fees of up to USD 300 per person. I don't even have USD 1,500 to save my family."

"We're trapped, broke, helpless, isolated, and patiently awaiting our destiny," Ahmed tells IPS over the phone.

Muhyiddin Mukhtar, a young Sudanese man, decided to volunteer at South El Fasher Hospital after witnessing dozens of his neighbors being killed by gunmen on motorcycles.

Mukhtar claims that his family decided to stay because leaving would be difficult and dangerous, not to mention the high costs that his family could not afford.

"If you decide to leave, the closest place to us is Chad, and it costs USD 200 per person until we reach the crossing," Mukhtar says. "A close friend of mine fled to Egypt with the rest of his family, where they experienced severe exploitation by drivers, and each person paid USD 600 till they reached the Arqin crossing border."

After fighting erupted in nearby areas, Iman Aseel was forced to flee her home in Khartoum.

"When the situation worsened, my sister, aunt, and I decided to travel to Egypt," Iman explains. "We were not required to obtain permits to enter Egypt because my aunt had three children, but my aunt's husband had to go to the Halfa crossing to obtain the permit."

According to Eman, who was on the train from Aswan, 800 kilometers south of Cairo, their transportation to the crossing cost 1.4 million Sudanese pounds, which they didn't have. "So my aunt's husband was forced to sell a large portion of his trade and crops at a low price to get the money as soon as possible."

"We left in our clothes," Iman, who is 18, confirms, "And as soon as the situation stabilizes, we will return to our homeland immediately."

Munir Dhaifallah, a bus driver who transports people from Sudan to Egypt, drove Iman and her family to Aswan.

According to him, some bus owners took advantage of the situation and significantly raised their prices because of the risk and the high fuel prices.

Munir's family has refused to leave North Kordofan.

"It was our destiny, according to my mother. If we were destined to die, it would be better if we died and were buried in our homeland," he says.

Munir typically drives for 24 hours, then rests for two days before returning on the same route.

Prices have dropped now, according to Munir, because many people have already left, and the foreign nationals have been evacuated, leaving only the poor.



Munir Dhaifallah is a driver who has been transporting people to the Egyptian border.

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GLOBAL REAL ESTATE ASSETS RECORD US \$4TRILLION

CAIRO

Head of REAL Estate Export Council head Hesham Shokry has said that the global real estate export market trades \$300bn annually. Half are real estate funds and the second half are individuals or small investors.

Shokry said that the global real estate assets reached \$4trn, of which 60 percent are owned and managed by real estate funds, noting that “whoever wants to create a strong real estate in Egypt must have funds, and unfortunately we do not have real estate funds in Egypt.”

He added that MIPM exhibition in France, the largest real estate conference and exhibition in the world, is considered the first stop for those who want to put themselves on real estate export map because it represents the largest gathering of real estate funds in the world, as there is no strong real estate industry in a country without presence of property funds.

He further revealed that when the Real Estate Export Council was established, two studies were conducted, a study for a specific vision for the export of property, and another integrated study of challenges and their so-

lutions since 2018 but no response.

He pointed out that the law concerning granting nationality in return for buying property in Egypt when it was issued had a problem, which is that residency and nationality are granted to a foreigner when he buys real estate from a government agency or a public legal entity.

Head of the Real Estate Export Council highlighted that the most important problems are property funds, and stressed the need to amend executive regulations.

He disclosed, “There are 860 real estate funds worldwide, and we in Egypt do not own any fund, and therefore it is not possible to claim export property because real estate funds always deal with projects with fixed periodic returns, and there are specialised real estate funds at the global level in the last ten years in terms of health and education. Meanwhile, we in Egypt have no awareness of their importance in Egypt, but investment funds in the world have taken care of health and educational buildings.”

He elaborated that foreign real estate funds will not enter the Egyptian market because there are no Egyptian real estate funds.



The existence of real estate funds must be activated, the executive regulations must be amended and problems related to them must be overcome, and large financial institutions must be encouraged, in cooperation with banks in Egypt, to establish real estate funds as a first step to attract foreign real estate funds.

There are real estate funds in more than 40 countries in the world, including African countries in Nigeria and South Africa.

He called for registering the property so that developers can export it abroad; pointing out that no foreign real estate fund will approach the Egyptian market as long as there is no registration.

He pointed out that solutions can be found away from real estate registry, and it can be done through the state authority of the land, as the foreign investor does not care about the name of the real estate registry, but all that matters is the existence of an au-

thority approved by the state that registers.

Furthermore, he explained that when establishing any project in new cities, the state authority owns the ministerial approvals and it has plots of land, buildings, licenses and everything related to the project, so the contract becomes documented by the state, and this will satisfy foreigner and real estate funds to support real estate export.

Shokry also called for issuing a law related to the real

estate developers federation, explaining that despite the huge real estate market and the volume of investments in this industry and the number of developers present, there is no federation.

The federation is a first step to regulating the market and for developers to have a federation that is addressed and spoken on their behalf and officially represents this profession and they can talk with the government, he concluded.

BRELA urges women to register their businesses

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

The Business Registration and Licensing Agency (BRELA) has asked women entrepreneurs in Masasi District to register the names of companies and business in order to be legally recognized.

The advice was given by BRELA's Registration Assistant, Suleiman Suleiman during the awareness seminar to 110 women entrepreneurs from Masasi District Council held recently.

Suleiman said that along with the challenges faced by many entrepreneurs in using online business registration system, BRELA is ready to provide assistance, so when they get stuck, they should not hesitate to contact the agency through the call center for assistances.

Suleiman said BRELA has been providing education to various stakeholders including entrepreneurs to ensure that they benefit from the registry and licenses services.

“There are many benefits that you can get from formalizing your business, because apart from being legally protected, there are also opportunities to get loans from financial institutions as well as get various tenders from the government”, explains Suleiman.

On his side, BRELA Registration Assistant, Athuman Makuka told participant on the importance of having trademarks in their products, in order to get market recognition.

He said that when they register trademarks, it will be easy for their products to distinguish themselves from others, thus being sure of the market for their products, adding that registration will also enable the entrepreneurs to obtain the exclusive right of a trademark or service.

He said the situation will help to prevent others from using their trade mark in the market to gain benefits against the law, but it will also enable the entrepreneur to withstand the competitive market because it will be easy for customers to recognize his product in the market.

BRELA Licensing Officer, Jubilate Muro urged entrepreneurs to register small industries with BRELA because in that district most of them have small industries for cashew nuts, soap production and batik which by law should be registered.

Speaking during the opening of the training, Member of Parliament for Special Seats (UWT) Mtwara Region, Agnes Hikororo, thanked the efforts made by BRELA to reach stakeholders where they are and provide them with education.

Hikororo said since many women in the district are based in the informal sector so that they can liberate themselves economically, this training has come at the right time as they will benefit and become ambassadors to convey BRELA's education to others.

Hikororo admitted that many entrepreneurs in the district have not registered their business names, so BRELA education will enable them to follow the process of registering business names.

Women entrepreneurs of the Council have been given education about the Registration of Business and Company Names, Trademarks Services and how to obtain business and industrial licenses.

The one-day seminar was organized by Masasi District Council.

Barrick maintaining transition to cleaner energy

JOHANNESBURG

Gold and copper mining company Barrick is maintaining its transition to cleaner energy and supporting education initiatives, including in East Africa's Tanzania, the company said on Wednesday when it reported first-quarter results.

On the environmental front, Barrick's total emissions in 2022 were 6 percent lower compared with the year before and 11 percent lower than the 2018 baseline.

At Loulo in West Africa's Mali, work is under way on the expansion of Barrick's solar plant as well as the addition of a battery storage system.

At Kibali in Central Africa's Democratic Republic of Congo, a battery back-up system is being planned for the three hydropower stations that supply the bulk of Kibali's energy.

At Nevada, in the US, work has started on the TS Power Plant's solar project, as well as a natural gas co-fire project.

The New York- and Toronto-listed Barrick, headed by South African-born Dr Mark Bristow, is leading a nationwide education initiative in Tanzania and has opened Humai School in Pakistan, where the development of Reko Diq is scheduled to go into production in 2028 as one of the world's largest undeveloped copper/gold deposits.

In a meeting between

Bristow and Tanzania President Samia Suluhu Hassan, the company affirmed its pledge of \$30-million in partnership with the Tanzanian government, towards the expansion of education infrastructure in Tanzania.

The objective is to build 1,090 classrooms, 1,640 ab-lution blocks and 270 dormitories across 161 schools nationwide, helping to accommodate approximately 49 000 of the estimated 190 000 students who are expected to start their A-levels in July this year.

The first \$10-million was committed in April and the balance will be rolled out with the programme.

“We believe that education is key to the development of the country,” Bristow stated in a media release to Mining Weekly.

North Mara has already spent \$1.9-million on 87 primary and secondary schools in the Tarime District, 14 of which are the best-performing schools in the district. Bulyanhulu has spent \$1.8-million on 80 educational projects around the mine and is building a vocational education training college centre in Bunango Village. Barrick's investment around the mine gave 7 557 Tanzanian girls access to education in 2022.

While continuing to build up existing assets, Barrick is also casting its net wider in a stepped-up hunt for fresh opportunities.

During the past quarter,



Barrick Gold Corporation CEO Mark Bristow hands over a \$30 million dummy cheque to President Samia Suluhu Hassan for financing education infrastructure in Tanzania. File photo

Barrick opened up new frontiers and secured prospects in Tanzania, Canada, the US, Peru, Dominican Republic and Saudi Arabia.

To boost production in the second half of this year and keep Barrick on track to achieve its 2023 guidance, it has completed processing plant maintenance at Nevada Gold Mines, converted the Goldstrike autoclave to a carbon-in-leach process, and delivered a much-improved performance from Turquoise Ridge and the steady ramp-up of throughput at Pueblo Viejo's expanded plant.

While lower than production in the fourth quarter of 2022, first quarter production was on plan, and free cash flow still increased. Net earnings a share for the quarter

were \$0.07, while adjusted net earnings a share were \$0.14, and the quarterly dividend was maintained at \$0.10 a share.

In the Dominican Republic, construction of Pueblo Viejo's expanded process plant is 93 percent complete with ramp-up to full capacity by July. Currently Barrick's biggest growth project, it has been designed to extend the mine's life to beyond 2040 at an expected average production rate of 800 000 oz/y of gold.

Pueblo Viejo was facing closure at the time of the merger with Bristow's South Africa-linked Randgold in January 2019, because it did not have the necessary tailings storage capacity at the time to be converted to reserves. Today, Pueblo Viejo is

the first Dominican mining company to be awarded the highest level of gender equality certification by the country's Ministry of Women and the United Nations Development Programme, for three consecutive years.

Barrick continues to invest in the development of a multicultural and multigenerational workforce, sourcing and training the vast majority of its employees from its host countries in Africa, the Middle East, South and Central America, as well as in Canada and USA.

Its diverse workforce is the product of Barrick's strategy of local employment and stakeholder recognition in the countries in which it operates, with 96 percent of its workforce and 78 percent of its

management host country or community hires. The age profile is also trending younger, with 54 percent of employees now under the age of 40 and 17 percent younger than 30.

“Our sustainability approach allows us to tackle the challenges of alleviating poverty, managing changes to the climate, and preserving biodiversity holistically and concurrently - because they are inextricably connected,” said Bristow.

For example, Barrick generated more than \$10.7-billion in economic value and created 21 000 jobs in 2022, with \$1.4-billion worth of goods and services procured from suppliers in the communities closest to its mines. In total, Barrick spent over \$6.1-billion on host country suppliers in 2022.

Barrick also invested more than \$36-million in community development projects from education facilities in Nevada, to business incubators in the Dominican Republic and gender-based violence awareness in Tanzania. Barrick's employees at Pueblo Viejo are now 23 percent women, with a target of 50 percent female representation for all new hires.

“For us, sustainability is instrumental in our continued drive to operate mines that are welcomed and respected as development partners throughout the world,” said Bristow.

FIRST BIOPHILIC BUILDING IN AFRICA SET TO RISE IN CAPE TOWN

CAPETOWN

Construction is set to imminently begin on The Fynbos, a 24-storey living, breathing mixed-use building that is about to take up residence on Upper Bree Street in Cape Town's CBD.

Demolition of the old structure on the site is currently wrapping up - with all recyclable materials being saved for reuse (in keeping with The Fynbos's Greenstar rating) - and protective IBR hoarding is being erected in preparation for the imminent ground-breaking as excavation starts on the three-level basement.

Once completed, The Fynbos will feature 689 apartments, and include a rooftop sunset terrace with a lap pool and co-working space, a rooftop fitness centre, as well as a ground-floor plant-based restaurant, a tearoom, and a botanical bar.

The building, which is currently undergoing Green Star accreditation, will be the first biophilic building on the African continent.

Biophilic buildings incorporate things like natural lighting and ventilation, natural landscape features and other elements for creating a more productive and healthy built environment for people.

According to development managers Gardner Property Solutions, who are working with Lurra Capital in the devel-



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opment of the exceptional Fynbos building, water efficiency for the building will be improved through low-flow fittings, well-point filtration, and a rainwater harvesting system which will be integrated

into the cantilevered and staggered balcony design.

Integrated PV solar panels will generate double the electricity quota needed to power the common areas, minimising

fossil fuel consumption, and a central heated water system allows for economies of scale and avoids individual geysers.

These energy savings will be passed back to the owners through reduced levies. Expansive windows and glass sliding doors, utilising specialised double glazing, overlooking panoramic views of mountain and city, will allow in abundant natural light. The double glazing reduces the amount of energy spent on heating in winter and acts as a sound softener.

One of the most sustainable design features at The Fynbos is its exterior, which will be draped in a 1200m² vertical garden made up of 30 species of indigenous trees and 20 species of indigenous shrubs.

The garden system at The Fynbos was designed by a team of technical botanists and will see a specific configuration of vegetation monitored by a technical water and nutrient system with automated root scanners, monitored water content and drainage, as well as "flying" gardeners who will manage maintenance externally.

Added to this, The Fynbos will also boast a waterfall at the front reception of the building, which will provide white noise for the building's inhabitants. This circular waterfall, set amidst the flowing

foliage of The Fynbos, is the starting point of a water feature which will run from Buitengracht to Bree Street.

"We are seeing robust interest in The Fynbos from local as well as foreign buyers and expats," explains Paul Upton, head of developments for Dogon Group Properties. "In fact, sales have been so strong that the developers are considering increasing the price of the remaining units."

Upton explains that ex-Gauteng residents and semigrants from other SA provinces are buying more properties in the Western Cape than ever before - snapping up properties close to good schools, amenities, and lifestyle offerings.

"Over the next few years, Cape Town's population is predicted to explode, with the Western Cape Government stating that by 2025 about 5,133,370 people are expected to live in the city. The projection is that within a generation, 10 million people will call the Mother City home."

Apartments at The Fynbos are priced to appeal to a diverse audience. The luxury studio units start at R1,104m and range from 24sqm to 40sqm. The one-bedroom apartments start at R1,920m and range from 34sqm up to 58sqm, whilst the two-bedroom apartments start at R4,920m and range up to 82sqm."

More than 1,900 youths benefit from entrepreneurship training

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

More than 1,900 young people from Iringa and Kilolo districts in Iringa region have benefited from entrepreneurship and business training since 2018 through the Imarika kijana project implemented by the Lyra in Africa Organization.

Speaking immediately after completing the tour to carry out practical training in various areas, the coordinator of the Imarika Kijana which is a youth empowerment project, Gift Mafue said that more efforts to empower young people to recognize opportunities and self-employment are needed to remove a large group of them from staying in the village and getting involved in bad activities.

Imarika Kijana is a youth entrepreneurship course creating new opportunities for youth aged 15 to 28 who have dropped out of school or have limited employment options.

He said for its continuation as part of practical training, their young people are visiting various places in the Iringa Region to learn in practice various things like making organic fertilizer and animal husbandry.

He said that the Lyra in Africa organization in rec-

ognizing the challenge has focused on empowering young people in Iringa and Kilolo districts in Iringa region to use the opportunities around them where now 81 percent of 1,900 young people are self-employed.

Mafue said that the main goal of the project is to raise young people and strengthen their economy in general through entrepreneurship and their businesses.

He added that last year in the second phase of the youth empowerment project, the project has returned to young people who have received training and who already have things they started with the aim of empowering them and their businesses to grow into a modern one that is compatible with local markets and out.

Therefore, last year a total of 300 young people from the Iringa region have been empowered by the project to identify various opportunities for animal and chicken husbandry and other activities in order to liberate them from poverty and help the large group of youth living in rural life.

"Today some more than 30 young people from Iringa and Kilolo who are beneficiaries and among them have had the opportunity

to visit and learn in practice how to make natural fertilizer using waste at the EnviBright factory in Iringa and others visited the modern pig keeping activities.

"The Lyra in Africa organization recognizing the challenge has focused on empowering young people in Iringa district and Kilolo in Iringa region to use the opportunities around them where now 81 percent of 1,900 young people are self-employed," said Mafue.

Mafue said that the main goal of the project is to uplift the youth and strengthen their economy in general.

Paul Miyovela is the Executive Director of the EnviBright environmental organization in Iringa, he said the young people from the Lyra in Africa Organization have come to learn how to make organic fertilizer to avoid the use of saline fertilizers that make the soil dependent.

He said that making fertilizer using waste from the things around them that can be sold and also used in the fields.

Miyovela gave a call and encouragement to young people to focus on environmental care issues by making various things, including the production of natural fertilizers that use the garbage on the streets.



Some young people through the Imarika Kijana project of Lyra in Africa are learning how to make natural fertilizer (organic fertilizer) at the EnviBright Environmental Factory in Iringa town yesterday. Photo by Friday Simbaya

S. Korea starts construction of new research reactor

SEOUL

The first concrete has been poured for the Kijang Research Reactor (KJRR) at the Radiology Science Industrial Complex in Gijang-gun, Busan, the Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute (KAERI) announced.

A ceremony to mark the start of construction of the 15 MWt open-tank-in-pool type reactor was held on 28 April.

The event was attended by about 150 people from

construction companies Daewoo E&C, Hyundai E&C and GS E&C, as well as the construction project management team.

The new research reactor aims to achieve self-sufficiency as well as exports of major medical and industrial radioactive isotopes that are currently dependent on imports.

These includes molybdenum-99, iodine-131 mIBG, iodine-125 and iridium-192. KAERI said it plans to supply more than 15 percent of the global isotope market.

In addition, the reactor will be a demonstration for the export of similar research reactors.

The project - with a total cost of KRW765 billion (US\$574 million) - was launched in April 2012. A construction permit for the reactor was granted by the Nuclear Safety and Security Commission (NSSC) in May 2019, with the selection of the construction consortium in April 2022. Ground-breaking and excavation work began the following month.

Completion of the facility and trial operation is scheduled to begin in 2026. KAERI said it expects to obtain operating permits from the NSSC and begin full operation of the facility in 2027.

Speaking at the ceremony to make the start of construction of KJRR, KAERI President Joo Han-kyu said: "If nuclear energy has been leading the country's economic growth silently, now we will move closer to people's health and people's lives with radiation and isotopes".

World's largest RORO vessel docks at Durban port

DURBAN

The world's largest roll-on-roll-off (RORO) vessel, MV Salome, docked at the Durban Car Terminal at the end of April on her maiden voyage to Africa.

The vessel carried a consignment of 644 fully-built vehicles for South African customers.

Built for heavy abnormal cargo with a weight of 75 000 t when fully laden, the RORO vessel arrived in Durban after sailing from Europe - an 18-day journey.

Vehicles are normally driven onto and from a RORO vessel when being loaded or unloaded. RORO ships can typically carry between 5 000 and 6 000 standard cars.

"This is the first time a vessel of this size comes to South Africa as it usually operates between Europe, the US and Australia," says Wallenius Wilhelmsen Ocean GM Niran Sheoprosad.

"It's something we should be proud of as we had a world titleholder on our shores. "MV Salome is one of four sister vessels which are our Mark V series.

"She is big, flexible and purpose built to carry super-heavy loads with a stern ramp capacity of 505 t and main deck height of 7.1 m," says Sheoprosad.

"With a length of 265 m, seeing our Mark V vessel against a standard car carrier makes you truly appreciate her size.

"Even with heavy loads, she still

manages to keep a light draught to call most ports."

The Durban Car Terminal in March celebrated a milestone when it recorded more than 600 000 fully-built units handled in a single financial year, despite having capacity for only 520 000 units.

The terminal says it "acknowledges the introduction of this massive carrier to service South Africa and Africa in general, with the hope that she will unlock much-needed capacity in the automotive sector and support its future expansion".

The Durban Car Terminal is one of 16 sea cargo terminals managed by Transnet Port Terminals.



CONSTRUCTION

UK PROPERTY REMAINS THE MOST RELIABLE INVESTMENTS

LONDON

The economic turbulence of the past few years has proved to be a challenging time for many investors.

Yet while traditional asset classes such as precious metals or stocks have failed to weather the storm, property has gone from strength to strength.

"People expected house prices to plummet in early 2023 and that simply hasn't happened"

Research by peer-to-peer real estate investment platform, easyMoney, reveals that during a period of uncertainty or a global crisis, property is among the most reliable investment assets as it continues to deliver good returns even when the wider economic situation is going through a difficult time.

And while looking forward, the outlook isn't dire, things haven't really started picking up in 2023. As such, easyMoney has looked at which investment classes performed best during these recent tricky years to understand the options available when navigating the potentially uncertain times ahead.

The research reveals that one of the best investment classes for



amateur investors during times of crisis is property.

In 2021, the UK was still in the midst of the pandemic, while in 2022, things got even more complicated with the Russian invasion of Ukraine and Liz Truss's disastrous mini-budget.

Despite this, the value of property increased significantly, with the average house price rising by 10.1

percent from £258,430 in 2021 to £284,407. Even in London, where the market failed to match the nation's wider success during the pandemic, prices increased by 5.9 percent to hit a high of £530,807.

The only other asset class to surpass the strength of property during this period was dividend payouts. Dividend aristocrats such as Coca-Cola and RELX increased

by 15.2 percent and 13.3 percent respectively. However, such investments are often more difficult to access for the amateur investor, reserved mainly for professionals with massive amounts of money to play with.

For the amateur investor, therefore, property remains the best bet. Certainly when compared to other classes that such investors

have relatively easy access to.

This includes precious metals. From 2021 to 2022, the value of silver fell by -13.3 percent; the value of platinum fell by -12.1 percent; and palladium declined by -11.8 percent. Only gold enjoyed a boost in value, albeit a modest one of 0.3 percent.

The stock markets are another reasonable option for amateur

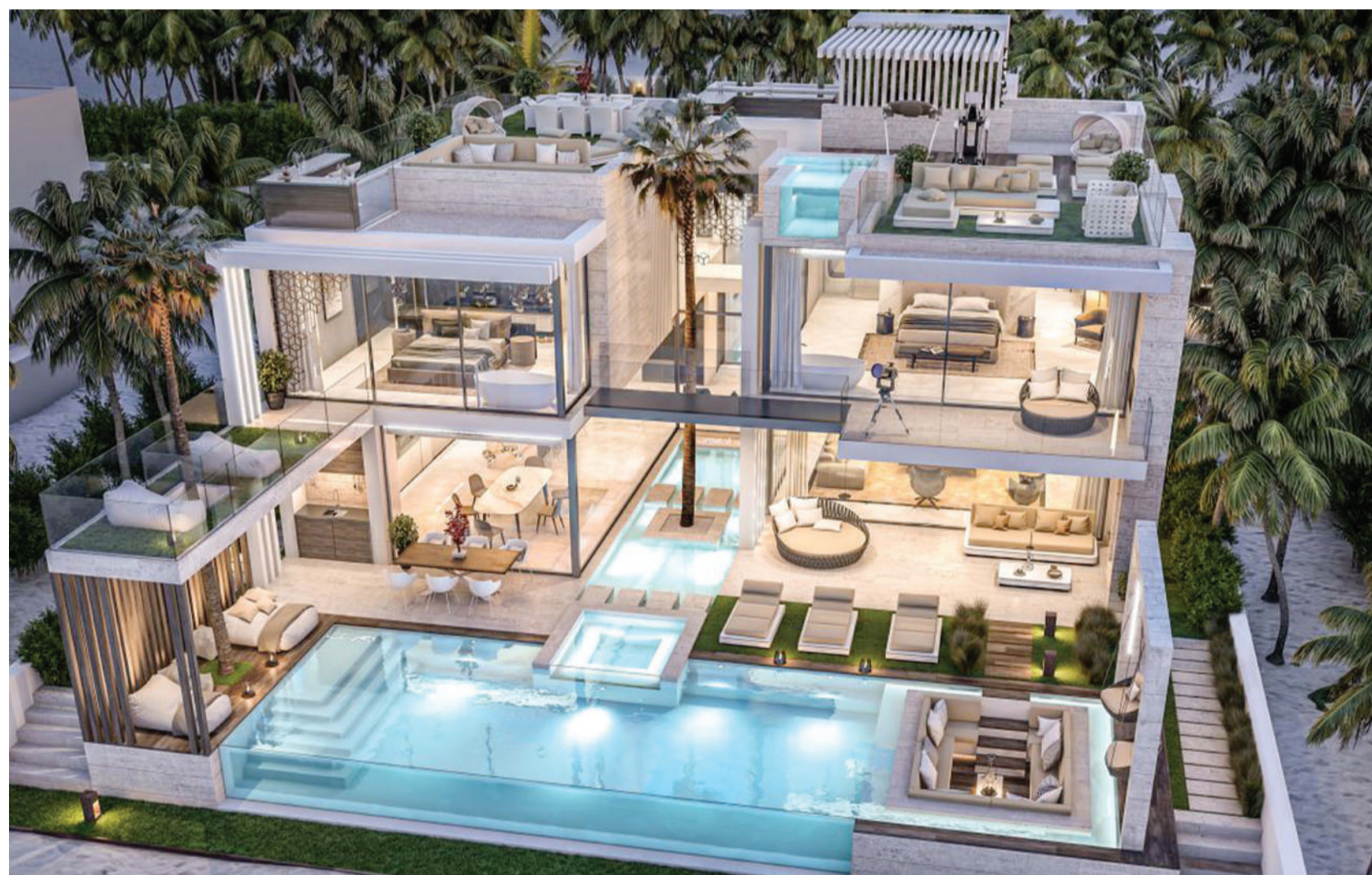
investors, but they too could not match the power of property. America's S&P 500 declined in value by an average of -4.7 percent while London's FTSE100 fared better with an increase of 5.9 percent.

Jason Ferrando, CEO of easyMoney, says: "Property is a reliable investment class and resilient in the face of wider economic struggles, as has been proven since the start of the pandemic and throughout the current financial situation we find ourselves in. People expected house prices to plummet in early 2023 and that simply hasn't happened".

"But, for amateur investors, it's not just a question of great returns, it's also about accessibility. For someone who doesn't have in-depth knowledge of the stock market and its internal workings, for example, taking advantage of stocks and shares can be daunting and unnecessarily risky," he said.

"Meanwhile, accessibility to the property market once required investors to have enough money to afford at least a mortgage but now, thanks to peer-to-peer investment platforms, this barrier has been removed."

He added: "Peer-to-peer property investment platforms enable investors to get involved with property investment for much smaller amounts of starting capital by contributing their investment towards a larger pot which is then used to develop property."



Dubai luxury mansion sold for record \$54.4m

DUBAI

Majid Al Futtaim Development, part of Majid Al Futtaim Properties, has set a new benchmark for luxury real estate in Dubai, with the recent sale of a Lanai Island luxury mansion for Dh200 million, the highest recorded sale to date at Tilal Al Ghaf.

The gated community, located in the heart of Dubai, has become a highly sought-after destination for those seeking the ultimate in luxury living.

Designed in collaboration with South African architects SAOTA and with interior finishes by designer Kelly Hoppen, the Lanai Islands offers a limited collection of 13 ultra-luxury villas on a secluded private island rising from a 150,000 square metre recreational lagoon.

These villas have become a favourite among the ultra-high-net-worth individuals (UHNWIs) segment, which has increased by nine per cent last year.

The Dh200 million transaction was closed by Orange City Properties and underscores

the strong demand for premium properties in Dubai, where the real estate market is currently at a 12-year record high.

According to data from the Dubai Land Department, a total of 88,029 transactions worth Dh239.64 billion in sales have been made in Dubai in 2022 so far, nearly double the sales value of Dh151.07 billion achieved in 2021.

The surge in demand for luxury properties in Dubai is driven by an influx of foreign investors drawn by the emirate's burgeoning reputation as a safe haven.

Dubai is now ranked as one of the top cities in the world for luxury property investment, with Knight Frank placing the emirate at the top of its recent rankings report of the world's biggest cities. Despite the global economic slowdown, Dubai's luxury real estate market has remained resilient, with investors continuing to show strong interest in the city's upscale properties.

Located on a large corner plot with extensive landscaped gardens that extend to its private water frontage, the record-

breaking Lanai Island product offers expansive living with over 30,000 square feet of gross floor area (GSA).

The villa features eight bedrooms, several unique features, including a floating lounge deck directly on the water; a sunken rooftop terrace with unrivalled 360 views across the lagoon, and a triple-height courtyard that brings light and lush greenery into the very heart of the home.

Standing as a testament to the growing demand for luxury properties in Dubai, and with the pipeline of ultra-premium homes in the emirate lagging behind the surge in demand, Lanai Islands will significantly contribute to closing the market gap and sets a new benchmark within the industry.

Europol's Executive Director Catherine De Bolle said: "Criminal networks work closely to evade security at land borders and at air and maritime ports. They have one thing in mind - profit. An effective response is closer collaboration between the public and private sector; this will make both sides stronger."

Maritime ports in the EU handle some 90 million containers each year, but authorities are only able to inspect between 2% and 10% of them. Meanwhile, it is estimated that in the last few years, at least 200 tonnes of cocaine have been trafficked through the ports of Antwerp and Rotterdam alone.

Qatar to implement new strategies for real estate

DOHA

The Real Estate Regulatory Authority, which will become functional within two months, will implement a slew of new strategies to ensure the development of the real estate sector and the transparency of dealings.

Speaking Qatar TV on Tuesday, Ahmed al-Emadi, director of the Legal Affairs Department at the Ministry of Municipality, said the authority will be the umbrella body combining the new strategies and policies meant for real estate development.

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani issued in April issued Amiri Decision No. 28 of 2023 establishing the public authority for regulating the real estate sector. Its formation comes within the framework of implementing the real estate sector's development strategy, and the authority will work within Qatar's general policy to organise and stimulate the real estate sector while contributing to the sector's development.

Al-Emadi said there are seven axes concerned with implementing the authority's policies and said these include governance of the real estate sector through

the harmonisation of strategies and policies among the authorities concerned.

"The authority will be the umbrella that combines these strategies, and a real estate platform that seeks to provide data with transparency and clarity will be established," he explained, adding that the platform will be launched early in October over three phases.

The first phase will include data and information that will be provided to those concerned. The data will include occupancy volumes and deals in different regions, as well as information of interest to individuals and investors in general.

The second phase will include electronic linking between government agencies while in the third phase, real estate services will be provided and fully activated. This phase will take place within a year or two from the launch of the platform.

The authority will issue licences, supervise and monitor the effectiveness of various activities while encouraging investment in the real estate sector through incentive policies and revitalising procedures. Also, it will monitor financing while dealing with effectiveness and protecting real estate transactions by controlling and governing procedures.



WORLD

Guterres: FAO report indictment of failure to end world hunger

ROME

A NEW report on global food insecurity is "a stinging indictment" of humanity's failure to end hunger, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has said.

Around 258 million people in 58 countries faced "acute food insecurity at crisis or worse levels" in 2022, according to the latest "Global Report on Food Crises," released Wednesday by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). This figure was up from 193 million people in 53 countries a year earlier.

The number of people experiencing severe food insecurity has also risen for the fourth consecutive year, the report

said.

"More than a quarter of a billion people are now facing acute levels of hunger, and some are on the brink of starvation. That's unconscionable," Guterres wrote in the report's foreword. "This seventh edition of the Global Report on Food Crises is a stinging indictment of humanity's failure to make progress towards (the) Sustainable Development Goal to end hunger and achieve food security and improved nutrition for all."

The FAO said economic shocks had surpassed conflict as the main global driver behind severe food insecurity and malnutrition. "Cumulative global economic shocks" contributing to food security included rising food prices and



Jessica Leeds talks to reporters as she leaves the federal courthouse after testifying in writer E Jean Carroll's lawsuit against Donald Trump in New York on Tuesday. AP

market disruptions, the report said.

Nevertheless, the FAO found that the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine has had an adverse impact on global food security, due in part to the significant contributions both countries have traditionally made to the production of key food commodities including wheat, corn, and sunflower oil.

Extreme weather was also a major driver of global food insecurity, according to the report.

The worst-hit countries in the world were clustered in Central Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. More than 40 percent of the global population suffering from significant food insecurity was in just five countries:

Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Nigeria, and Yemen.

In seven countries, populations suffered from what the FAO called "starvation and destitution, or catastrophe levels of acute hunger" -- the most severe level of food insecurity -- with more than half in Somalia alone. Other countries with populations in that category are Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Haiti, Nigeria, South Sudan, and Yemen. Haiti appeared on this list for the first time, the FAO said.

According to 2023 projections available for 38 of the 58 countries, as many as 153 million people will suffer from "acute food insecurity at crisis or worse levels" this year.

Washington, London, NATO bear overall responsibility for Kiev's actions – diplomat

MOSCOW

THE United States, Great Britain and other NATO countries bear overall responsibility for all of the actions of the Kiev regime, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova wrote on her Telegram channel yesterday.

"First and foremost, the creators and handlers of the Kiev regime, who hail from Washington, London and NATO, bear overall responsibility for everything that it [Kiev] is perpetrating," she noted.

The diplomat stressed that Western countries have "eliminated Ukraine's legitimate authorities, placed opportunists and bandits at the helm, pumped them with money and weapons, instilled in them a sense of absolute license and impunity, and provided them with political cover and military support."

In the early morning hours of Wednesday, Ukraine attempted to deliver a drone strike on the official Kremlin residence of Russian President Vladimir Putin, the presidential press service reported. Military and special services swiftly disabled the enemy devices.

Putin was unharmed and continues to work according to his usual schedule. The Kremlin views this incident as a planned terrorist attack and attempted assassination targeting the head of state.

Russia reserves the right to take countermeasures whenever and wherever it deems fit, the press service pointed out.

After drone attack on Kremlin Russia has no choice but to eliminate Zelensky – Medvedev

MOSCOW

KIEV'S drone attack on the Kremlin has left Russia with no options other than the physical elimination of Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky "and his clique," the deputy chairman of Russia's Security Council, Dmitry Medvedev, said on his Telegram channel on Wednesday.

In a comment on Kiev's actions Medvedev wrote: "After today's terrorist attack, there are no options left other than the physical elimination of Zelensky and his clique."

Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky, according to Medvedev, "is not even needed for signing an instrument of unconditional surrender."

"Hitler, as is known, did not sign it either. There will always be some substitute," Medvedev wrote.

Earlier, the Russian leader's press service said that Kiev had attempted to use drones to attack the Kremlin residence of the Russian president last night. Two drones were targeted at the Kremlin. The Russian military and special services promptly put them out of order. Putin was not harmed and kept working in accordance with his usual schedule.

The Kremlin sees this as a planned terrorist attack and an attempt on the Russian president. Russia reserves the right to retaliate at the right moment and the way it finds appropriate.

Ethiopian government, OLA rebel group conclude peace talks without agreement

ADDIS ABABA

THE Ethiopia Government Communication Service (EGCS) disclosed Wednesday that the first round of peace talks between the Ethiopian government and the Oromo Liberation Army (OLA) rebel group has concluded without an agreement.

The EGCS disclosed in a press statement that the peace talks which were being held in Tanzania were concluded earlier Wednesday.

"While the talks have been largely constructive, unfortunately, it wasn't possible to reach an agreement on some issues during this round of peace talks," the statement said. "Both parties have acknowledged the need to continue these talks with a view to resolving the conflict permanently and peacefully."

The EGCS also said the Ethiopian government is committed to the peaceful resolution of the conflict in Oromia, Ethiopia's largest region, in accordance with the country's constitution.

Xinhua

Chinese envoy urges nations to deepen trust, build partnerships

UNITED NATIONS

CHINA'S permanent representative to the United Nations on Wednesday called on the international community to deepen mutual trust and build partnerships.

"We should firmly anchor our belief in the concept of a community with a shared future for mankind, practice true multilateralism, deepen mutual trust, and promote and build global partnerships," Zhang Jun told the Security Council Open Debate on Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace: Futureproofing Trust for Sustaining Peace.

Zhang underscored that the world is now "beset with

a serious trust crisis." Behind the various complex issues is a series of intersecting and deteriorating deficits in development, peace, security, and governance, as well as the long-standing deficit in trust.

"Nothing undermines more easily the political trust between countries than blowing hot and cold or breaking promises in international relations, playing around with and not respecting the agreements that they signed, and willfully going back on and hollowing out the political commitments they made," he said.

"Nothing damages more easily the mutual trust in the area of security than forming



This file photo dated Oct 14, 2019 shows the United Nations headquarters in New York. XINHUA

exclusive military blocs, stirring up regional tensions, and seeking absolute security for oneself at the expense of the security of other countries ... Nothing causes more easily

the loss of trust in the international system than disregarding the authority of the UN Charter and applying double standards and selective application of international law."

Xinhua

Heavy fighting in Khartoum as power struggle rages

KHARTOUM

FIERCE fighting could be heard in central Khartoum yesterday as the army tried to push back the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) from areas around the presidential palace and army headquarters, with a lasting ceasefire appearing elusive.

Each side appears to be battling for control of territory in the capital ahead of any possible negotiations, though the leaders of both factions have shown little public willingness to hold talks after more than two weeks of fighting.

Heavy bombardments also rang out in the adjoining cities of Omdurman and Bahri. Both sides had agreed to a seven-day ceasefire, which has been violated.

"Since yesterday evening, and this morning, there are air strikes and the sounds of clashes," said Al-Sadiq Ahmed, a 49-year-old engineer speaking from Khartoum.

"We've got into a state of permanent terror because the battles are around

the centers of residential neighborhoods. We don't know when this nightmare and the fear will end."

The United Nations, meanwhile, pressed Sudan's warring factions on Wednesday to guarantee safe passage of humanitarian aid after six trucks were looted and air strikes in the capital undermined a supposed truce.

U.N. aid chief Martin Griffiths said he hoped to have face-to-face meetings with Sudan's warring parties within two to three days to secure guarantees from them for aid convoys to deliver relief supplies.

The United Nations has warned that fighting between the army and RSF, which erupted on April 15, risks causing a humanitarian catastrophe that could spill into other countries. Sudan said on Tuesday that 550 people had died and 4,926 people wounded so far in the conflict.

About 100,000 people have fled Sudan with little food or water to neighboring countries, the U.N. says.



Smoke billows during fighting in the Sudanese capital Khartoum, on Wednesday.

The army said it killed RSF fighters and destroyed a number of vehicles "belonging to the rebels", after clashing with the group in the Bahri military region.

The army and RSF joined forces in a coup two years ago and had shared power as part of an internationally backed transition towards free elections and civilian government before falling out over the transition.

THE China National Space Administration (CNSA) and the Chinese Academy of Sciences on April 24 jointly released a series of global images of Mars obtained during China's first Mars exploration mission.

These color images are based on 14,757 image data acquired by a remote-sensing camera on the Tianwen-1 orbiter. Scientists identified a large number of geographical entities near the landing site from high-resolution images of Mars.

The International Astronomical Union has named, according to relevant rules, 22 of the geographical entities after the historical and cultural villages and towns in China with a population of less than 100,000.

The scientific exploration data obtained by the Tianwen-1 mission will make a contribution to human's in-

China writes new chapter in space exploration

depth knowledge of Mars.

In 2022, China set a new record with 64 rocket launches, achieving remarkable results in its major aerospace projects.

The country has completed the construction of its Tiangong space station, and for the first time discovered the Chang'esite-(Y), a kind of colorless transparent columnar crystal, on the moon.

It completed the space-segment construction of its Gaofen project, the backbone network of its high-resolution Earth observation system, and a comprehensive solar observation network has been formed following the launches of the Xihe and Kuafu-1 satellites.

Besides, the country has launched a terrestrial ecosystem carbon monitoring satellite for its carbon peaking and neutralization efforts.

These remarkable achievements record China's unremitting pursuit of the aerospace dream.

Exploring the universe is a dream of the Chinese people and a common pursuit of all mankind. Zhang Kejian, head of the CNSA, noted that China, following the principle of equality, mutual benefit, peaceful utilization, and inclusive development, has initially built a model of international cooperation in the space industry with cooperation agreements as the guide, cooperation mechanisms as the backbone and coopera-

tion outlines as the focus.

The model has formed a good situation with government guidance and the participation of all parties, Zhang added.

Over the past 30 years since the CNSA was established, China has signed 136 cooperation documents with 43 countries or regions and 6 international organizations. It has inked space cooperation outlines with 9 national space agencies, and established 17 space cooperation mechanisms.

China has actively worked with international scientists to analyze data on lunar and Mars explorations in the new era. China's Long March rockets have completed 52 com-

mercial launches for 22 countries, regions and international satellite organizations, sending some 70 satellites of various types into orbits.

The CNSA-led China-Brazil Earth Resources Satellites program, Double Star space mission, China-France ocean-observing satellite and astronomical satellite programs, as well as China-Italy seismo-electromagnetic satellite project have become highlights of international aerospace cooperation.

China will strive for steadier and greater progress in space exploration. According to Wu Weiren, chief designer of China's lunar exploration program, the fourth phase of China's lunar exploration program,

including the Chang'e-6, Chang'e-7, and Chang'e-8 missions, is in progress.

Wu said that China plans to launch the Chang'e-6 probe around 2024 in an attempt to collect some 2,000 grams of lunar samples from the far side of the moon and return them to Earth. Besides, the Chang'e-7 probe is expected to be launched around 2026, which is intended to land on the moon's south pole and conduct detailed surveys to explore traces of water.

Wu noted that China will work to make breakthroughs in key technologies of the Chang'e-8 mission, and jointly promote the establishment of the International Lunar Research Station (ILRS) with relevant countries, international organizations and partners. **People's Daily**

S. Africans call for UK to return diamonds set in crown jewels

JOHANNESBURG

SOME South Africans are calling for Britain to return the world's largest diamond, known as the Star of Africa, which is set in the royal scepter that King Charles III will hold at his coronation tomorrow.

The diamond, which weighs 530 carats, was discovered in South Africa in 1905 and presented to the British monarchy by the colonial government in the country, which was then under British rule.

Now amid a global conversation about returning artwork and artefacts that were pillaged during colonial times, some South Africans are calling for the diamond to be brought back.

"The diamond needs to come to South Africa. It needs to be a sign of our pride, our heritage and our culture," said Mthusi Kamanga, a lawyer and activist in Johannesburg who has promoted an online petition, which has gathered about 8,000 signatures, for the diamond to be returned.

"I think generally the African people are starting to realize that to decolonize is not just to let people have certain freedoms, but it's also to take back what has been expropriated from us."

Officially known as Cullinan I, the diamond in the sceptre was cut from the Cullinan diamond, a 3,100 carat stone that was mined near Pretoria.

A smaller diamond cut from the same stone, known as Cullinan II, is set in the Imperial State Crown which is worn by British monarchs on ceremonial occasions. Along with the scepter, it is kept with the other crown jewels in the Tower of London.

A replica of the whole Cullinan diamond, which is about the size of a man's fist, is displayed at the Cape Town Diamond Museum.

"I believe it should be brought back home because at the end of the day, they took it from us while they were oppressing us," said Johannesburg resident Mohamed Abdulahi.

Others said they didn't feel strongly about it.

"I don't think it matters anymore. Things have changed, we're evolving," said local resident Dieketseng Nzhadzhaba.

"What mattered for them in the olden days about being superior... it doesn't matter to us anymore."



This file photo shows the coffin of Queen Elizabeth II with the Imperial State Crown resting on top proceeds towards St. George's Chapel, Windsor, Sept 19, 2022. (PHOTO / AP)

Chinese report discloses CIA's role in cyberattacks

CHINA'S National Computer Virus Emergency Response Center and cybersecurity company 360 on Thursday jointly released the first part of an investigation report on the United States Central Intelligence Agency's cyberattacks against other countries, including China.

In 2020, 360 discovered an unknown hacker organization that specializes in stealing information about China and countries that are friendly with China, the report showed.

The organization was found to have used cyberattack weapons linked with top-secret hacking tools mentioned in leaked CIA files dubbed Vault 7, including viruses, malware, zero-day exploits and malware remote control systems, according to the report.

Such attacks date back to as early as 2011 and are ongoing. The targets have included key information system infrastructures and government bodies, as well as research institutes and enterprises focused on aerospace, the internet, and petroleum and petrochemicals, 360 said.

Furthermore, during investigations of

several cyberattacks on the information systems of Chinese enterprises and organizations, 360 discovered a series of cyberattack weapons that follow malware development standards and protocols mentioned in Vault 7, including Network Operations Division In-memory Code Execution Specification and Network Operations Division Cryptographic Requirements.

Only the CIA strictly follows such standards and protocols to develop cyberattack weapons, which have been embedded in internet and internet of things assets around the world, according to the report.

The CIA can then gain control over the information networks of other countries anytime and anywhere, stealing key and sensitive information. Such operations clearly need to be supported by abundant funding, technologies and human resources. The US has in fact built a state of hackers, 360 added.

The company said more detailed cases will be revealed in other parts of the report in the future.

Agencies

258m people needed emergency food aid in 2022 - report

UNITED NATIONS

THE number of people who require urgent food, nutrition and livelihood assistance increased for the fourth consecutive year in 2022 due to conflict, climate change and COVID-19 impacts, according to a report published on Wednesday by the United Nations and its partners.

The latest Global Report on Food Crises revealed that approximately 258 million people in 58 countries experienced acute hunger at crisis levels or worse, while individuals in seven countries were at risk of potential starvation.

Most of the increase is due to a growth in the population analyzed, and this is the highest number in the report's seven-year history.

"More than a quarter of a billion people are now facing acute levels of hunger, and some are on the brink of starvation. That's unconscionable," UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres wrote in the foreword to the report.

He described this latest edition as "a stinging indictment of humanity's failure to make progress towards Sustainable Development Goal 2 to end hunger and achieve food security and improved nutrition for all."

In Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, parts of Nigeria and Yemen, more than 40 percent of people lived in crisis or worse. And at some point last year, nearly 60 percent of Somalis faced starvation and destitution.

Xinhua

From 'Rottweiler' to queen - the reinvention of Camilla

LONDON

AFTER years of being depicted as the most hated woman in Britain, Camilla, the second wife of King Charles, will be crowned queen tomorrow, capping a remarkable turnaround in public acceptance few would have thought possible.

When Charles' divorced first wife, the popular, glamorous Princess Diana, died in a car crash in Paris in 1997, Camilla bore the brunt of media hostility. Some declared the couple could never wed.

But marry they did eight years later, and since then she has come to be recognized, albeit still grudgingly by some, as a key member of the royal family, someone on whom the new king heavily relies, and - from tomorrow - as the nation's Queen Camilla.

"She is his sort of soul mate," said Robert Hardman, a long-time royal correspondent and author of Queen of our Times, pointing out she had been married to Charles longer than Diana.

"They're a team. And you've got to be a team."

Born Camilla Shand in 1947 into an affluent family - her father was an army major and wine merchant who married an aristocrat - she moved in social circles that brought her into contact with Charles, who she met on a windswept polo field in the early 1970s.

The pair dated for a time and Charles had contemplated marriage, but felt too young to take such a major step.

As he dedicated himself to his naval career, Camilla went on to marry a cavalry officer, Brigadier Andrew Parker Bowles. The couple had two children, Tom and Laura. They divorced in 1995.



Camilla, the Queen Consort speaks with guests during a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, London, on Wednesday, in celebration of the coronation of King Charles III. (PHOTO / AP)

Charles himself married 20-year-old Diana in a wedding in 1981 that enchanted not just Britain but the world. After having two children, William and Harry, the relationship turned sour and they divorced in 1996 after he rekindled his romance with his former lover.

The depth of that relationship was exposed to a shocked public in 1993 when a transcript of a secretly recorded private conversation with hugely intimate details was published in newspapers.

"I'd suffer anything for you. That's love. That's the strength of love," Camilla told Charles in the secretly recorded telephone conversation publicized in 1993.

In a TV interview the following year, Charles admitted he had resumed their affair, but said it was only after his marriage had irretrievably broken down.

"There were three of us in this marriage - so it was a bit crowded," Diana, who dubbed Camilla "the Rottweiler", famously remarked in her own TV interview in 1995.

While Diana brought glamour to the stuffy House of Windsor with her glittering gowns, many Britons could not understand why Charles would prefer the country-loving Camilla, usually pictured wearing a scarf and green waterproof riding coat.

"I cannot imagine anyone in their right mind leaving you for Camilla," Prince Philip, Charles' father and the late Queen Elizabeth's husband, said in a letter to Diana.

Opprobrium

Amid a public outpouring of grief and anger after Diana's death, Camilla was singled out for opprobrium. But in subsequent years, royal aides, tasked with rebuilding the tar-

nished reputation of the royal family as a whole, also slowly began to integrate Camilla into a more public role.

From being able to appear in public together, to marriage and last year's approval from Queen Elizabeth to Camilla taking the title Queen Consort, their success is complete.

Public relations experts say it was the result of much hard and careful work, although aides said it was mainly due to Camilla's own personality and great sense of humor.

"She didn't ever assume anything about whether they could even be together. It was never any sort of plan," Fiona Shelburne, the Marchioness of Lansdowne, a close confidante of Camilla, now 75, told the Sunday Times last month.

"She is resilient, she was brought up with this extraordinary sense of duty where you got on with it, don't whinge, put your best face on and keep going, and it has stood her in very good stead."

However, her rehabilitation has come at a cost. In his memoir, Charles's younger son Prince Harry accused his step mother of leaking stories about him to the press to enhance her own reputation, and that he and his brother had asked their father not to marry her.

Polls also suggest she has not won widespread public affection either. A YouGov poll this week found while 48 percent had a positive view of her, 39 percent held a negative opinion, putting her among the least popular in the royal family.

Other surveys have also indicated only a minority thought she should be Queen Camilla.

"I think Diana ... will be hurling thunderbolts on coronation day, that's for sure," royal author Tina Brown told Reuters. "I mean the idea of a crown being placed upon the head of her deadliest rival, Camilla, I think would have given her absolute heartburn."

Luban Workshop: A bridge of cultural, people-to-people communication between China, foreign countries

By Yang Yan

LU Ban is an ancient Chinese woodcraft master who represents the Chinese tradition and spirit of craftsmanship.

The Luban Workshop, a Chinese vocational training program, is exactly named after this outstanding Chinese man. It aims to nurture workmen around the world that are highly skillful, professional and innovative.

The program was initiated and firstly implemented by the government of Tianjin municipality. Following the spirit of craftsmanship of Lu Ban, it shares with other countries China's vocational education models and vocational skills, and cultivates competitive local skilled talents.

It energizes the cooperation between Chinese schools and foreign educational institutions, enterprises and governments, paving a new path of development featuring joint contribution and shared benefits.

On March 8, 2016, the Tianjin Bohai Vocational Technical College, sponsored by Tianjin Bohai Chemical Industry (Group) Company Limited, set up the first Luban Workshop outside China in the Ayutthaya Technical College Thailand. The workshop has increased the number of majors from one to six, and all of the six majors have been endorsed by the Thai Ministry of Education and included in Thailand's national education system. In the following two years, over 2,000 students received vocational training there.

Besides, the Chinese vocational training program has also been launched in more than 20 countries including the UK, Egypt, Cambodia, Portugal, Djibouti and Kenya, shaping a multi-tier international vocational training system that covers vocational middle and high schools, as well as application-oriented bachelor's and master's degree programs.

As a new international cooperation project of vocational education, the Luban Workshop is based on the outstanding achievements of China's vocational education reform and de-



A Chinese teacher (left) introduces mechatronics equipment to Portuguese students and teachers in the Luban Workshop at Polytechnic Institute of Setubal, Portugal. (Photo courtesy of the Luban Workshop at Polytechnic Institute of Setubal)

velopment, and carries the advanced Chinese vocational education philosophy. It has systematic training for overseas teachers, adopts standards and equipment in line with frontier technologies, vocational skill competitions and qualifications, and offers bilingual courses, so as to ensure that all workshops under the program aim at the same goal and are standardized.

The Luban Workshop conforms to the demand for industrial development in host countries and has nurtured a big number of local skilled workers that are urgently needed in these countries' economic and social development.

According to incomplete statistics, over 50 majors have been offered under Chinese-foreign cooperation within the framework of the program, training 9,000 students with degrees for host countries and training 18,000 people for local communities. Many young people in host countries have secured high-quality jobs.

Practices have proved that the Luban Workshop has significantly improved the capability of vocational education in host countries, thus realizing win-win results.

Joe Mucheru, head of the Kenyan Ministry of Information Communications and Technology, believes that the cloud computing and information security training developed by the

Luban Workshop is vital for Kenya's development of information technologies.

Afifa Shajia Awais, education attaché of the Embassy of Pakistan in China, said Pakistan needs massive technicians in artificial intelligence, cyber security and intelligent technology to assist the country's industrialization, and the Luban Workshop is exactly an example of Pakistan-China cooperation.

Luban Workshop is not just a unilateral education provider, but involves two-way exchanges such as student exchange and mutual recognition of academic qualifications.

By launching short-term mutual visits and exchanges between Chinese and foreign teachers and students, and through international skills and vocational competitions, the program has constantly deepened cooperation between Chinese and foreign young students and teachers.

Academic events based on the program, such as forums on Chinese-foreign vocational education cooperation, have also promoted the reform and development of international vocational education from different perspectives.

Besides, Chinese and foreign teachers under the program have jointly carried out studies on international vocational education and worked to

develop relevant resources to comprehensively improve their capability in vocational training.

Friendship, which derives from close contact between the people, holds the key to sound state-to-state relations. Over the past seven years, the Luban Workshop has been committed to mutual learning, serving socioeconomic development of host countries and promoting international capacity production. It has built a bridge of cultural and people-to-people communication between China and foreign countries, and witnessed numerous stories of friendship. In the future, the program will keep playing an important role and promote the building of a community with a shared future for mankind.

(Yang Yan is the deputy director of Tianjin Luban Workshop Research and Promotion Center.)

Yanga urged to take S.Africa's Marumo Gallants seriously

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

WHILE Marumo Gallants is fighting for its life in South Africa's Premier Division, officially referred to as the DStv Premiership, the club has been on a roll in Africa, becoming the envy of many fans in the country.

The Limpopo-based outfit edged Egyptian moneybags Pyramids FC 1-0 in the rematch of the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup quarterfinals played at Dobsonville Stadium in Johannesburg on Sunday to seal a 2-1 aggregate victory.

Marumo Gallants will now face Tanzania's Young Africans, alias Yanga, in the continental tournament semi-finals on May 10 before the reverse fixture is played at home on May 17.

The South African club has proved to be a side that should not be taken lightly although it is fighting to avoid relegation in the DStv Premiership.

Yanga is an outfit currently standing in the way of the South African side's chances to make history by qualifying for the final and being crowned the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup champion.

Yanga should not take Marumo Gallants lightly because until the latter had progressed to the semi-final stage, the side finished first in Group A ahead of FC Lupopo (DR Congo), USM Alger (Algeria), and Al Akhdar (Libya) in the continental tournament's Group Stage.

The Group Stage of the continental tournament had Marumo Gallants opening its campaign by beating Al Akhdar 4-1, later commanding a 2-1 victory over FC Lupopo and then losing 2-0 to USM Alger.

The South African club took revenge on USM Algeria with a



Tanzania's Yanga center-back, Dickson Job (L), challenges Nigeria's Rivers United forward, Malachi Ohawume, when the clubs took on each other in a 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup quarterfinal rematch that took place in Dar es Salaam last Sunday. Yanga was held to 0-0 by Rivers United. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

2-0 victory over the latter but ended up losing 4-1 to Al Akhdar. In the last game of Group A, Marumo Gallants beat FC Lupopo 3-2.

In the six matches that Marumo Gallants played in the Group Stage, three home matches were won—the 4-1 win over Al Akhdar, the 2-0 defeat of USM Alger, and the 3-0 drubbing of FC Lupopo.

Away from home, the South African team was beaten 4-1 by Al Akhdar and 2-0 by USM Alger, then beat FC Lupopo 2-1.

Marumo Gallants has been deadly at its home venue because it has not lost a game in the Group Stage, so Yanga has to make good use of the squad's home game to ensure that it gets a convincing win to stay in an advantageous position in the rematch.

The South African side has always won by huge margins in its home fixtures in the Group Stage. The side's 1-0 victory over

Pyramids FC at home in the quarterfinal confirmed its place in the semi-finals after forcing a 1-1 draw with the Egyptian club in the first leg played in Egypt.

Marumo Gallants had, until reaching the semi-final stage, produced the top goal scorer namely Ranga Chivaviro, with the goal-getter having scored five goals equalling Congolese forward Fiston Maye of Yanga.

Chivaviro is a dangerous attacker in Marumo Gallants, as is the case with Maye, because, in the DStv Premiership, he has scored nine goals in 17 matches.

The Marumo Gallants forward is trailing the DStv Premiership leading goal scorer, Peter Shalulle of Mamelodi Sundowns that has netted 11 goals in 19 games this season.

Maye is the top goalscorer in this season's NBC Premier League scoring 16 goals, followed by Zambian goal-getter Moses Phiri of Simba SC with 10 goals, as is the case with the

latter's teammate Said Ntibanzokiza.

With Marumo Gallants sitting 14th in the DStv Premiership having amassed 28 points, three places from the bottom of the top flight, it is clear that the league position shows the squad is faring horribly in the domestic league.

Moroka Swallows is placed 13th in the top flight with 31 points, TS Galaxy is sitting 12th with 31 points while Richards Bay and Amazulu FC, both with 32 points, are occupying 11th and 10th spots respectively.

In that sense, the position that Marumo Gallants occupies does not reflect the side's efficiency but highlights the competitiveness of the DStv Premiership.

Marumo Gallants is making its debut appearance in the South African top flight as it was established three years ago.

In this season's CAF Confederation Cup, Marumo Gallants, despite having Chivaviro, is boasting other reliable goal-getters namely Lesiba Nku and Mpho Mvelase that have grabbed two goals apiece.

The outfit as well boasts Celimpilo Ngema, Joseph Malongoane, Letsie Koapeng, Judas Moseamedi, and Sibusiso Sibeko with each notching one goal in the showdown.

With Yanga boasting Maye's virtuosity, the Jangwani Street squad as well as other clinical goal scorers namely Zambian Kennedy Musonda that has scored two goals, Mudathir Yahya, Farid Mussa, and Tuisila Kisinda scoring one goal each for the squad.

Marumo Gallants further takes pride in the team's goalkeeper Washington Arubi who has 20 saves, while Yanga depends on shot-stopper Djigui Diarra with nine saves.



Enock Atta Agyei

Singida Big Stars now rally behind unregistered player

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SINGIDA Big Stars head coach Hans van der Pluijm has said that his squad is taking excessive measures to ensure the successful registration of new foreign player Enock Atta Agyei to serve the team for the next season.

The Ghanaian winger, former Azam FC star, joined Singida Big Stars during this season's mini-transfer window, the footballer though has failed to don the club's kits due to the leadership of his former side, Guinea's Horoya AC, delaying his International Transfer Certificate (ITC).

Pluijm said the player is still in Tanzania continuing to train with his teammates while his side's officials continue to monitor his issue closely to ensure he plays next season.

"He has great speed on the field, he knows how to shield the ball, he can disturb the opponents via deadly dribbles and any coach would not want to lose a player of his type because he plays well at number 10 and 11," he said.

The Dutch pointed out: "We are confident we will get his registration done, he has been very calm on the situation and we believe he will be of merit when he steps on the pitch for us."

Agyei said that despite the challenges, he continues to fight in training to keep himself fit, pointing out he concentrates on playing in Tanzania because he enjoys life here.

"I'm confident, I have been here before, the football fans are very passionate about the game, being part of the hype around the game adds more motivation for me to elevate my game as I wait for my ITC," the Ghanaian winger noted.

Singida Big Stars Chief Executive Officer, John Kadutu, said the world soccer governing body (FIFA) announced that Agyei is free but the challenge lies in his former side, Horoya AC, which is delaying his ITC.

"Our lawyers are continuing to work on the issue and we have high hopes that he will be part of our team, that's why until today we are still with him continuing to train with his teammates," he said.

Singida Big Stars are enjoying their debut season in the NBC Premier League occupying the fourth spot with 51 points from 26 games played while third-placed Azam FC has played one more tie whilst notching 53 points.

The Singida side is also to play against Yanga in this season's Azam Sports Federation Cup semi-final.

Tanzania bags two medals in 2023 CAA Junior Athletics Championships

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA has won two medals in the 2023 Confederation of African Athletics (CAA) African Junior Athletics Championships which climax today in Ndola, Zambia.

The first medal for the East African country was a silver won on Sunday by Mwanaamina Mkwayu in U-20 Girls' javelin after throwing the spear distance of 47.83.

On Tuesday, Samir

Sururu won a bronze medal for the national junior athletics squad in U-18 Boys' shot put.

Muhidin Masunzu, delegation leader, said although the other athlete Salma Charles was yesterday (Wednesday) evening expected to compete in U-18 Girls' 800m race, there is a high possibility that the country's athletes will so far bring home two medals.

He expressed his happiness over the national junior squad's athletes' acquisition

of the two medals and congratulated all athletes who honoured the championships.

"So far we have won two medals, we are left with only one athlete Salma Charles who will be in action this evening," Masunzu said.

"We can not promise anything as that race is very tough, for now, we are congratulating those who won the two medals and all our athletes who represented the country in these junior championships," he said.

Athletics Tanzania (AT) acting secretary general Jackson Ndaweka also paid tribute to the two, saying their success has been brought about by hard work and dedication to the game. He described Mwanaamini as a hard-working athlete.

"I remember at one time she assured me she will bring medals to the country and I'm happy for her success," he said.

Seven local athletes managed to qualify for the continental

showdown's semi-finals.

The seven who qualified for the semi-finals are Mpaji Lukindo who clocked 49.8 in U-18 Boys 400m race, and Alex Sezario clocked 11.4 in U-18 Boys 100m race.

In U-20 Boys' 100m race, Said Ally clocked 11.4, Benedict Mathias notched 11.2 and skipper Gasis Gesasa clocked 11.2.

In U-18 Girls' 100 meters showdown, Nasra Abdullah and Bertha Ernest recorded 12.5 and 12.74 respectively.

National basketball team's coach lauds professionals' influence on juniors

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA's national basketball team's head coach Mohamed Mbwana has said that the presence of international players in the team shaping up for the FIBA AfroCan Qualifiers scheduled to take place in Dar es Salaam will increase the motivation for the country's youths to have more involvement in the game.

The continental qualifying showdown has been scheduled to take place at the International School of Tanganyika (IST) in Dar es Salaam from June 17-23, bringing together six countries.

Other countries—Sudan, Eritrea, Ethiopia, and Somalia—are also expected to confirm their participation.

The participating countries are Egypt, Rwanda, Burundi, South Sudan, Uganda, and the hosts Tanzania, according to Tanzania Basketball Federa-

tion (TBF), each country will only field a men's team.

The coach called 22 players to the national team and included two stars who play professional hoops in Taiwan and the United States.

The professionals are Hashem Thabeet, who plays in the Taiwanese men's professional basketball league, T1 League, and Atiki Ally who plays college basketball in the United States of America.

Mbwana stated if the two professional ballers get a chance to come and participate in the qualifiers, they will greatly contribute to youths loving basketball and wishing for the success the professionals have.

The coach pointed out: "We are very serious about the game, we want to see basketball regain its status compared to the state the sport is in recently, there are many clubs taking part in basketball

and we have a competitive league."

"The stage graced by foreign-based players like Thabeet will add more motivation to the youths to understand and love the game," the gaffer revealed.

Mbwana noted: "I am aware of what they bring to the court and how impactful they can be, I look forward to making history with this wonderful group constituting professionals and their local counterparts as we can have good chemistry in the tournament and register better results."

Meanwhile, Tanzania's national basketball team, alias 'The Tanzanites', is expected to officially set up camp early next month.

The camp will involve 22 players namely Hashem Thabeet, Atiki Ally, Alinani Andrew, Bernard John, Joseph Peter, Mussa Chacha, Salehe

Buruhani, Ally Mohammed, Baraka Sadiki, Erick Lugora, Tyrone Edward, Amin Mkosa, Denis Chibula, and Emerico Augustino.

The list also includes Fadhil Chuma, Haji Mbegu, Jackson Brown, Sisco George, Fotius Ngaiza, Jimmy Brown, and Mwalimu Heri. The team will be under head coach Mbwana, who will be assisted by Ashraf Haruni.

The 2023 FIBA AfroCan will be the second edition of the showdown since it was first held in 1919 in Mali.

This year's edition of the tournament, which takes place every four years, will be held from July 8-16 and will be hosted by Angola. DR Congo is the continental tournament's defending champion, having won the 2019 title.

The four highest-ranked teams from the 2019 AfroCan have automatically qualified for this year's tournament.



Tanzania's professional basketball player, Hashem Thabeet.

Sam Allardyce: I'm as good as Pep Guardiola and Jurgen Klopp

By Mike McGrath

It is less than two years since Sam Allardyce tested his wits against the Premier League's finest and his message is: "I'm as good as Guardiola and Klopp." Perhaps there is no better opponent for his first match as Leeds United manager than his Manchester City counterpart in two days' time.

"If I was called Allardici" has long been a moan from the former England manager and now is his chance to prove it, having answered the SOS of Andrea Radzizzani to take control of the final four games at Leeds. He has been given little or no chance of a result against City on Saturday, but there will be a few pointers at the Etihad Stadium as to whether results will be possible against Newcastle, West Ham or Tottenham afterwards.

Allardyce answered the call of Radzizzani this week and got to work, dressed in a Leeds tracksuit as he addressed media, a few hours after his breakfast-time arrival at the club's Thorp Arch headquarters. They have been used to Marcelo Bielsa in these parts in recent times, but this is desperate times, calling for a survival expert.

After conceding 18 goals in their past five games, the task is clear for Allardyce, who last held a position in 2021 when he was in charge of West Bromwich Albion. Now he finds himself going back to basics, stopping the rot at Leeds in the hope they can pick up enough points to stay above the bottom three, where they currently rest on goal difference.

"Too many people think I'm old and antiquated," Allardyce said. "But nobody is ahead of me in football terms. Not [Jurgen] Klopp, not Pep [Guardiola], not [Mikel] Arteta. Not saying I'm better than them, but I'm as good as them."

It will need that type of belief to keep them out of the drop zone. During his time as a pundit, while out of work as a manager, he said on Sky Sports that a survival bid was built on clean sheets. In the next days it will be his back line, with Liam Cooper and Robin Koch at its heart, who will get the "Big Sam" treatment.

"We'll try to get their confidence up and set a system of play to say this is the way you stop the opposition," said Allardyce, who will earn a basic £500,000 until the end of the season and a bonus of £2 million if Leeds stay up.

"There's been as much positivity on the pitch as there has been on the training ground by asking players to air what they think will help us to make things better. We can only ask the question but the only enjoyment they get from playing together is if we come away with a result."

Guardiola was asked about Allardyce's comments after Manchester City's victory over West Ham on Wednesday night which took his side back to the top of the Premier League.

"He is right," said Guardiola. "I want to be honest, look what happened with Neil Warnock in Huddersfield, these incredible managers they have done this [in the] Premier League or this competition. Roy Hodgson with Crystal Palace... they are really good, they know the game perfectly."

"It will be tough [against Leeds]. He [Allardyce] has the charisma and knows exactly what to do. This type of old managers, now people with 35, 40 we invent football - no, football is already created."

Allardyce will be working beside former Oxford manager Karl Robinson and ex-Leeds striker Robbie Keane in a bid to turn results around.

"We have a sports psychologist here and it's a massive part of my life, I've used personally a great deal and am a big supporter of it," Allardyce said. "Trying to shut Robbie up is the first thing, he never stops talking. I've known him a while and we talked on many occasions about him getting into coaching."

"Never say never, it depends what happens at the end of the four matches and what the conversations are about and how I feel, and more importantly what the wife feels. I can't keep making her feel so nervous again as I have, but there we go, she's as good as gold."

"The odds are against us here, but with the teams I've had before we've done it. I've spent more time with those teams, which is a worrying factor. We'll show them what to do, this is how we put it right, we talk about it then do it on the training ground. We'll work today, tomorrow and Friday without forgetting what we do in possession. We have to be the best we possibly can be out of possession to give us a chance to get possession and attack City."

Radzizzani "deeply saddened" by Orta departure. Director of football Victor Orta has also left the club, Leeds have confirmed. The Spaniard, 44, has been in the firing line during the club's poor run of results under Jesse Marsch and Gracia.

"I am deeply saddened by the way that this chapter closes as Victor has been responsible for some of the best moments of my time as owner of Leeds," Radzizzani said. "United and I thank him and his people for all they have done in the past six years."

"However, it is clear that it is time to change direction and therefore we have agreed that Victor will leave the club. I understand supporters are hurt and upset, but now is a time for unity. We have four cup finals left to play this season and working together, I believe we can survive."

Orta has been combative with supporters, arguing with them from the directors' box at times during home games. He also clashed with a small group of fans on the final day of last season when Leeds secured survival, pointing out they had years in the EFL before the current board were in place.

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Haaland breaks scoring record for a Premier League season on night of Man City milestones

By James Ducker

He may have taken a wrecking ball to the history books this season but it was with the most delicate of touches that Erling Haaland finally demolished the Premier League scoring record. Truth be told, the Manchester City striker had not much of a look in until then but there was still an inevitability about the goal and that is part of what makes him so damn good: his patience, that unwavering belief the goal will come.

And what a landmark goal this was, No. 35 of a quite extraordinary league campaign that sweeps him past Andy Cole and Alan Shearer as the outright greatest goalscorer since English football's great rebranding in 1992, and still with five league games to play. Victory moved City back above Arsenal at the top of the table, a point ahead with a game in hand, and just as surely as it is hard to believe the champions will squander the initiative at this stage, so it is difficult to think Haaland will not add a bunch more goals before this season is out.

He actually has the most league goals in a top flight season now since Ron Davies plundered 37 for Southampton in 1966-67 so that is doubtless the next target to topple. And would anyone be surprised if he runs Dixie Dean's all-



Erling Haaland (L) of Manchester City scores the second goal of his team during the English Premier League match between Manchester City and West Ham United. (Agencies)

time English record of 63 goals in a top flight campaign close? Currently on 51, City's goal machine needs 12 to match it.

City's players and staff marked the occasion at the final whistle by forming a guard of honour as each took turns to slap this hulking figure as he powered his way through the throng of bodies and limbs. It made for quite the scene. To put Haaland's feats into some context, Phil Foden's goal late on marked the 1000th scored by City under manager Pep Guardiola and the Norwegian accounts for five per cent of them, despite having only played 45 games for the club.

Haaland is averaging a goal every 71 minutes in

the Premier League this season so his latest one came pretty much bang on cue and, in doing so, calmed the lingering nerves of the manager and home supporters who grasped just how hard West Ham were making things as City nursed a delicate 1-0 lead thanks to Nathan Ake's header.

There was just under half an hour to go when the City manager let his frustration with the crowd be known. Gesturing in an exasperated manner for the fans to raise the noise level, and help lift their team in the process, he got the response he hoped for. And Haaland the goal he craved or, rather, waited calmly to arrive.

It originated from a mistake from Danny

Ings, the West Ham substitute giving the ball away to Bernardo, who redirected it quickly into the path of Jack Grealish. Grealish had been one of City's stand-out performers all game, along with John Stones and Rodri, and the moment he released Haaland through on goal the outcome never felt in doubt.

Indeed, the sight of poor Thilo Kehrer giving fruitless chase is one with which far too many defenders have become well acquainted. As Lukasz Fabianski advanced, Haaland nonchalantly dinked the ball over the West Ham goalkeeper - a quite gorgeous touch of the ball - before wheeling away in celebration as the Etihad rose in acclaim. Sitting in that familiar yoga pose,

Haaland was mobbed by team-mates. What a player. What a season. And with more treats still to come one suspects.

City fans had come, principally, in the hope (or is that expectation?) of seeing two things: their team reclaiming top spot and a record breaking night from their No. 9 so they did not leave disappointed. But West Ham made them sweat it out for a good while. Despite losing Declan Rice, Tomas Soucek and Nayef Aguerd to illness only hours before kick-off, which meant David Moyes was only able to name five outfield substitutes, it was hard to believe they had been forced into a late rejig.

It has been a good couple of months for Moy-

es, who has gradually turned West Ham's season around, and dragged himself away from the precipice in the process, and the first 45 minutes were about as well as anyone has dealt with City and Haaland of late. Grealish and Rodri both hit a post but West Ham, by flooding the midfield and at times resembled a hardy 6-4-0, were proving a tough nut to crack. Haaland's most notable touch in the first half was probably a headed clearance and his one glimpse of goal before that record breaking strike culminated in a fine sliding tackle from Kehrer.

Moyes's frustration, then, at seeing his team surrender much of that hard work by conceding from a set-piece within five minutes of the restart was understandable. The free-kick, for a start, was a cheap one to concede after Flynn Downes brought down Grealish. Riyad Mahrez then flighted the free-kick over the West Ham defence and last man Angelo Ogbonna to where Ake, back in the side after injury, headed home. An unhappy Michail Antonio led the West Ham inquest.

Even if they had held out for longer, though, there is another train of thought that they may merely have been delaying the inevitable. Haaland, after all, just cannot stop scoring.

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PSG's Lionel Messi honeymoon is over - this is what they plan to do next

By Jason Burt

AT Paris Saint-Germain they are heading in a different direction. They are turning away from the "bling bling" signings who have blighted the club and are determined to build a young, hungry team - with a French core - built around Kylian Mbappe.

Lionel Messi was never exactly "bling" but he was a big name, the biggest name, and while the feeling within PSG is that his two years have been a reasonable success, not least because he signed on an opportunistic free transfer on half his Barcelona wages, it is time to move on.

Messi even made money for PSG - estimated at around €10million net gain in his first year when sponsorship deals and commercial uplift were factored in - but that has not proven to be enough when set against the relative disappointment on the pitch.

PSG have had two seasons of the triumvirate of Mbappe, Messi and Neymar and while it has been an extraordinary combination it has not delivered the Holy Grail of a Champions League triumph.

PSG are now shedding Messi - there is no desire for him to sign the 12-month contract extension that has been on the table since January - and are prepared to sell Neymar. Moving on

the Brazilian may prove problematic and it is a sensitive, complicated issue. Broadly, though, he does not fit into the future approach.

Even so, Neymar's contract was automatically extended on July 1, 2022, taking him up to 2027 when he will be 35. The forward signed a new three-year deal in 2021, after being persuaded by PSG to stay despite his efforts to return to Barcelona, and it included two additional 12-month extensions which have been triggered.

While there is interest in him from the Premier League it still appears to be a monumentally tricky deal to land.

Also out of contract this summer is Sergio Ramos although it seems PSG are keen to keep the 37-year-old Spanish defender especially given the centre-half they have signed for the summer, Milan Skriniar from Inter Milan, has been out injured and there is no guarantee he will be fit for the start of next season.

Ramos is also not on the same level of salary as the other super-stars and is relatively low maintenance. He is a good influence around the dressing room and, given his age, may be prepared to be less of a regular starter and more of a squad player.

Still he is likely to prove the exception. Persuading Mbappe

to sign a new contract last summer, fighting off Real Madrid to do so, was part of a new policy masterminded by PSG's president Nasser Al-Khelaifi.

The Qatari has a saying of "collective interest over individual interest" and wants that to apply to PSG with a change of culture. Hiring Christophe Galtier was part of that thinking. Although Galtier has struggled since the turn of the year and may not survive, bringing in a French coach was regarded as a part of the change of direction.

PSG also point to two 17-year-olds - the hugely exciting Warren Zaire-Emery (born in Montreuil, to the eastern suburbs of Paris) and El Chadaille Bitshiabu (from Ville-neuve-Saint-Georges to the south) - playing

against Bayern Munich, albeit in being knocked out of the Champions League, as examples of encouraging young players.

It is a key task for sporting director Luis Campos although, interestingly, there is renewed talk that he wants to replace Galtier with Jose Mourinho who he first worked with at Real Madrid and was in the running last year after Mauricio Pochettino was sacked. When Mourinho was manager of Tottenham Hotspur he wanted Campos as sporting director.

However, Mourinho would not appear to fit into PSG's new policy which is also partly influenced by the financial restraints they face as they comply with Uefa's rules.

Key to that is making PSG more sustainable

and notably all the recent transfer windows have been built around youth and free transfers. Those controls are partly why they were never in the bidding for Jude Bellingham, who appears set to join Real Madrid, or Harry Kane.

The changes are set to accelerate this summer with more young players signed especially, it is hoped, French players. PSG have been acutely aware that the Paris conurbation produces more footballers than any area in Europe and yet few turn out in their colours.

Mbappe, who is from the suburb of Bondy, will remain the jewel in the crown. The 24-year-old is irreplaceable in Al-Khelaifi's eyes and the team will be built around him. Given Mbappe is now the captain of France it shows his growing importance

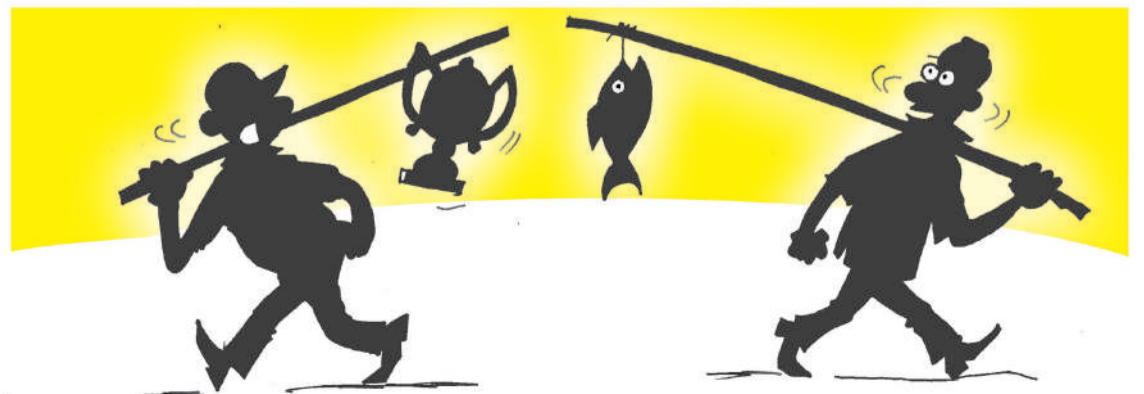
for club and country and PSG will pull out all the stops to keep him.

There is also an acceptance that there has been something of a disconnect between the players and the fans and that - with the change of policy to also bring in greater discipline - is partly behind the decision to suspend Messi for two weeks for his unauthorised, ill-timed, ill-judged trip to Saudi Arabia.

Indeed, the PSG Ultras have called for a protest outside the club's offices. "It is time for things to change and for the Paris Saint-Germain institution to rediscover its soul, its Parisian spirit and its splendour," the CUP (Collectif Ultras Paris) said in a statement, which chimes with much of what the club is now doing.

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All set for U-23 Africa Cup of Nations draw in Rabat

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

EIGHT African teams that will be competing for tickets to the 2024 Paris Olympics will know the teams they will be confronting when the official draw for the 2023 U-23 Africa Cup of Nations takes place in Rabat today.

The draw will be conducted at the awe-striking Mohammed VI Technical Centre in the Moroccan capital city ahead of the tournament slated for June 24-July 8 2023 in Morocco.

The center is one of the most iconic sporting facilities in African football, with the draw set to be live on the CAF website cafonline.com and CAF TV (YouTube) from 1700 GMT.

Tanzania missed out on the opportunity to battle it out in the 2023 U-23 Africa Cup of Nations after it was eliminated by Nigeria in the showpiece's qualifying event, having conceded a 3-1 aggregate defeat.

The 2023 TotalEnergies U-23 Africa Cup of Nations is used as a qualifier for the Summer Olympic Games set to take place in Paris in 2024.

The continental showpiece is set to involve Egypt, Niger, Guinea, Congo, Ghana, Mali, Gabon, and Morocco.

Morocco is expected to be the showpiece's hosts for a second time, having ended as runner-up to Gabon the last time the former was the showdown's hosts in 2011.

This will be their second appearance at the tournament along with 2011, when they were the tournament's inaugural hosts.

Morocco won their opening two games at the 2011 edition defeating Nigeria 1-0 and thereafter edging Algeria by a similar margin.

Despite conceding a loss to Senegal in their final group stage game, Morocco progressed to the last four after grabbing a win over Egypt but lost to Gabon in the final.

Egypt will battle it out in their fourth finals, having qualified for every edition since 2011.

They are the showpiece's defending champions having won the 2019 edition on home soil. The squad won all five games in 2019 in open play and went on to grab a 2-1 victory over Cote d'Ivoire in the final.

Egypt has the distinction of being the only nation to have qualified for every edition of the tournament. It was the third-place finisher when Morocco last hosted the showdown in 2011.

Gabon, the winners of the 2011 edition of the tournament, have returned after missing out in 2015 and 2019. The squad, the first winners of this tournament, defeated hosts Morocco 3-1 in the final in 2011.

Ghana is making its second appearance in the tournament after 2019. The country finished fourth in the only previous tournament appearance in 2019.

The West African country lost both knockout games in 2019 on penalties to Cote d'Ivoire in the semi-finals and South Africa in the play-off seeking to finish third.

Mali will come into their third finals. They were eliminated in the Group Stage in both their previous tournament appearances in 2015 and 2019.

The side had left 2019 U-23 Africa Nations Cup hosted by Egypt winless and will be looking to improve this time around and reach the knockout stage for the first time.

The Congo Republic will make its debut in the coming continental tournament. The squad overcame South Africa in the final round of qualifying, progressing on away goals after drawing the first leg away from home 1-1 and the second 0-0.

Are the third different team from the UNIFFAC region to have ever made the finals along with Cameroon and Gabon.

Guinea is also set to make its debut in the continental tournament. The squad shocked Nigeria in the qualifiers with a 0-0 away draw in Abuja in the first leg of the third round, followed it up with a 2-0 win in the second leg played in Rabat.

The side and Niger become the sixth and seventh teams from the WAFU Zone to qualify for the tournament.

Niger is another squad making its debut in the showpiece. Defeated Guinea Bissau in the first round of qualifying and shocked Cote d'Ivoire in the second round with a 1-1 away draw after a 0-0 home draw.

The results saw Niger set up a third-round clash against Sudan and commanded a 2-1 aggregate victory over the latter.

Mpole dismayed by Linafoot League 1 suspension



DR Congo's FC Saint Elloi Lupopo forward, Tanzanian George Mpole.

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIAN striker, George Mpole, who plays for FC Lupopo in DR Congo's Premier League known as Linafoot League 1, has expressed dismay due to the sudden suspension of the league having spent six months in DR Congo.

Mpole, who joined FC Lupopo during the mini transfer window from Geita Gold FC battling it out in this season's Mainland Tanzania's NBC Premier League, has found his goals stalled.

The forward pointed out that he was told by his side's leaders that the league has been suspended and now they are waiting for new information.

The attacker said that what is happening now is that he and his teammates are wait-

ing for instructions from the club's leaders and he will then prepare to return to Tanzania until new information comes in and resume camp for the new season.

Mpole joined FC Lupopo when the outfit was participating in the 2022/23

CAF Confederation Cup, however, he did not play in the tournament because he had already played for Geita Gold FC in the qualification stages of the continental showpiece.

The goal-getter revealed: "My expectations of playing successfully have been

flawed, first I arrived when the team was playing in this season's CAF Confederation Cup which, by regulations, I was allowed not to play, I was on the stands most of the time, even though I was training with the team."

Mpole noted: "At that time, the league was

stopped to give a chance to the CAF inter-club showpieces' games, we have not settled well, and the Premier League has been canceled."

The attacker pointed out: "I have discovered why many Congolese players like to play outside their country because I have seen many challenges."

The footballer disclosed: "That's why I can't talk about either the competition or distinguish the NBC Premier League from the one played here because I haven't experienced it yet, maybe for the next time when I get a chance to play."

DR Congo Premier League has 20 teams, AS Vita is occupying the top spot with 28 points after 10 matches as it has won nine matches and drawn one.

FC Lupopo is sitting second, as the club has played nine games, won seven, drawn one, and lost one to collect 22 points.

Third-placed Maniema Union has played eight matches, won six, drawn one, and lost one to post 19 points.

Lubumbashi-based giants, TP Mazembe, has been positioned fourth with 15 points from nine matches, notching victory in four, drawing three, and losing two.

There is a high possibility that FC Lupopo will again participate in Africa inter-club showdowns next season due to the position the club is positioned in.

President Samia confirms Dar ready to house AUSC Region 4 secretariat

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has assured the African Union Sports Council (AUSC) that Tanzania is ready to be the headquarters of the council's Region 4.

In a video message to delegates of the AUSC Council of Sports Ministers meeting held in Arusha, the President assured the participants that the country is ready to house the council's secretariat headquarters.

The President noted: "I'm glad that AUSC Region 4 members, as well as other sports stakeholders from outside the region, are attending this meeting... this is the first in Tanzania, I'm humbled to welcome you to Tanzania, the land of peace and tranquility."

Samia revealed: "The meeting is going to, among others, deliberate the agenda on Tanzania's willingness to host the headquarters of AUSC, we have already submitted our expression of interest to be the headquarters of AUSC."

She insisted: "I'm assuring you that Tanzania is a suitable home for various international organizations and institutions, in this regard, I'm taking this liberty to assure you, distinguished guest, that Tanzania has all the necessary facilities required for the secretariat and we are ready to go an extra mile in facilitating the smooth function of this mandate."



President Samia Suluhu Hassan

"I'm therefore requesting all ministers here present to grant positive consideration to our request," she said.

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa was set to be the guest of honour at the meeting which also attracted Directors of Sports Development from AUSC Region 4, National Sports Council leaders, and other stakeholders.

In an interview held on Wednesday,

the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Culture, Arts, and Sports Saidi Yakubu said the meeting will also tackle the role of sports in addressing macro and social issues affecting the region. He moreover said he informed the delegates of Tanzania's readiness to be the headquarters of AUSC Region 4.

Yakubu said housing the AUSC Region 4 secretariat is part of President

Samia's efforts to advance Sports Diplomacy policy in the country.

He promised the delegates that once Tanzania is approved as the headquarters of AUSC Region 4, it will promote sports in the region by hosting the AUSC Region 4 Games and presenting awards for the best sportsmen and women in the region.

Yakubu also said the Council of Sports Ministers will approve strategies and policies that will stimulate and rediscover the trajectory of sports under the new normal that the entire world finds itself in.

The Council of Sports Ministers is the supreme policy-making organ of AUSC Region 4 and, among its numerous duties, is to formulate policies and regulations on the administration, organization, and promotion of sports in the region.

Tanzania will resume regional chairmanship as the mandate of the current chairman Uganda expires. More than 100 delegates are in the country for the meeting.

The AUSC is the technical arm of the African Union Commission (AUC) under the Department of Social Affairs functioning as the supreme authority for the coordination of the African Sports movement.

The AUSC Region 4 member states are Comoros, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda.

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