



# Acoustic device to battle farm insects

#### **By Guardian Reporter**

STUDENTS taking science subjects in eight secondary schools in Dar es Salaam Region have proposed various business projects including an acoustic device for scaring away invasive pests like locusts.

Alfred Kyando, a student at Chang'ombe Secondary School said they have invented an acoustic device to disturb and help chase away destructive crops pests, likely to be an alternative to using hazardous chemical sprays in the fields.

proposals were submitted The yesterday to officials of the College of Education of the University of Dar es Salaam, as an initiative to aid the teaching of science students via commercial links, the 'Future Stem Business Leaders Tanzania (FSBL)'.

The student said that since Tanzania and Africa generally depend on agriculture, destructive pests like a swarm of locusts with 40 billion insects can cause famine when it sweeps over an area, noting that last year locusts invaded 23 African countries. This year

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Justice should be done even if heaven is to fall, law don underlines



#### **By Correspondent Rose Mwalongo**

SENIOR legal practitioners and human rights activists overly engaged in a wide ranging assessment of Tanzania's current efforts to become a just society for all, underlining that more needs to be done.

A Dar city public dialogue on the state of human rights protection in Tanzania across the six decades of independence yesterday saw speakers, including retired judges faulting the law-making process.

They criticised its frequent use of certificates of urgency, saying it was noninclusive and has seen some of the laws violate fundamental principles of human rights, on which Judge (rtd) Mathew Mwaimu, the chairman of the Commission on Human Rights and Good Governance (CHRAGG) said this is one area where governance leaves much to be desired

He said that violation of human rights starts with abuse of power, where leaders don't adhere to principles of good governance. "Most laws are enacted under the certificate of urgency where stakeholders are not given ample time to provide their views and as a result some of the regulations override the laws in place," he explained.

the insects wrought havoc in Longido District of Arusha Region.

The main strategy used to confront the pests was the use of chemical sprays, but students have come up with a device emitting acoustics vibrations that chase

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Temeke District Commissioner, Jokate Mwegelo fuels a commuter bus plying between Temeke and Railway Station to launch the Puma Energy (T) customer service week at the firm's Sokota fuelling station in the city suburb yesterday. Looking is the Puma Energy Acting managing director Lameck Hiliyai (3rd L) and other company officials. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

The retired judge appealed to the legislature to ensure that the law making process is inclusive, thus capable of serving the public interest and ensure equity when it is applied.

Prof. John Ruhangisa, a former Registrar

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# COVID-19: Treatment of children in sharp decline

#### **By Guardian Reporter**

A NEW study has found that many African children have missed vital medical treatments for HIV, malaria and tuberculosis, because of the pressure Covid-19 has put on health systems.

Research findings published in the British Medical Journal (BMJ), a weekly medical research chronicle, assessed the impact of Covid-19, health system



preparedness and responses to the pandemic in Africa.

Health system responses included telephone consultations, re-purposing of available services, establishing isolation centres and providing Covid-19 guidelines, it said, outlining findings of a survey covering South Africa, Kenya, Tanzania, Ethiopia and Rwanda.

Healthcare regression was a notable feature as healthcare systems on the continent were not ready to deal with the burden of Covid-19. This resulted in people missing essential services such as HIV, malaria and tuberculosis treatment, along with maternal and child health services, the report underlined.

Up to half of the South African children did not attend child health checks, while 80 per cent of children in Sierra Leone aged under five years did not receive TURN TO PAGE 2

# Germany avails 7bn/-for fight against GBV

#### By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

GERMANY has donated 7bn/- towards expansion of access to justice for women and girls in the country.

The grant released through German Development Cooperation (GIZ) is part of long term collaboration between the country and the Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs.

GIZ country director Dr Mike Falke made this observation yesterday, at a forum on 'borderless partnership against gender based violence' held at the Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre in Dar es Salaam.

The forum organized jointly by Germany Embassy, GIZ, government of Tanzania and the East African Community (EAC) Secretariat sought to address policy challenges in advancing the fight against gender based violence.

The funds will contribute towards improving access to justice for women and girls and protecting them from gender specific discrimination, thereby promoting gender equality in Tanzania, he said.

"This is a monumental step marking the return of GIZ in the fight against GBV in Tanzania," he asserted, noting that GIZ is actively supporting the fight against gender based violence and discrimination



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in Tanzania and in East Africa as a whole.

Liberata Mulamula (pictured), the Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, said that evidence shows that women and girls are still facing domestic violence as they are being beaten, harassed and tortured by uncouth spouses and partners.

Physical and sexual violence against women are still rampant and worse, most perpetrators of offences of domestic violence go unpunished, she stated

Harmful cultural practices still affect women's rights, despite female genital mutilation being criminalized in the country, the practice has not stopped in regions such as Arusha, Dodoma, Kigoma, Manyara, Mara and Morogoro, she declared.

Activities during the 16 days of activism against gender based violence in the country have shown that there is solidarity with the rest of the world in eradicating GBV. At the national level, over the years a number of efforts have been employed to address the challenge, the minister noted.

"We are grateful that much progress has been made. The government of Tanzania is working in partnership with international organizations and NGOs dedicated to gender equality and empowerment of women and the fight against gender based violence," she added.

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Deputy Governor of Bank of Tanzania in charge of financial and deepening and stability, Dr Benard Kibesse speaks during the launch of Standard Chartered Bank's digital banking branch which is a first of its kind in the banking industry in Tanzania. Left is CEO of Standard Chartered Bank Tanzania, Sanjay Rughani and (2nd L) is head of consumer, private and business banking, Ajmair Riaz. The event took place last month at Shoppers Plaza in the outskirts of Dar es Salaam.

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away the pests instead of killing them with chemicals that might damage the soil and also affect humans, he stated.

The device is intended to free farms from locusts without spraying to enable sustainable farming, he explained, while Irene Augustine, a student at Temeke Secondary School said a group of them devised

effects on humans.

"Our product can be used by any individual, a pregnant woman or a diabetic. We are making our drink using Ginseng, a plant well known in the Far East and used to treat various diseases and enhance body energy.

For her part, FSBL project manager Josephine Sepeku brought together science students after

an energy drink that has no adverse mooting ideas that would compete with others to get a winner. They are now incorporating those ideas for commercially viable proposals, following a series of lessons from July to November on how to connect innovation to business.

"The aim is that when a person says he studies science he should have the ability to understand how he will use the science in business," the teacher elaborated, directing her remarks to the policy thrust towards industries." We have to assist students so that the subjects we teach them in class provide the basis for action and enable business outputs to hatch," she asserted.

Simon Kamanga, a teacher at Baobab Girls Secondary School said the future stem project was important to students as they demonstrate in practice the science taught in class.



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at the East African Court of Justice (EACJ) raised concern over the temperature in the judiciary, saying it has been sporadic and unpredictable when it comes to human rights.

"Interpretation of human rights clauses requires generous interpretation. Our courts have remained positive and conservative.

There is no justification for judges maintaining conservatism. They should change or else people will have nowhere to go if courts fail to do what they are supposed to do," the retired law don asserted.

"The legal profession requires someone who is sensitive and committed, not just anyone, adhering to the principle that justice should be done even if heaven is to fall," he added.

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routine vaccinations. More than half of HIV patients in Rwanda missed their antiretroviral treatments, with sex workers in Kenya missing contraception and medical appointments, it elaborated.

Dr Gizachew Tessema, the lead researcher, said that following the pandemic, the flow of patients accessing general and essential health services such as HIV care, treatment for malaria and tuberculosis, maternal and child health services has significantly been reduced.

Interventions by global and national agencies are needed to strengthen health system resilience, via local, national and global engagement, he said, noting that improving healthcare financing should be a priority.

"Countries should direct their efforts to build a resilient health system that caters for diverse health challenges, times and people. This requires local, national, global collaboration and engagement to increase healthcare funding in Africa, he emphasised.

"Now that the world has effective Covid-19 vaccines. African countries need to embark on a coordinated capacity-building effort focused developing, transporting on and rolling out vaccinations for healthcare professionals and highrisk individuals across rural areas in particular," he added.

# **MSMEs play a crucial role in the economic development** in the region - Dr Mathuki

#### **By Guardian Reporter**

EAST African Community (EAC) Secretary General Dr Peter Mathuki said Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) play a crucial role in the economic development of East African countries, accounting for 90 percent of businesses and 80 percent of employment especially among youth and women.

Speaking during the official opening of the 21st MSMEs Trade Fair at Rock City Grounds in Mwanza, Dr Mathuki reiterated that

loans, and expedited loan approvals in an effort to support post COVID-19 economic recovery in the sector.

"I am confident that through collective and collaborative COVID-19 economic recovery efforts at national and regional levels, we will be able to bounce back to prepandemic levels of MSMEs business output," said Dr. Mathuki.

The guest of honour, Minister of Industry and Trade, Prof. Kitila Mkumbo said that the main objective of the EAC MSMEs Trade Fair was to provide a platform for



Water minister Jumaa Aweso (3rd R) witnesses the signing agreement of purchasing water pump and pipes for the implementation of water projects through COVID-19 stimulus funds in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Right is Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency managing director Clement Kivegalo and Helpdesk Engneering Tanzania Ltd managing director Annadurai Krishnasamy signing the MoU. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

# Young innovators urged to set up start-up projects

#### By Correspondent Devota Mwachang'a

YOUNG innovators have been urged to establish start-up projects which will come up with solutions that addresses social challenges in the community so as to build the technology and innovation ecosystem of Tanzania.

Director of digital and value added services at Vodacom Tanzania Nguvu Kamando made the advice in Dar es Salaam over the weekend during the second innovation technology forum which was organised by Media convergence in collaboration with Funguo Innovation programme under the umbrella of UNDP and the Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH) in Dar es Salaam over the weekend.

the innovation technology forum, we have many opportunities in agriculture, in health, so we need the startups to come up with innovations and technologies that support development, startups that can use and benefit people like farmers," he said.

He said innovation designers should come up with positive responses to improve the lives of people; they should come up with solutions to solve problems which are facing Tanzanians including power woes and water shortage.

He said: "The world is moving very fast and we are giving them the knowledge to make their startups sustainable. In establishing many companies and continuing with

"There are many things about policies that favor startups, we need policies that are friendly for startups to grow, financial startups to get loans."

> Funguo Innovation programme manager at UNDP Tanzania Joseph Manirakiza said: "We believe that through the series of innovation and tech forums, more limelight will be directed towards tech innovators startups and keep the conversation alive in the circles of policy makers, development partners, corporates, investors, as to the actual needs of these startups innovators and the best way to support them."

Chief executive officer -Media Convergence, Asha Abinallah said technology continues to be at the centre of innovation, adaptation, the digital economy there must be systems, the whole development-

oriented infrastructure and the digital economy.

"It is an important time to invest and support the innovation and technology ecosystem in the country by focusing on creating sustainable start-ups that would help grow the ecosystem," said Abinallah

Linda Amos, one of the participants said: "I am happy to be part of this innovation tech forum, I was real encouraged to see a woman as one of the panelists, adding that it doesn't matter whether you are a man or woman, you can still work on the tech startups that you have, and you can embrace the knowledge that you get from different digital experts."

She said what is needed is determination, confidence and creativity.

EAC partner states still have a critical role in enabling MSMEs growth to ensure long term sustainability and recovery by promoting programs that prioritise MSMEs to spur demand for quality finished goods and progressively improve the region's competitiveness.

"As the Community, we have the responsibility of enabling MSMEs growth to ensure long term sustainability and recovery," said Dr Mathuki.

The EAC Official informed the Exhibitors that the theme for this year recognises the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on trade and places greater emphasis on quality and innovation as critical paths to enhance competitiveness.

Dr Mathuki commended the efforts of MSMEs for their resilience in adopting new business models to enable business continuity during the COVID-19 pandemic.

He called for Partner States to equally encourage research and development as requisites for innovation and growth. Dr Mathuki cited Malaysia's national commercialisation platform, PlaTCOM Ventures, as an example, which helps entrepreneurs turn their ideas into successful products and services. The development of micro-industrial parks with shared equipment and resources could incubate the next generation of manufacturers, added the Secretary General.

The Secretary General challenged the partner states to provide all necessary support to ensure MSMEs are export-ready and ready to compete with more prominent players and offer alternatives to imported goods.

Dr Mathuki informed the exhibitors that banks and Financial Institutions have already driven a significant number of initiatives in East Africa to support MSMEs, including the suspension of loan repayments, fee waivers, relief enhancing marketing linkages for MSMEs sector products and services within the region so as to enable them access the existing regional market with a population of over 100 million people.

He reaffirmed the six partner states' commitment to the EAC regional integration initiatives, such as the ongoing exhibition, adding that the key component for the integration agenda was doing business together as the Community and expanding the market beyond East Africa, as well as removing barriers to trade.

Prof Mkumbo disclosed that the EAC partner states have agreed to address the challenges impacting the growth and development of MSMEs and industries in the region by developing policies which will facilitate cross-border business in the region.

The minister further noted that some partner states were now establishing mechanisms to facilitate access to affordable capital by MSMEs from financial institutions.

The 21st edition of the annual EAC MSMEs under the theme "Promoting Quality and Innovation to enhance EAC MSMEs Competitiveness and post COVID -19 Recovery', attracted over 1,500 artisans from the six EAC partner states, namely the Republics of Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Uganda and the host country United Republic of Tanzania.

The 1st EAC MSMEs Trade Fair was held in Arusha, Tanzania in November 1999 during the historic event of signing of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community. Subsequent to the success of the Arusha exhibition, the EAC heads of state directed that the exhibition be held annually on rotational basis among the partner states so as to enhance and revamp the socioeconomic integration of the people of East Africa.

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Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi presents award to Kagera Sugar Company board chairman Seif Ali Seif in recognition of the firm contribution during the investors conference held in Zanzibar ahead of 60 years of Tanganyika independence celebrations.

**Ndumbaro calls for research to solve** challenges facing conservation sector

#### By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

NATURAL Resources and Tourism Minister Dr Damas Ndumbaro has directed for a scientific research to be done that will help to get correct answers and alternative ways to solve challenges facing the country's conservation sector.

Dr Ndumbaro gave the directive here yesterday to the researchers when opening the 13th international scientific forum for researchers in the natural resources and tourism sector.

He said in the national parks there are invasive plants that have been fast growing and destroy the parks' ecosystems.

"We want scientists who are researchers to conduct their own research and come up with results that will tell us where have as they would have the responsibility

they have come up now, and no other time," explained Dr Ndumbaro.

He also said the experts, through the research to be conducted are supposed to explain alternative ways to take to control the plants in the national parks.

For his part, the director of wildlife in the Natural Resources and Tourism ministry Dr Maurus Msuha said the research will assist the ministry to come up with policies and laws that would help conservation.

He also said the research will put up strategic plans to ensure wildlife resources are adequately protected.

"The issue of research on wildlife is very important as there would be robust plans to make sure conservation progresses

the invasive plants come from and why to advise the government to see for the best ways to conserve natural resources including wildlife," he added.

However, he said they were proud to organise the forum, showing that the institution had mobilised itself in the implementation of its duties in ensuring for the sustainability of natural resources conservation.

The director of Tanzania wildlife research Institute (TAWIRI) Dr Eblate Mjingo said the forum's aim is to bring together the experts including exchange of experience in the issue of research on natural resources conservation.

He said some human activities, including farming have been contributing in the destruction conservation as sometimes such activities are conducted in the peripheries of national parks.

# STAMICO unveils alternative coal briquettes for domestic use

#### By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

STATE Mining Corporation (STAMICO) is in the final stages to receive a special machine for making alternative coal - 'rafiki briquettes' for domestic use.

Rafiki briquettes managing director Venance Mwasse revealed yesterday at the ongoing industrial sector exhibition at Maisara grounds here.

Dr Mwasse was speaking to reporters and other stakeholders who visited STAMICO pavilion to see and learn on how the coal is made. He said preparations for making the alternative coal are almost complete, and only waiting for the machine to install.

"So far everything is ready, we are waiting for the special machine to arrive this December," said Dr Mwasse.

Responding to a question from reporters on the possibility for the coal to be available in the Isles, Dr Mwasse explained:

"After starting production we shall have in place a good procedure to distribute the alternative coal countrywide including the Isles by using agents who will come up to do the job, our intention is that every Tanzania will get the alternative coal for domestic use."

He hailed the exhibition's preparations saying it was the first time for it to take place in Zanzibar hence it has created a great opportunity to them to be able to meet with the people of Zanzibar for them to know STAMICO's various activities.

Earlier, DR Mwasse had an opportunity to visit some other pavilions to see for himself various activities of participating institutions.

The ongoing exhibition with a slogan '60 Years of Strong Tanzania, Work Should Continue' reaches its apex today, December 9, 60 years' commemoration of the country's independence that will go in tandem with celebrations to mark 60 years of Tanganyika's independence.

# **TAFORI conceives better** technology to help farmers

#### By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

TANZANIA Forestry Research Institute (TAFORI) has conceived the technology to assist tree farmers in the country to integrate species and tree planting areas according to the type of soil suitable in the said areas to boost tree planting activities in the country.

The step follows the increasing number of tree farmers in the country who plant in the areas they thought were suitable for better products, but ended up with different results and incur loss.

Speaking at the launch of the new technology, TAFORI director general Dr Revocatus Mushumbusi said the technology will assist tree farmers to recognize the type of trees to suitable for planting for every area.

Dr Mushumbusi said the preparation of the technology passed through various scientific stages and that various data including those on climate and soil were experimented on and produced results beneficial to farmers.

He said in making the technology a success, they incorporated experts from South

these factories. 



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Africa where they have also been using the technology for a long time with good results for the country. He added that the technology will also enable to recognize the right areas for planting trees, avoid mistakes among farmers.

He said as for now demand for raw materials by wood processing plants was high hence planting of trees in big high quality tree farms was needed to meet the demand.

Speaking about the technology, the Director of Forests and Beekeeping department Dr Ezekiel Mwakalukwa said that trees, just like any other farm products, depend on climate for growth in the areas of concerned.

He said various types of trees grow better in special ecosystems for the trees; hence, the technology will detect which trees will grow better in which areas.

Mwakalukwa added that this was part of directives by the Minister for natural resources and Tourism in mobilising investment in factories that make quality forest products including furniture and other products, hence adequate raw materials are needed to supply





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#### **By Guardian Reporter**

AIRTEL Tanzania, in partnership with Letshego Bank Tanzania has launched a digital savings campaign - Save and Win with Timiza Akiba where Airtel Money customers stand a chance of winning up to 20,000/- a week when they deposit a minimum amount of savings to their Timiza Akiba accounts, and don't withdraw their savings in that week.

Timiza Akiba, a mobile money savings solution is available to all Airtel mobile money customers and is easily accessible, a fee-free savings solution that offers customers a monthly sum as a reward for saving towards a financial buffer, or goal, instead of spending their hard-earned cash. The reward is calculated as a percentage of total savings on a balance of any size, ultimately encouraging and supporting the growth and development of healthy savings.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday while announcing the Save and Win with Timiza Akiba campaign, Airtel Tanzania director of Airtel Money Isaack Nchunda said: "This campaign focuses on reactivating deposit culture with existing Timiza Akiba customers and attracting new Timiza Akiba customers. The promotion aims to build a savings culture within our communities in Tanzania by encouraging Airtel Money customers to save," said Nchunda, adding that

## launch digital savings campaign Airtel Tanzania has partnered with pay to enter,' said Nchunda. Letshego Bank Tanzania to run the

campaign. Nchunda added: "Our aim is to encourage existing customers to make more deposits into their Timiza accounts held through their Airtel money services and new customers to open accounts and deposit into their Timiza accounts and stand a chance to win up to 20,000/- on weekly basis."

Speaking on how winners will be selected, Nchunda said that any Airtel Money customer with a Timiza Akiba savings account who makes a minimum deposit of 20,000/- in a week is eligible to enter the competition and can win once during the weekly draw.

He added: "Airtel will identify the eligible customers each week and 25 winners will be selected via a raffle process throughout the six-week campaign. Winners will receive the 20,000/- prize in their Airtel Money accounts.

'I call upon Airtel Money

#### **By Guardian Reporter**

THE Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and Zanzibar Revenue Board (ZRB) have embarked on the 'door to door' campaign to educate people on the important of paying taxes for the country's socio-economic development.

TRA and ZRB officials camped in Zanzibar for the past five days from December 4 to 8, this year to scaleup awareness campaign aimed at increasing the number of taxpayers in the country.

Among other things, the campaign promotes voluntary taxpaying habits amongst Tanzanians.

Speaking with taxmen who visited

Airtel Tanzania, Letshego Bank

customers and potential new customers to use this opportunity to start saving with a Timiza Akiba account now, and stand a chance of winning 20,000/- each week throughout the campaign. Customers don't need to register or be located."

Letshego Bank Tanzania Managing Director, Omar Msangi said that they have partnered with Airtel Tanzania to run this campaign in support of financial inclusion and develop a culture of savings among Tanzanians. 'We would like to continue encouraging Tanzanians to grow their digital savings for the future. I want to assure all Airtel Money customers that they will get their winning prize deposited into their Airtel Money wallets immediately they are announced as winners. Furthermore, Msangi said that in the final week of the promotion, participants will stand a chance to win up to 5m/-. Savers will additionally benefit from a competitive savings interest rate of 4.0% per annum. The draws will be conducted in the presence of Gaming Board of Tanzania officials. He added: 'Timiza Akiba is the outcome of a truly financially empowering partnership which speaks directly to Letshego Bank's brand promise to improve lives. Strategic partnerships remain key to

Letshego's strategy and with Airtel; we look forward to growing the discipline and benefits of saving for all Tanzanians, wherever they may

# TRA, ZRB in 'door to door' campaign

his office, Unguja North Regional Commissioner Ayoub Mohamed Mahmoud commended TRA and ZRB officials for carrying out the 'door to door' campaign, which is meant to change peoples' mindsets on tax-related issues.

The RC described the campaign as key in identifying tax payers with Tax payer's Identification Number (TIN), which is key aspect in revenue collections.

Mahmoud also urged traders to inculcate a habit of paying taxes voluntarily for the country's swift the government collection targets.

socio-economic development.

He further tasked local government leaders in Zanzibar to chip in the campaign and encourage people to do business according to the law. "People should have Tax clearance, before getting business licenses, something which is important for the government to get its taxes," he said.

RC Mahmoud said that education on taxes play a key role in scaling up socio-economic development as well as expanding tax base to meet



Retired Professor of lands and urban economics Joseph Kironde (C) makes a presentation at the Ardhi University (ARU) convocation held recently in Dar es Salaam. Right is Dr Tatu Limbumba and left is Dr Elinorata Mbuya both

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# **Maize farmers hopeful of reliable** market from Mbeya starch factory

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maize, the factory will also provide

employment to people in the

regions as it will employ up to 300

people for start, and more will be

employed as the factory progresses,'

Trading Group (ETG), the factory's

co-owners said the factory's

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intervened in the conflict and has

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the work, and just recently, Mbeya

Regional Commissioner, Juma

Homera issued directives to them

and we hope it will be completed in

For his part, owners of Export

she said.

textile mills.

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

MAIZE farmers in the southern highland regions zone have begun to be hopeful on the crop's reliable market following the near completion of a factory for making maize products - East Africa Starch Ltd.

The factory, the modification of the former Mbeya Textile Mills in Songwe, Mbeya region.

Speaking here to reporters on Tuesday, the factory's administrative officer, Mariam Bakari said when completed, the plant will be making edible oil from maize, animal fodder, starch and glucose for human and industrial use.

She said the factory will have the capacity to process up to 90,000 tonnes of maize per year, the volume that will ensure maize farmers of a reliable market for their crop and added that it will the biggest factory of its kind in East Africa.



"Apart from ensuring farmers no time," Mariam added.

During end of November, the region's defence and security committee visited the factory and found out that its delay was being fueled by the existing conflict.

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa also visited the factory and instructed the Mbeya RC to hold passports of the Indian technicians until such time the government was satisfied that the factory starts operating.

For his part, RC Homera instructed the Mbeya region immigration officer ACP Kigongo Shikille to immediately seize and confiscate passports of the foreign employees delaying machinery installation at the factory.

He also directed the said workers to finalise installation work within 19 days, adding that the travel documents will only be returned to them when the factory's plant starts working on trial basis.



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After its independence on 9th December 1961, Hindus on Mainland Tanganyika and Zanzibar too became Tanzanian after the Union in 1964. In 1956 the Hindu Council of Tanzania (Tanganyika as it was known then) was formed to bring together various Hindu communities and institutions under one umbrella and promote community building, communal harmony through religious, cultural, medical and health, sports, education and enhancing business opportunities for members. In 2010 some major transformations were made in the Council by enabling and making robust changes to various subsidiaries like Suraksha Tanzania its volunteer arm and the Hindu Business Forum along with formations of sub-committee to oversee and drive Religion & Cultural activities, Sports, Health & Education and also provide Asset Management services. The Hindu Council of Tanzania in its vision to bring about good citizenry from its members towards the nation is always at the forefront in working hand in hand with the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania. Hindus in Tanzania consider themselves to be proud citizens of a nation that has welcomed and nurtured them with free-will and freedom of worship despite being a minority. We too therefore feel immensely proud to celebrate this special milestone of 60 years of independence – a diamond anniversary that is so poignant today as it signifies the true nature of our country as having emerged on this earth not just as a cradle of mankind but now a shining example of peace and harmony in the region and indeed the continent of Africa. The torch placed atop the roof of Africa that is Mt. Kilimanjaro on that historic date of 9th December 1961 continues to shine like a polished diamond as a signal to the world of the gem that this country truly is and we pray that long may it continue to be so.

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#### **By Getrude Mbago**

DAR ES SALAAM Special Zone Police Commander, Jumanne Muliro has declared war against all people who will be found abusing children in the region.

Guardian

He made the remarks in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday at a stakeholders' forum to discuss how best can jointly work to address violence. The event was organised by the Women Legal Aid Centre (WLAC) to mark the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence (GBV).

He said despite strides by the government and stakeholders to eradicate violence, there are still a number of children in Tanzania who report experiencing violence and abuse with many of them failing to receive immediate support.

Reports show that nearly 3 in 10 girls and approximately 1 in 7 boys in Tanzania have experienced violence prior to the age of 18 in school settings.

He said a good number of children are currently reported to be exposed to harm where most of the violent actions are being conducted at family level.

"We have witnessed the great efforts made by various stakeholders, WLAC, lawyers, the Police Force and through the gender desk, have been educating and combating these acts of violence, but some people are still

# Muliro declares war against child abusers in Dar city

to change. So, this is a warning to them, we are going to deal with them accordingly, whoever continues to commit these acts, should count themselves unsafe," Muliro said.

He added: "It is not the time to show compassion again abusers, because these people are destroying our children, they are building a damaged nation, and in this way I am not ready to continue tolerating such perpetrators as I have never tolerated any criminal."

He urged the public to cooperate with the police force in unearthing the perpetrators so as to eradicate and build a nation of moral people.

The head gender and children desks at the Dar es Salaam special zone, SSP Leah Mbunda said among the perpetrators of child abuse were people close to them, including parents, relatives and those who

"...Parents should strengthen the security of their children while at home, this is a very big challenge, we need to be closer with our children to keep them safe'

not listening and they are not ready had been trusted or closer to the children.

"Most of the cases which we receive at the desk are children physical violence such as rape and the implementers of the incidents are reported to be family members, neighbors. Parents should strengthen the security of their children while at home, this is a very big challenge, we need to be closer with our children to keep them safe," she said.

WLAC executive director Theodosia Muhulo said lack of cooperation from the victim's side was among the major challenges that thwart efforts against violence.

"The biggest challenge that hinders the fight against these acts is the lack of cooperation from relatives whether parents, guardians or those who witness and report on these acts. They usually end up negotiating with the suspects," she said.

She noted that discrimination and violence was not only confined to women but children as well thus needed intensive efforts to fight it as it had adversely impacts to the community and the country as whole.



Mzizima primary school pupils in Kilwa district, Lindi region get legal briefing on how to report child abuse and neglect from Kilwa Kivinje primary court magistrate Adam Melchior. Photo: Correspondent Beatrice Philemon



# **Government to** work closely with CSOs on 252 UPR recommendations

#### **By Guardian Reporter**

THE government is ready to work closely with Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) in ensuring that all the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) recommendations are worked on for the national interests.

Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry Constitutional and Legal Affairs Amon Mpanju made the remarks in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday when speaking at the one-day working meeting that involved human rights activists from different CSOs.

The meeting provides a room for the activists to extensively discuss the 252 UPR recommendations.

Mpanju said that the room is open for all stakeholders including CSOs to extensively discuss and come up with the country's common stand on the UPR recommendations.

"I'm saying this because CSOs reach where the

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government cannot reach, so you're our key stakeholders in all processes of executing, developing and protecting human rights issues to our people and when it comes to UPR recommendations, we're all implementers," he said.

According to Mpanju, after approving the UPR recommendations in February and March next year, the government will come up with better ways to collaborate with CSOs in monitoring implementation of the recommendations.

"This will help us to get the feedback on what is going on from the grassroots to national level," he said, noting: "This will make the government come up with comprehensive report on how Tanzania complies and executes international requirements as per international conventions that we have ratified and ensure that our people enjoy their rights."

Earlier, national coordinator of the Tanzania Human Rights Defenders Coalition (THRDC), Onesmo Ole Ngurumwa , said that in the review of the first UPR session in 2011, Tanzania received 153 proposals where a total of 107 proposals equal to 70 per cent were accepted as they were, 33 proposals, equivalent to 21.5 per cent were partially accepted, and four were rejected.

In the second review, which was held in 2016, Tanzania received 227 recommendations of which 133 equal to 58 per cent were accepted and 99 equal to 43 per cent rejected.

"As one of the UN member states, Tanzania has been actively involved in this Human Rights Review process and this year 2021.

During the 3rd Universal Periodic Review 39th Session (October-November 2021), a total of 252 recommendations were made from various countries," he said.

At the session, Tanzania was represented Constitutional and legal Affairs minister Prof by Palamagamba Kabudi, who received the 252 recommendations, whereby 108 recommendations (43 per cent) were accepted by the government.

Out of that 12 proposals (4.8per cent) were considered and 132 (52 per cent) recommendations

were rejected. But, recommendations that accepted were reduced from 70 percent in 2011 to 58 percent in 2016, to 43 percent this year.

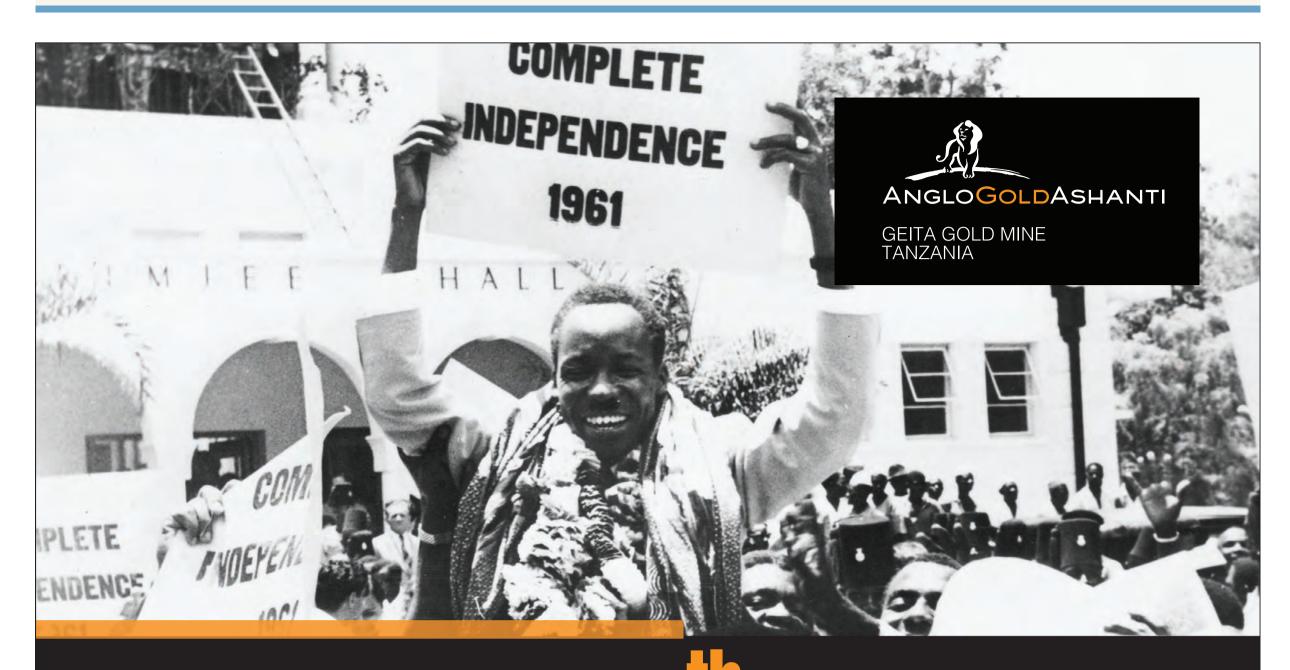
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# Nyerere Foundation could also offer awards to African heroes

HIGH moment sentimentality and recognition of life long achievement was in the air as President Samia Suluhu Hassan on Tuesday handed an award for contributions to international peace and understanding to former Prime Minister Dr Salim Ahmed Salim. The president accompanied an Egyptian delegation from the Kemet Boutros Ghali, a foundation named after the late Dr Boutros Boutros Ghali, the first secretary general of the United Nations to come from Africa, followed later by Ghanaian statesman the late Dr Kofi Annan. Dr Salim served for 12 years in the same position for the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), compensating his being vetoed by the United States in1982 for the UN position.

This is the second time in the past two years that international awards for peace and understanding around the world have been handed to Dr Salim, as earlier it was the Chinese embassy which handed a life time recognition as a friend of the People's Republic of China. He played a key liaison role in mobilising the Africa caucus of the UN General Assembly to restore the rightful seat of China to the government of Mainland China rather than the island of Taiwan. Change was in the air, so the resolution wasn't vetoed.

As to the award from Kemet Boutros Ghali, his contributions at the UN are definitely on the horizon but it would appear his more direct regional contributions come of hand, for instance his long stewardship of

of the OAU. He was a bridge builder of at least the North Africa camp and the South of the Sahara camp, in part owing to his diplomatic skills but had a fair likelihood of being heard as he is culturally close to the Arab speaking part of Africa. This also helped his drive towards the UN chief executive seat, but just that.

As we mark 60 years of independence, having Dr Salim among us is a pleasure that makes all of the more adult generation especially proud, as in large measure he was the country's \lodestar' aside from the first phase president, Dr Julius Nyerere. Despite that politically he came from the Umma Party in Zanzibar rather than Afro-Shirazi Party, but like his erstwhile mentor the late Prof. Abdulrahman Mohamed Babu who was a cabinet minister for years, he was assigned as envoy first to India and then to the UN. It was to be his lasting diplomatic legacy but he did equally well as Foreign minister, premier and then at the OAU.

The Mwalimu Nyerere Foundation could reciprocate for this award and do something to show Tanzania's appreciation for a few of those who greatly contributed to shaping our 60 years of independence, within the region and slightly beyond. The names aren't particularly wanting, and they could be assisted in that regard by the Mwalimu Nyerere Chair of Pan-African Studies at the University of Dar es Salaam. Neither Mwalimu nor Dr Salim did excellent work in a vacuum; we can make a few recognitions too.



# Long battle still ahead to conquer HIV/Aids

#### **By Special Correspondent**

all the attention being paid to Covid-19, we sometimes forget that there are plenty of other diseases and illnesses that are still killing Zimbabweans and that while upgrading our health system helps, there are still long battles ahead.

Out of communicable diseases, HIV is probably easily our biggest killer now. We have sorted out with universal and mass vaccination most of the childhood illnesses that used to cut a swathe through each generation of children.

The continuing efforts to control mosquitoes and malaria are chipping away at the few hundred who still died each year.

But HIV remains despite our

never justified and that we have to

continue our unremitting efforts. As a country we live with HIV, just as 1,3 million Zimbabweans live with it as individuals.

We have now achieved the 90-90-90 target. That is 90 percent of those infected with HIV know their status through a test, 90 percent of that group are on ARV medication and 90 percent of those on medication have seen their viral load so suppressed that for all practical purposes they can live the same sort of life as the non-infected, besides having to swallow a tablet each day.

Not that Zimbabwe is resting on any laurels. We have now set a new target, of 95-95-95 by 2025 and eradication of new infection and deaths from Aids by 2030.

Not that we will then be able to sit

been defeated, that complacency is 100-year-old still on ARV getting run over by a bus.

> But the point is HIV ceases to be a cause of death a lot earlier.

To even get to the 2030 target of no new infections means we have to keep up the relentless pressure that has brought us to our present 90-90-90 point.

People, although everyone now knows how HIV is transmitted, are still being infected with an extra 24 900 added to the list last year. This vear will be less, but not drastically so as we chip away at the infection rate.

One major boost to falling rates is that 90 percent of people on treatment have their viral load suppressed and so are no longer infectious, but when you do the sums you find that a little over a quarter of people living with HIV are still potentially infectious, hence the

up, with more testing more treatment immediately on infection, when it is possible to defeat HIV before it lodges in the immune system, and more outreach to the especially vulnerable groups.

President Mnangagwa stressed the need for the Government to continue finding the money, more money, needed to continue and enhance the programmes that have already brought such measurable success.

Zimbabwe is still very reliant on external funding, although the fact that we have our special extra tax with the Aids Levy and make normal budgetary funds available means that such help is more willingly given.

It's not even just standing still and following what was done to get to the 90-90-90 target. That last 10 percent in each category will require even more effort. The President also noted

# December 9 isn't just Independence Day but also World Day against genocide, corruption

that Tanzania marks its independence day is also an International Day for the Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime, and also an International Anti-Corruption Day. It means we can look around to see if our Independence Day anniversary is in any sense relevant for the two themes, and indeed there are parallels that can be drawn. Tanzania has done considerably well in stemming tribal animosities and the mayhem that visits countries tolerant of such attitudes - and at times, when such attitudes are a constitutional form.

At the same time, despite that haven't actually reduced we corruption to negligible levels at any time during the 60 years of Independence we have done better than most of our peers in shackling the monster of corruption. Still, as we still do not have a properly functioning competitive economy based on the private sector, but operate with a huge public sector, we have consistently remained at mid table or lower levels in the global anti-corruption index prepared bv Transparency International, though it is less heard of these days. Countries that have more elaborate market economies and low state presence in their economies are less marked by corruption; no one makes decisions on matters where he gains by sabotage.

Despite that genocide as such is rather sparse in human history, when it is conducted it leaves scars

**•** OR some reason, the day that blot the memory of a people, and at times of humanity, for a long time. Yet experience shows that the world is less conscious of crimes of genocide than the slave trade for instance, and for that reason more localised genocides take place with regularity around the world. An example was the Rwandan genocide of 1994 which claimed upwards of 800,000 lives because of fears that a new regime would reduce the then dominant tribe to a semblance of serfdom or slavery. DRC has lost more than six million people since the start of civil war in 2001 after a guerilla force ended the tired rule of President Mobutu in 1997.

> Again, countries that are marked by civil war that borders on genocide, as the situation now threatens Ethiopia where a rebel province has ignited conditions of mass starvation until the rebellion is ended, are often marked by institutionalised corruption. Those outside the system of power know they have no access to it, or those who once dominated have no interest in a legitimate state if they are out of power, which implies that they were not there to do what is good in the first place. Genocide and corruption are close to one another, and marking them on the same day is a reminder about the absolute importance of good governance. Intense economic reform avoids breakdown. It is a lesson that policy makers in Africa are taking time to acknowledge, that vast reforms build peace as business opportunities unite all factions, thus fostering peace.

remarkable progress and is still killing at least four times as many people each vear than Covid-19, our death rates from Aids-related illnesses only recently falling below 20 000 a year. That is a huge improvement on the well over 100 000 dying each year in the early 2000s, just two decades ago, but as President Mnangagwa stressed on Wednesday, on the international World Aids Day, we have to maintain the pressure to defeat this illness.

This day perhaps becomes even more important than it was when set up, to remind us that HIV has not

back and no longer have to worry about HIV.

Just because there will be no new infections and everyone infected is on effective treatment still means HIV will be with us until early next century.

There will be all those people who are infected, even with viral load suppression, who will have to continue their daily treatment until some time probably in the second decade of the next century when the last infected Zimbabwean dies from some other cause, perhaps a

need to move forward from 90-90-90.

We still have only a modest percentage of those in the younger age groups aware of their status and still to start treatment.

This is understandable since they are otherwise fit and are not showing symptoms, while the older age groups with their 97 percent on ARVs are balancing the statistical averages. But Vice President and Minister of Health and Child Care Constantino Chiwenga did make it clear this week where the effort needs to be stepped that a lot of the final push is reliant on the general economic development with everyone being included.

Too many in the most vulnerable groups are in those groups because of poverty and lack of empowerment to make more health-conscious decisions.

To lose that vulnerability means they must have more practical alternatives to engaging in risky behaviour, and when you come down to it that means more schooling and empowerment so they can live their own lives better.

# Inequality is set to kill millions: 'We have to fight it together'

#### By Winnie Byanyima

HIS week I called out to the world to warn them that inequalities are making us all unsafe. I noted starkly our new analysis that we face millions of additional AIDS deaths - 7.7 million in the next decade alone - as well continued devastation from pandemics, unless leaders address the inequalities which drive them. We have to treat this threat as an emergency, as a red alert.

To end AIDS, we need to act with far more urgency to tackle these inequalities. And it's not just AIDS. All pandemics take root in, and widen, the fissures of society. The world's failure to address marginalization and unequal power is also driving the COVID crisis and leaving us unprepared for the pandemics of tomorrow. We need all leaders to work boldly and together to tackle the inequalities which endanger us all.

To tackle inequalities requires leaders to take these courageous steps:

- Support community-led and people-centred infrastructure

Ensure equitable access to medicines, vaccines and health technologies

- Strengthen human rights, to build trust and tackle pandemics

Elevate essential workers and provide them with the resources and tools they need

Ensure people-centred data systems that highlight inequalities.

At the United Nations General Assembly High-Level Meeting on HIV/AIDS in June this year, member states adopted a bold new plan to end the AIDS epidemic, including new targets for 2025.

We are seeing around the world examples of the transformative impact of tackling inequalities - with some people and some countries making progress against AIDS that many had believed impossible. These prove that it can be done, and guide us in what we need to take to scale worldwide to end AIDS.

On my recent visit to Senegal, I saw the power of leadership in driving down new HIV infections. In Dakar I met with the inspirational Mariama Ba Thiam, a peer educator at a harm reduction programme for people who inject drugs.

The programme helps them protect their health and to secure economic independence. Mariama's approach works because it starts by considering the whole person, connecting the medical with the

social. It rejects the failed punitive and stigmatizing approaches taken by so many, and it instead respects the dignity of every person.

It succeeds because it involves frontline communities in service provision and in leadership, and because it recognizes that access to the treatments grounded in the best science is a human right and a public good. We know what success looks like, and it looks like Mariama. Thousands of Mariamas worldwide have shown the way by walking it.

But in too many cases we are not only not moving fast enough to end the inequalities which drive pandemics, and are moving in the wrong direction - tech monopolies instead of tech sharing, donor withdrawal instead of global solidarity, austerity instead of investment, clampdowns on marginalised communities instead of

repeals of outdated laws. Six in seven new HIV infections among adolescents in sub-Saharan Africa are occurring among girls. Gay men and other men who have sex with men, sex workers, and people who use drugs face 25-35 greater risk of acquiring HIV worldwide.

Progress in AIDS, which was already off track, is now under even greater strain as the Covid crisis

continues to rage, disrupting HIV prevention and treatment services. violence-prevention schooling, programmes, and more. Harm reduction services for people who use drugs were disrupted in nearly two thirds (65%) of 130 countries surveyed in 2020.

We have reached a fork in the road. The choice for leaders to make on inequalities is between bold action and half-measures. The data is clear: it is being too gradual that is the unaffordable choice.

Leaders need to turn this moment of crisis into a moment of transformation. Ending these inequalities fast is what needs to be reflected in every leader's policy programme and every country's budget. If we take on the inequalities which hold back progress, we can deliver on the promise to end AIDS by 2030. It is in our hands. But if we don't act to end inequalities, we will all pay the price.

Inequalities kill. Every minute that passes, we are losing a precious life to AIDS, and widening inequality is putting us ever more in danger. We don't have time.

Winnie Byanyima is Executive Director of UNAIDS and Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations

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# Why more needs to be done to manage electrical, electronic waste

Nangai

ASSOR Said, a resident of Sinza, Dar es Salaam Region, ventured into his father's scrap metals and Used Lead Acid Batteries (ULABs) business at a tender age to make ends meet after failing to continue with education.

He now sells used lead acid batteries, a booming business that however has many environmental and health risks.

"I had no choice but to work with my father so as to get money and meet my basic needs. We buy and sell scrap metals and used batteries. For the used batteries however, we are supposed to break them into pieces and remove the acid inside because buyers want the actual weight of the battery waste without the acid inside," he narrated during an interview recently.

A spot survey conduct-

By Correspondent Geoffrey ed in Dar es Salaam by this paper last week established that used lead acid batteries fetch between 1,000/- to 1,300/- per kilo-

the location.

stubborn stains.

he added.

damage because we han-

dle the waste with care,"

Abdulrazak Mwenge, a

mechanic in Manzese, Dar

es Salaam said that most

mechanics use acid from

the batteries to clean vari-

He however admitted

that most of the time,

the chemical is handled

without use of proper Pre-

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gloves, glasses and boots.

he said.

ous motor vehicle parts.

grammes, depending on Said added that they keep the acid in empty containers in anticipation of potential customers who use the chemical as cleaning detergent for "We store the used acid in empty containers for as long as we can until customers show up. It has never caused physical

A stockpile of used lead batteries. Inappropriate recycling operations release considerable amounts of lead particles and fumes emitted into the air, deposited onto soil, water bodies and other surfaces with both environmental and human health risks. Photo/ Correspondent Geoffrey Nanga

rican countries including "While using the used acid to clean various car Tanzania to power everything from cars to telparts, the most important thing is to ensure that ecommunication equipthe acid does not get into ment to backup electrical contact with our eves. We systems. These batteries have not had any major however reach the end accidents apart from the of their lifespan and lack usual damage of clothes," of efforts to recycle them cause widespread envi-Lead-acid batteries are ronmental contamination

widely used in many Afwhile posing a high risk

for both human health and the environment in many countries.

As most African countries lack adequate recycling facilities, many unlicensed battery reconditioners and illegal recyclers of used lead-acid batteries have come up. A recent study estimates that there are be-

tween 10,599 to 29,241 or lead-oxide powder. informal lead-acid battery-processing sites where human health is at risk. The 90-country study found that informal lead-acid battery processing sites put the health of as many as 16.8 million people at risk in 2013 alone.

Approximately 86 per cent of the total global consumption of lead is for the production of lead-acid batteries mainly used in motorised vehicles, storage of energy generated by photovoltaic cells and wind turbines, and for back-up power supplies.

According to the WHO, the increasing demand for motor vehicles as countries undergo economic development and growth in the use of renewable energy sources with the need for storage batteries is directly proportional to the increasing demand for lead-acid batteries .The batteries contain large amount of impacts. lead either as solid metal

An average battery can contain up to 10 kilogrammes of lead. Recycled lead is a valuable commodity for many people in the developing world, making the recovery of car batteries known as Waste Lead-Acid Batteries (WLAB) or Used Lead-Acid Batteries (ULAB)] a viable and profitable business, which is practised in both formal and informal

sectors globally. In many Low Developed Countries (LDCs) ULAB recycling and smelting operations are conducted in the open, in densely populated urban areas, and often with few (if any) pollution controls. Inappropriate recycling operations release considerable amounts of lead particles and fumes emitted into the air. deposited onto soil, water bodies and other surfaces, with both environment and human health negative

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the ULABs in Tanzania

sponsored by the United

Nations Environment Pro-

gramme in Dar es Salaam

yesterday that brought

together various e-waste

stakeholders from both

formal and informal sec-

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the best practice in hazardous waste management," he said.

Daniel Sabai, Senior Lecturer at the University of Dar es Salaam, said disposal of used lead acid batteries remains a major challenge in Tanzania.

"Battery electrolytes contain sulphuric acid which is classified as a hazardous waste that can affect the health of those who get into contact with it. Statistics show that it also has negative impacts on the environment," he said.

Sabai noted that there is a need to identify the risks posed by used lead acid batteries, analyse the extent of their risks and if possible, come up with mitigation measures.

He noted that there is need for surveillance of the entire used lead acid batteries cycle to check health, safety and environmental compliance in accordance with Tanzania's laws.

"There is a need to prepare and implement a job opportunities in the comprehensive lead risk reduction strategy that should include a legislaable like engagement in tive framework for hazardous waste management, occupational health and safety, provision of licensing and monitoring, social responsibility and public awareness among other things," he said.

Sabai added that importers should be responsible for ensuring that electrolyte is not dumped into the environment.

He advised that the country should adopt a strategy to transfer the risks by exporting the recycling process of the hazardous waste to another country.

Other stakeholders appealed to the government to adopt Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) concept of WLABs management as stipulat-





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holders however need the government to harmonise hazardous waste management policies across various sectors to ensure long-term environmental sustainability in line with

the Basel Convention. The Basel Convention on the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal was adopted by Tanzania in 2002 and went into force on December 12, 2019. It establishes a framework for control over the transboundary movements of hazardous wastes.

Speaking during the workshop, Pure Earth Country Coordinator, Abdallah Mkindi, said there is need for the government to intensify hazardous waste management so as to ensure safety of the people and environment.

"The workshop has been a good platform for e-waste management practitioners to share their experiences. Safety remains a major challenge in the aspect of e-waste management especially in the informal sector so there is a need to ensure proper use of PPEs for the safety of all those involved," he said.

Mkindi argued that stakeholders including manufactures and importers of electronic equipment have a role to play in ensuring sustainability of the environment. "We have the laws as a

policy guideline by which the government should work around the clock to ensure the application of

ed in the Bamako Convention.

Tanzania is one of the 24 African countries that have since ratified the Bamako Convention which came into force in 1998 and prohibits the importation of any hazardous (including radioac-

tive) waste into Africa. According to Gideon Chilambo, Managing Director at Chilambo General Trade Company, improper disposal of waste lead acid batteries poses huge health and environmental risks to the country.

Chilambo noted that telecommunication companies in the country are the biggest producers of waste lead acid batteries which are used at the telecommunications towers.

"Waste lead acid batteries are imported in the country but we do not have the capacity to manage their waste as a nation; we do not have the capacity to dispose of these types of wastes and the process to return them to respective manufactures in Europe and Asian countries is cumbersome. Worse still, the budget needed to export this kind of waste is so huge," he said.

He noted that his company which is located in Kisarawe Industrial park in Coast Region is presently stranded with 80 tonnes of waste lithium batteries at its yard, adding that exporting one tonne of such waste requires around 500 euros (approximately 13.3m/-).

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# CELEBRATING J YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE

The Board of Directors, Management and Staff of Tanzania International Container Terminal Services (TICTS) wish to send our congratulations to the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E Samia Suluhu Hassan and The entire nation in celebrating 60th Anniversary of Tanzania independence.





H.E. Samia Suluhu Hassan President of the United Republic of Tanzania

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The Board of Directors, Management and Staffs of the Kamal Group wish to join the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Samia Suluhu Hassan and all citizens of Tanzania on commemorating the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Tanzania's Independence.

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Zanzibar President Hussein Ali Mwinyi presents a certificate to GGML Vice President for Sustainable Development, Simon Shayo after the company emerged the second winner by paying more than 338bn/- in taxes to the government. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Geita mining firm scoops second best taxpayer award

#### y Guardian Reporter

EITA Gold Mine (GGML) has emerged one of the leading taxpayer companies in Tanzania. The country's giant gold mining company was awarded a certificate of recognition for its contribution.

Zanzibar President Hussein Ali Mwinyi presented the certificate to GGML Vice President for Sustainable Development, Simon Shayo after the company emerged the second winner by paying more than 338bn/- in

taxes to the government. Dr. Mwinyi was the guest of honour at the opening of the industrial product fair which was aimed at discussing the challenges and successes of investment development for the 60 years certificates to employers, who offer jobs in bulk in direct but also indirect employment in the value chain," he said.

In addition to repaying government revenue and community investment, the company has provided employment to more than 5,000 Tanzanians, including those working under the company's contractors.

In addition, as of this year approximately 98 per cent of GGML employees and 82 per cent of the management team are Tanzanians.

The company's goals are to continue to be a reliable development partner for Tanzania including being part of the future of building an industrial economy and achieving the 2025 vision, where the mining sector aims to contribute at least 10 per cent of gross domestic product. For the past four consecutive years GGML has been a major development partner as in collaboration with the Geita regional office, it has implemented various development projects through the Community Responsibility Fund (CSR) funds at more than 36bn/-.

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since Tanzania gained independence.

Earlier, the Association of Tanzania Employers (ATE) Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, Suzanne Ndomba-Doran said the certificate is a sign of recognition for employers who support the government's efforts.
 "At the employers' association and the Prime Minister's Office of Investment, we are issuing



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# DSE bourse posts 869m/- equity turnover on strong TBL performance

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#### **By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai**

NVESTORS' appetite to buy shares at Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) continued to diminish last week after posting a total equity L turnover of 869m/- during the week.

The week's total equity was however 18.8 percent lower compared to 1.07bn/- that was recorded during the previous week. According to DSE's weekly report, 728,410 shares were traded on the exchange during the week.

The top-trading counter during the week was led by TBL, accounting for 66.6 percent of the turnover after posting a 579m/- in share sales followed by TOL with 12.4 percent, NMB at 6.6 percent and CRDB at 6.6 percent respectively.

Top gainer for the week was Twiga Cement which trades as Simba with its share price appreciating by 9.3 percent to end the week at 700/- per share, followed by the TOL whose share price was up by 7.8 percent to close at 550/- per share while NICOL's shares gained 7.4 percent to close at 290/- per share.

Jatu Plc's share price on the other hand dropped by 2.2 percent to close at 435/- per share which was below the IPO price but market analyst are optimistic that its share price will appreciate within the coming weeks after posting an operating profit of 68m/- for the sixmonth period ended 30 June 2021.

The All Share Index (DSEI) lost 10.38 points in value as EABL's share price and NMG's share price dropped by 1.9 percent and 2.6 percent respectively during the week. The Tanzania Share Index (TSI) however gained 2.7 points as TCCL. TOL and NICO share prices soared by 9.3 percent, 7.8 percent and 7.4 percent respectively.

According to the Orbit Securities weekly report, foreign Investors accounted for the majority of transactions on both the buy side and the sell side during the week as they accounted for 72 percent of buying activities and 66.6 percent of selling activities in the market.

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- 2. Plan International Tanzania through project of KAGIS, has set aside fund to conduct consultancy services for provision of gender equality assessment. The Interested eligible bidders must confirm their intention to bid indicating all relevant contact information including an email address to tenders@plan-international.org Attn: Head of Procurement and Logistics. Bidding documents in the English language will be sent to interested bidders by email. Plan International Tanzania will not be held responsible for any costs related to printing or submission of the bid documents.
- 3. Bidders are requested to submit Technical and Financial Proposals each be enclosed in a separate envelope and marked "Technical Proposal" and "Financial Proposal" respectively. The two envelopes shall then be enclosed in a single envelope.
- 4. Bidders must submit the proposals in a sealed envelope by hand to: The Country Director, Plan International Tanzania, Plot no. 496 Mikocheni Light Industrial Area, P O Box 3517, Dar es Salaam before 11 AM Wednesday 5th January 2022, marked the respective RFP number. Not to be opened before 11AM Wednesday 5th January 2022. Electronic and Late bids will be rejected.

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- i. BUL-RFQ-21-12-01 Auxiliary Ventilation Fan-Dual 55Kw (15 Units)
- ii. BUL-RFQ-21-12-02 MineArc Refuge Chambers (02 units)

Bulyanhulu Gold Mine ("the Company"), a fully owned subsidiary of Twiga Minerals Corporation, which is ultimately owned by Barrick Gold Corporation and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania requests the submission of Quotes from reputable, experienced, certified, and qualified parties to provide the following:

- i. Auxiliary Ventilation Fan (15 Units) Make: Flaekt Woods
  - Dual 55kW Fans
    - o Motor 550V, 4P, 50Hz
    - o Motors Configuration: Contra rotating
    - o Casing 1220mm inner diameter o Impellers – Aluminium Aerofoil

#### ii. Refuge Chambers (02 units) Make: MineArc

- 1x 20-person MineSAFE Refuge Chamber (01 Unit)
   o Standard Design
- o Options
- GuardIAN Remote Monitoring &
- Diagnostics System

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- 1x8-person MineSAFE Refuge Chamber (01 Unit)
   o Standard Design
  - o Options
- GuardIAN Remote Monitoring & Diagnostics System
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- Clear and detailed Quotation
- Company registration documents i.e. Certificate of incorporation, business licence, TIN, VRN, Tax Clearance Certificate etc.

- A written statement indicating Tanzanian ownership percentage, Tanzanian management and below management employment percentage to determine classification as an Indigenous Tanzanian Company as per the Local Content Regulation, 2018;
- Applicable certification, accreditation, affiliated registrations, and letter of dealership as required;
- Approved Local Content Plan or acknowledgement of submission from the Mining Commissioner

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#### Key Dates

• Last date to submit quotes *December 17, 2021* 

Bulyanhulu Gold Mine Limited



ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE



President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Samia Suluhu Hassan



President of the Revolutionary of Zanzibar Excellency Dr Hussein Mwinyi

Board of Directors, Management and staff of Zanzibar Ports Corporation (ZPC) would like to Congratulate her Excellency The President of the United Republic of Tanzania, **Samia Suluhu Hassan**, The President of Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar **Dr, Hussein Ali Mwinyi** and all Tanzanians in commemorating **60 years of independence of Tanzania Mainland** 





PORT FOR BLUE ECONOMY FOR ZANZIBAR PROGRESS



# Fostering quality education in the country through investment infrastructure

#### **By Annette Nkini**

E A R N I N G quality education for all. should be exciting and inspiring for every child, especially when there is a conducive environment and infrastructure to motivate them. In November 2015, the government introduced free education from primary through to secondary school.

The implementation of this is attributed to an increase in enrolment goes a long way in helping of students in primary and secondary schools by about 5.1 percent by 2016 and 32.038 percent by 2020, according to the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Institute for statistics. This is a significant record in the education sector, however, it has created a strain on the amenities the government can provide.

According to the education budget brief 2020, the country continues to put much effort into capital investment, particularly on the construction of schools, to keep pace with the increase in enrolment. Currently, student classroom ratios are 1: 76 at primary level and 1: 40 at secondary level. International best practice points to a maximum of 30 children per classroom. Therefore there is need for all stakeholders to to ensure the successful will stimulate students'

of desire to attend school every teachers concentrate on each and with quality education, day and thus, complete their academic cycle on schedule. Stakeholders contribute to the Proper infrastructure also education sector through motivates teachers their corporate social

the right environment for will drive quality education investment, for example students, teachers too need a motivating atmosphere to impart knowledge to the students. A strong teacherstudent ratio in school, helps

has contributed over 1bn/towards the construction of classrooms, water and sanitation facilities, purchasing of desks and other school facilities across the country. This

address the educational infrastructural challenges facing the country. It is generally agreed that suitable spaces

in the last five years,

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implementation

to learn have a direct positive impact among students. Let's take a look at how proper education infrastructure can support better learning.

Positively impacts attendance and performance Multiple

reports highlight that if schools provide better facilities to students, the drop-out rates are much lower and if the infrastructure is not up to the mark, this ultimately impacts the desire of students to go to school and continue with learning.

A second home for students

A school is considered to be the second home for students hence, they must experience a comfortable and positive environment at all times. Therefore, creating a motivating and support the government comfortable atmosphere

child better and at the same time, a student can also learn better. Therefore investments

Apart from creating in school infrastructure and lead to more rapid and sustainable economic growth and development. The future of our nation lies in the hands of a thriving youth population

training and skills which will enable us achieve our development vision. That is why this year Stanbic Bank is protect the environment, we allocating resources towards supporting quality education by providing the needed infrastructure.

Together with other our students are achieved stakeholders, we have through quality education. pledged to donate 2,000



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### H.E SAMIA SULUHU HASSAN, THE 6TH PHASE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

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# **CELEBRATING**





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# A MESSAGE ON 60<sup>TH</sup> TANZANIA INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY

Bandari College in celebrating the anniversary of 60 years of wishes Independence, to inform the general Public that, the College has achieved several mile stones which are linked to the strategic development agenda of the Nation. Some of the achievements we are celebrating today include expansion of its scope in terms of training from offering in-house training to Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) employees to a wider spectrum that encompass key stakeholders within Tanzania , East and Central Africa. The College has transformed from Knowledge -Based training to Competence -Based and fully accredited

NACTVET Curricula that address the needs of the Maritime sector and sub-sector. The College embraces the use of modern training technology including Training Simulator for equipment operators and port technologies. The College through TPA has continued to prepare competent human resource that match demand and supply in the shipping industry for sustained economy.

The College is a strategic training wing of TPA mandated undertake specialized to training, research and advisory services in the Maritime sector and sub sector. The College offers long and short term courses to TPA employees and



key stake holders to ensure that the Nation has adequate number of people with relevant knowledge, Skills and attitude to foster the blue economy in the Maritime sector. Bandari College is well known and best positioned for training heavy and light lifting equipment operators in the port sector, mining sector, construction and logistics.

BC is technical institution registered by National Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training NACTVET in 2004 with registration number REG/EOS/018 and fully accredited by NACTVET. The College offers Competence - Based and NACTVET Accredited curricula in its long course programmes at Basic Technician Certificate (1 year) and Ordinary Diploma (2 years) in the following fields:-

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# Afghanistan example teaches Western partners nothing – Putin

#### MOSCOW

**RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin** has noted with regret that Western partners have learned nothing from the example of Afghanistan and continue the same policy in other parts of the globe.

"We see, on the one hand, that many of our partners are saying, "Yes, we were wrong, we shouldn't have behaved like that in Afghanistan.' However, they continue to behave like that in other parts of the globe.

Regrettably, this bad Afghan example has taught them nothing," he said at a plenary session of the VTB Capital investment forum Russia Calling! on Tuesday.

"I will not mention names now, but I have heard many times from my colleagues that, yes, they overdid it, they did not take this and that into account.

But the same thing continues in other regions. Including, by the way,



Africa and the Middle East," he said, adding that that is why the world community must build its policy on respect to its partners.

"If we, I mean the international community in general, base our policy on these principles, we will be successful. Although, it might be a difficult process requiring patience and time.

But, anyway, there is no other way to reach a lasting settlement of these or those crises and ensure development," he stressed.

# Three students shot dead at Michigan high school

A 15-year-old boy opened fire in a Michigan high school on Tuesday with a semi-automatic pistol his father had purchased days earlier, killing three fellow students and wounding eight other people before he was arrested, authorities said.

Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard told a news briefing hours after the rampage at Oxford High School that investigators were at a loss to explain what might have precipitated "an unspeakable and unforgivable" act of violence.

The suspect, disarmed and taken into custody by sheriff's deputies minutes after the shooting began, has declined to speak with investigators after his parents retained a lawyer and denied authorities permission to interview their son, Bouchard said.

"The person who's got the most insight on motive is not talking," the sheriff told reporters.

Bouchard said he was unaware of any previous run-ins with law enforcement by the suspect, a high school sophomore, adding there was "nothing to suggest that there had been disciplinary issues or problems with him at school."

The bloodshed unfolded around midday in Oxford, Michigan, about 65 km north of Detroit, as terrified students and teachers taking cover inside the school flooded the county emergency dispatch center with more than 100 calls for assistance, authorities said.

Bouchard credited swift action by his deputies, who he said arrived on the scene in minutes and moved straight toward the sound of gunshots, with preventing a much higher casualty toll.

They confronted the young suspect advancing down a hallway toward them with a loaded weapon, when he put his hands over his head and surrendered, Bouchard said.

The precise sequence of events dur-



People hug during a vigil after a shooting at Oxford High School at Lake Pointe Community Church in Lake Orion, Michigan on Tuesday. AFP

ing the violence remained unclear, but police believe the boy carried the weapon into the school in a backpack, the sheriff said.

"The only information I have is that he came out of a bathroom with a weapon, and I don't know where he went first," Bouchard said.

#### Placed in juvenile detention

Police will ultimately turn over the findings of their investigation to prosecutors, who would decide what charges to bring and whether the suspect would be charged as an adult or a juvenile, the sheriff said.

For now, the 15-year-old suspect, whose name was withheld by authorities because he is a minor, was being detained in a special cell under suicide watch at a juvenile detention center, Oakland County Executive David Coulter said.

Three students died in the shooting spree - a 16-year-old boy who succumbed to his wounds en route to a hos-14 and 17, authorities said.

Of the eight others struck by gunfire, seven were students, two of them hospitalized with gunshot wounds to the head.

At least two girls, aged 14 and 17, were described by Bouchard as critically wounded with chest wounds, one of them placed on a ventilator.

A teacher was also treated for a shoulder wound and later discharged.

Undersheriff Michael McCabe said earlier that 15 to 20 rounds were fired during the rampage, which lasted no more than five minutes.Bouchard said the boy was armed with a 9 millimeter semi-automatic handgun his father had purchased on Nov. 26, along with three 15-round magazines. Seven live rounds remained in the gun when the youth was ar-

rested, the sheriff said. The boy apparently "had been shooting" with the gun before Tuesday's attack and had posted

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frequently go untreated "My heart goes out to the families enduring the unimaginable grief of losing a loved one," President Joe Biden told reporters while touring a Minnesota technical college.

The latest in a long series of US school shootings will likely fuel debates about gun control and mental health care, with many states allowing easy access to firearms while mental health disorders frequently go untreated.

# China to launch pilot reform project on business environment in six cities

ACCORDING to a recent guideline issued by China's State Council, Six Chinese cities will launch a pilot reform project to improve business environment. The six cities are respectively Beijing, Shanghai, Chongqing, Hangzhou, Guangzhou, and Shenzhen.

Lu Xiangdong, an official from the General Office of the State Council, introduced that the guideline was issued after the State Council solicited a wide range of opinions from market entities and relevant parties and held in-depth discussions. Over 100 reform measures in 10 fields were raised, the official added. The six cities were selected for the reform project because they have a complete industrial system and a large size of market entities, and they have built a solid foundation for reform after having gone through a series of positive explorations, Lu explained. Besides, the six of them include municipalities, cities under separate state planning and provincial capitals located on both the east and west of the country, the official introduced, adding that the six cities have their own advantages and characteristics. Lu said that the pilot reform project will play a bigger catalytic role in these cities. To gain experiences that can be replicated in other regions of China is a fundamental requirement of the pilot project, so that the Chinese business environment can be constantly im-



confidence and timely respond to the concerns of market entities, relevant departments have raised a series of high-value reform measures.

With regard to the facilitation of market access and operation, e-business licenses have been made for all 150 million registered market entities across China, including enterprises, individual businesse,s and farmers' cooperatives. These licenses

# Ethiopia says it's made headway in war against Tigray rebels

#### By Bloomberg

ETHIOPIA'S government said its forces have recaptured a swathe of territory in the north of the country in a major counter-offensive against fighters loyal to the dissident Tigray province and have gained the upper hand in a yearlong civil war.

Fighting has engulfed Africa's secondmost populous nation since Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed ordered an incursion into Tigray in retaliation for an attack on a federal army base. The conflict, which shows no signs of letting up, has hammered investor confidence in what was one of the world's fastest-growing economies and sparked a sell-off in the nation's bonds.

,After initially being pushed out of the Tigrayan capital of Mekelle, the region's ruling Tigrav People's Liberation Front struck back and its troops retook the city, most of the province and parts of the neighboring Amhara and Afar regions. That raised fears they could sever key trade routes or even stage a strike against the capital of Addis Ababa.

"The Ethiopian Defense Forces have launched a counter-offensive on the terrorist organization and the prime min-

The government's claims couldn't be independently verified, and it was unclear whether a major turning point had been reached in the fighting. There was no immediate response from Tigray officials, who have previously said they were winning and their forces had advanced to within 220 kilometers of the capital.

Yesterday, Abiy's office said the government offensive had continued to yield results, with rebel forces pushed out of several strategic villages and towns along or near the main road between Tigray and Addis Ababa.

Thousands of people have died in the conflict and hundreds of thousands of others have been displaced. Humanitarian agencies say more than 1 million people are in need of aid.

Billene accused the mainstream media of spreading a "false narrative" that exaggerated the extent of the war, "ignoring the fact there is no more fighting in Tigray and peddling libelous stories of ethnic cleansing and genocide by the government."

The US, UK, France and other Western nations have urged their citizens to leave Ethiopia, and the United Nations has evacuated most of its staff.

pital in a patrol car, and two girls, aged pictures of the weapon and a tar-

ister is now leading this from the front," Billene Seyoum, Abiy's spokeswoman, told reporters in the capital on Tuesday. "In the past few days alone, great strides have been made in forcing the TPLF to relinquish their occupation of key areas" and the threat that they could choke off the country has been averted, she said.

The European Union has meanwhile warned that there's a risk of Ethiopia disintegrating completely unless the two warring sides agree to a cease-fire. African Union envoy Olusegun Obasanjo, a former president of Nigeria, is spearheading efforts to broker a truce. Agencies

Automobiles are being loaded onto a vessel of China Ocean Shipping Company at a terminal in Guangzhou, south China's Guangdong province, Nov. 13, 2021. File photo

proved, Lu said. The project will be advanced stably and orderly with appropriate orders, pace, and steps, he added.

The guideline aims to break the systematic and institutional barriers that prevent the investment of market entities, stabilize market expectation and promote the stable operation of the economy

Following the guideline, the governments of the six cities also tailored measures to facilitate enterprises and the people to the maximum extent.

Wang Hong, vice mayor of Beijing, introduced that the guideline has rolled out a large batch of reform measures that are targeted and effective, and concerned mostly by enterprises. These measures, upon implementation, will indeed better facilitate corporate services and entrepreneurship for Beijing enterprises, she said.

Shanghai's vice mayor Wu Qing noted that Shanghai, taking the opportunity of the pilot project, will invest more energy in its services for market entities to make more policies benefiting the enterprises, including the one that enables eligible enterprises to enjoy preferential treatment without application.

Executive vice mayor Zhang Yong of Guangzhou said the guideline addresses the wholelife-cycle of market entities, and Guangzhou, as the only pilot field for the reform of intellectual property (IP) utilization and protection, will cater to the demands of enterprises, optimize the service system of IP mortgage, and improve the marketoriented IP pricing and trading mechanism, so as to constantly expand the sources of financing for small- and medium-sized enterprises. To further revitalize market

can be downloaded, shown, and printed anytime and anywhere.

Yang Hongcan, an official in charge of business registration at the State Administration for Market Regulation, introduced that the administration will keep promoting the cross-region, cross-level, and cross-industry application of e-business licenses, so as to expand application scenarios, improve the service system, and make e-business licenses a tool to facilitate market entities.

The Department of Laws and Regulations of the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) will work with relevant departments to encourage the pilot cities to implement land-use list reform of social investment projects, align investment approval reform with the reforms in land use, environment evaluation, energy conservation, and construction application, and enhance the sharing of application data, so as to further improve investment facilitation, said Yang Jie, head of the department. **People's Daily** 

# Google to ban political advertising ahead of Philippine election

#### MANILA

ALPHABET Inc's Google said vesterday it will ban political advertising on its platform in the run-up to Philippine elections in May next year to choose a successor to President Rodrigo Duterte.

The move comes amid pressure on social media platforms over their handling of political advertising during the US presidential election in 2020.

Social media platforms have become political battlegrounds in the Southeast Asian nation, with studies showing Filipinos top the rankings globally for time spent on social media.

Election advertisements that promote or oppose any political party or the candidacy of any person or party for public office, would not be allowed to run between Feb 8 to May 9, 2022, Google said in an update to its political content policy. The dates cover the period of campaigning in the Philippines up to election

day on May 9. Google said notifications would be sent to affected advertisers about the policy update.

Google has banned political advertising on its platform before, including in Canada's federal election in 2019 and before an election in Singapore in 2020. Agencies

Xi's speech at FOCAC Ministerial Conference injects impetus into building China-Africa community with shared future

#### BEIJING

CHINESE President Xi Jinping's keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the 8th Ministerial Conference of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) has charted the course for the building of a China-Africa community with a shared future in the new era, African officials and experts have said.

They also expressed belief that China-Africa relations will undoubtedly reach a new level of cooperation to

the benefit of both peoples. "It is an important speech

on technology, COVID-19,

climate change," said Malian

Foreign Minister Abdoulave

Diop, hoping that China and

Africa will develop together

for the prosperity of the

"We're happy about the

content of the speech of

President Xi. He has demon-

world.

is a reliable friend of Africa," which designed the vision of said Mamadou Tangara. Gambian minister of foreign China in relation with Africa in key sectors, such as huaffairs and international coman resource development, operation. trade, transformation, also

Ukur Yatani, cabinet secretary for the National Treasury of Kenya, said "my country Kenya is a big beneficiary of support from China, in terms of support of infrastructure development.

We're also very keen to strengthen the bond of ties, the bond of trade and investment." "We're quite excited,"

strated once again that China Yatani said.

> "FOCAC brings us together" in areas where both China and Africa "can work strongly together." Amadou Diop, journalist at the Senegal national daily Le Soleil and expert on Chinese issues, was impressed by Xi's speech, especially the proposal of building a China-Africa community with a shared future in the new era. "It is a posture which once

again proves China's attachment to the development of Africa, to the well-being

of the peoples of Africa," he said, noting the partnership between China and Africa has focused on the sharing of prosperity.

"These are all strong and laudable initiatives which come to support Africa, especially in a very difficult pandemic context and which also contribute to further deepen Sino-African relations. And this is what Africa needs," he added.

Dr. Khaled al-Shafaay, economic professor with Cairo University, said, "I am deeply

impressed by President Xi's remarks. Africa has vast agricultural lands but is not efficiently used, therefore, sending 500 agricultural experts to Africa is real support for the Agricultural development in the continent."

"The cooperation model will be more helpful to Africa as it moves from the idea of funding aid to cooperation and technical, talent exchange," al-Shafaay said, adding that the relationship is based on mutual benefit. Xinhua

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Bongo Flava singer, 'Voice Wonder' (L), poses for a picture with dance music singer, Christian Bella, in Dar es Salaam recently when the former made his plan to make his way back to music known. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

# **Bongo Flava singer out** to regain popularity

#### By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

AFTER a long silence, the new generation music star, 'Voice Wonder', has re-emerged and is now preparing to launch a new album featuring prominent dance music singer, Christian Bella.

'Voice Wonder' stated he is coming back with a bang, adding his new album's title will be known soon.

The artist pointed out that he has already recorded it and urged his fans to prepare for his new arrival.

"I'm back with a bang, you should visualize gifted singers coming up with a great song, there is 'Voice Wonder' and Christian Bella. It's the song that will entertain you," Voice Wonder wrote on his Facebook page.

The singer, who once held sway in

year he is expected to officially return to develop new generation music talent.

"I'm not afraid of regaining my musical status as, despite the presence of a lot of popular singers, I know the means I can use to regain popularity." 'Voice Wonder' was adamant he will

be back on the charts the same way he excelled several years ago.

He said in all the time he had on the sidelines, he has learned a lot and realized that in current music the ideas of many songs are similar from poetry to melody so nothing shocks him.

"For those who do not know me, I would like to inform you that I made music when there were popular artists like 'Inspector Haroun', 'Juma Nature', 'Q-Chillah', 'Bushoke', 'Banana Zorro', 'K-Bazil' and many others but I

# Taifa Queens miss out on **2022 Commonwealth Games**

#### By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

ANZANIA Netball Association (Chaneta) says the country's national netball squad, Taifa Queens, will not compete in the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, England.

Chaneta president, Devotha Marwa, had recently told The Guardian that Taifa Queens will compete at the next year's Commonwealth Games.

Yesterday she said Taifa Queens will not compete at the Games, as it is not among the top-ranked teams in Africa.

She said the top three ranked Africa teams qualified for Commonwealth Games in January's International Netball Federation (INF) ranking which was based on results of international games played last year.

Tanzania made its way back to the international netball stage this year when it competed at the Africa Netball Cup in Namibia.

"So far South Africa, Malawi and Uganda are three Africa topranked netball teams which will compete in the Commonwealth



Netballers feature in one of the sports tournaments which were organized to vouch for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases in Arusha. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

year."

"But now Uganda has been removed from the list due to their indiscipline at the justended Africa Netball Cup in Namibia," she said.

But even though Uganda has been removed from the 12 ranked teams.

Games which will be held next list, Taifa Queens can not replace the side as the latter did not perform well in the Namibia showpiece. Commonwealth Games Or-

ganizing Committee recently announced the draw for the

Games which will involve top

Group A has Australia, Jamaica, South Africa while Group B has Malawi New Zealand and England.

The other seven teams will be known after the next INF ranking update in January, next year.

# China says US diplomatic boycott violates Olympic spirit

#### BEIJING

CHINA accused the United States of violating the Olympic spirit on Tuesday after the Biden administration announced a diplomatic boycott of the Beijing Winter Games over human rights concerns.

Rights groups have pushed for a full-blown boycott of the Games, accusing China of rights abuses against ethnic minorities. The U.S. decision falls short of those calls but comes at an exceptionally turbulent time for relations between the powerhouse nations and was met with a barrage of criticism from China.

The U.S. is attempting to interfere with the Beijing Games "out of ideological prejudice and based on lies and rumors," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian told reporters. The boycott "seriously violates the principle of political neutrality of sports established by the Olympic Charter and

runs counter to the Olympic motto 'more united,'" Zhao said. As he did the previous day, Zhao vowed that China would respond with "resolute countermeasures" but offered no details.

"The U.S. will pay a price for its practices. You may stay tuned for follow-ups," Zhao said.

On Monday, White House press secretary Jen Psaki told reporters that the Biden administration will fully support U.S. athletes competing at the Games but won't dispatch diplomats or officials to attend.

Psaki said the U.S. has a "fundamental commitment to promoting human rights" and that it "will not be contributing to the fanfare of the Games."

abuses against Muslim Uyghurs in northwest Xinjiang province, suppressing democratic movements in Hong Kong, committing military aggression against the self-ruled island of Taiwan and more.

Beijing has denounced U.S. criticisms and punitive sanctions as interference in its internal affairs and slapped visa bans on American politicians it regards as anti-China.

Zhao warned the U.S. to "stop politicizing sports" and cease what he said were actions undermining the Beijing Winter Olympics, "otherwise it will undermine the dialogue and cooperation between the two countries in a series of important areas and international issues."

held," the embassy said.

China's mission to the United Nations called the boycott a "self-directed political farce."

Even the ruling Communist Party's notoriously opaque Central Commission for Discipline Inspection issued a response in the form of a lengthy screed on its website entitled "The Spirit of the Olympic Charter Cannot be Tarnished."

"Some Western anti-China politicians" have shown a "defensive Cold War mentality aimed at politicizing sport," the article said, calling that a "clear violation of the Olympic spirit and a challenge to all people who love the Olympic movement."

People on the streets of Beijing were overall dismissive

the new genre music scene with the achieved success," he said. hit 'Nimpende Nani', said he believes those who had been waiting for him for a long time would have their dream fulfiled by his new arrival with Bella.

make his way back to music in 2016, but it did not go well, and that next

He said that because of his experience he has what it takes to hold sway in the genre.

'Voice Wonder' revealed that new He said he originally planned to generation music is currently dominated by two artists, Ali Saleh Kiba 'Ali Kiba' and 'Diamond'.

The diplomatic boycott comes as the U.S. attempts to thread the needle between stabilizing difficult relations with Beijing and maintaining a tough stance on trade and political conflicts. The U.S. has accused China of human rights

The Chinese Embassy in Washington dismissed the

move as posturing in a tweet. "In fact, no one would care about whether these people come or not, and it has no impact whatsoever on the #Beijing2022 to be successfully

of the U.S. move.

"I don't think it matters at all if they would come or not. The Olympic Games are not about one country or a couple of countries," said coffee shop employee Deng Tao. AP

# Arusha hosts Kijenge Senior **Open tennis tournament**

#### By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THIS year's Kijenge Senior Open tennis tournament gets underway today at AICC courts in Arusha.

Jackson Mdee, the tournament organizer, said 64 players have confirmed to compete in the tournament, which will end on Sunday.

He mentioned Arushabased Baptist Academy and AICC as some of the institutions that have shown interest in sponsoring the event.

He said the 64 players come from clubs of Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club, Morogoro Gymkhana Club, Moshi Tennis Club, Dodoma Club, Kijitonyama Tennis Club, and Kijenge Tennis Club.

The organizer said the number of clubs and players is expected to increase as many clubs have shown interest to compete in the tournament.

Mdee said the tournament is being staged after an outcry by many senior tennis players who feel sidelined as many tennis will rake in 100,000/-.

events in the country are for juniors.

"All is set for the Kijenge Senior Open tennis tournament which gets underway tomorrow (today) at AICC courts, we thank our sponsor, CPS, for sponsoring this event."

"There are 32 men and 32 women who will compete in the showdown, but the number can increase, this tournament has come at a good time as the country was lacking senior tennis events,' he said.

He said the winner in the men's category will get 400,000/- runner-up rakes in 250,000/-, semifinalists are set to walk away with 100,000/- each, quarterfinalists are set to receive 50,000/- each.

The winner in the women's category will get 300,000/-, runner-up is expected to walk away with 200,000/-, semifinalists are to receive 100.000/- each.

Mdee said men and women winners in doubles' event will get 200,000/-, runners-up Level'.



Familia Marathon's public relations officer, Francisca Alphonce (in red outfit), addresses a press conference in Dar es Salaam yesterday about the 2021 Familia Marathon scheduled for Saturday in the city. With her are some of the race's sponsors. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

**Familia Marathon set for Saturday** 

#### **By Guardian Correspondent**

THIS year's edition of the Familia Marathon will take place in Dar es Salaam on Saturday.

The race's organizing committee revealed a special draw that will involve the top 10 runners in the women's race will later take place and

the lucky winner will take home a Toyota Passo car. The marathon that is expected to involve walking and running bears the slogan 'Everything Starts at Family

Participating runners will tificates and other incentives feature in a 21km race, 10km corporate-run, and 5km social run.

The race will start at Msasani Beach Club in the city and end at the same spot.

The marathon will involve elders, youths, and children and will be flagged off at 06:00 am.

Champions, second-placed, and third-placed runners will receive medals, winning cer- chance to exchange ideas.

to be presented by sponsors. This will be the third edition of the marathon the first one being held in 2019 in Dar es Salaam.

According to Magreth Ndakidemi, Familia Marathon's public relations officer, apart from putting families together in sports, the race will be a good place to keep families healthy and offer them a

"KCB Bank Tanzania has been more of guardian of the Familia Marathon since the institution has been the race's main sponsor since it was established in 2019," Magreth noted.

Other sponsors of the race are Rani Sanitary Pads, Knight Support, The Music Mate, Optical Center, Premier Security, UTT, Express Rent A Car, Born To Run Tz, and KP Motorz.

According to Magreth, women who will run in this year's 21km race, will have a chance to win a Toyota Passo car from KP Motorz, one of the sponsors who deal with the importation of different types of cars.

The top 10 finishers in the women's category will participate in a special draw and the winner will drive home the car.

Magreth clarified the prize has been set aside for female runners given a woman is an important person in a family.

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# **Rangnick to bring in 'brain** expert' at Manchester Utd

#### LONDON

RALF Rangnick has said he has brought a sports psychologist to Manchester United to help train the brains of his players.

Sascha Lense, who has previously worked at RB Leipzig, is set to join the backroom team at Old Trafford with Rangnick insisting it is important there is an "expert for the brain" on his staff.

"I don't know what the situation is like here and in other clubs but in Germany most clubs have employed sports psychologists or a mental coach whatever you would like to call them," Rangnick told a news conference on Tuesday.

"For me it is a question of logic. If you have special coaches for goalkeeping, physical education, even for strikers, fitness, whatever, you should also have an expert for the brain.

"It's not so much putting them on

the red sofa and holding hands for the players because most of them won't do that anyway.

"For me it is about helping the players that the brain should assist the body not to work against it. The players and everybody in our team should think in the right way.

"I'm very happy to have Sascha on board. He is not working too much on the theory, he is hands on. Having worked together at Leipzig I know we will benefit a lot."

Rangnick has not decided how many changes to make for the game against Young Boys on Wednesday but confirmed that both Dean Henderson and Donny van de Beek will start with United already confirmed to finish top of their Champions League group.

Edinson Cavani and Raphael Varane were both able to train on Tuesday but will not feature while they continue to build up their fitness after injury. (Agencies)



Lionel Messi and Kylian Mbappe both scored twice as PSG crushed Club Brugge 4-1 (AFP).

LONDON

TLETICO Madrid won a bad-tempered game in Porto on Tuesday to qualify for the last 16 of the Champions League as Liverpool and Ajax both completed the group stage with 100 percent records.

Diego Simeone's Atletico, who lost to Real Madrid in the 2014 and 2016 finals, needed to beat Porto in Portugal to advance to the knockout phase and they duly triumphed 3-1 in a game which featured three red cards.

Antoine Griezmann put the Spanish champions ahead in the 56th minute at the Estadio do Dragao but they then had Yannick Carrasco sent off for wrestling Otavio to the ground.

With tempers flaring, Porto were also reduced to 10 men as Wendell was sent off for elbowing Atletico's Matheus Cunha in the neck, before their substitute goalkeeper Agustin Marchesin also saw red.

With Porto pushing forward in search of the draw they needed to qualify, Atletico got their second goal on the break in the last minute through Angel Correa before Rodrigo De Paul scored their third in injury time. Sergio Oliveira's penalty was a mere consolation for Porto.

Atletico finish second in Group B, a huge 11 points behind group winners Liverpool, who made it six wins out of six in Europe this season by beating AC Milan 2-1 at San Siro despite fielding a virtual reserve side.

Milan had to win to stand a chance of going through and they went ahead midway through the first half through Fikayo Tomori.

Mohamed Salah did start for the visitors and he equalised in the 36th minute before Divock Origi -who scored a stoppage-time winner in the Premier League at the weekend -- made it 2-110 minutes into

the second half, heading in after Sadio Mane's shot was saved.

"It's an exceptional performance," said manager Jurgen Klopp. "With that many changes, the boys have to be confident enough to show how good they are. I saw so many good things tonight, it was unbelievable."

Milan finish bottom of the group in their first Champions League campaign since 2013-14, with Porto parachuting into the Europa League.

- Real Madrid top group -

Elsewhere, Real Madrid secured top spot in Group D with a 2-0 defeat of Inter Milan at the Santiago Bernabeu.

Both sides had already qualified for the last 16 and Real just needed a draw to top the group.

They went ahead through an early Toni Kroos strike, and Inter had Nicolo Barella sent off just after the hour mark before substitute Marco Asensio sealed Real's victory with a stupendous strike.

"Our objective is to go all the way, not just reach the last 16," said Real coach Carlo Ancelotti.

Moldovan debutants Sheriff Tiraspol had already secured third place before Boban Nikolov's injurytime goal earned them a 1-1 draw at bottom side Shakhtar Donetsk, for whom Fernando had opened the scoring.

- Haller strikes again -

Ajax made it six wins out of six in Group C by defeating Sporting Lisbon 4-2 in Amsterdam in a game played behind closed doors due to coronavirus restrictions in the Netherlands.

Sebastien Haller put Ajax ahead with an early penalty for his 10th goal in the group stage, while Brazilian duo Antony and David Neres added further goals and Steven Berghuis was also on target.

Nuno Santos and Bruno Tabata netted for Sporting, who had already secured second place to qualify ahead of Borussia Dortmund.

The Germans crushed 10-man Besiktas 5-0 with Donyell Malen getting the opener and Marco Reus scoring a brace before Erling Haaland came off the bench to score two headers in the second half.

- Mbappe, Messi doubles -

Earlier Manchester City, having already clinched first place in Group A, lost 2-1 at RB Leipzig, with Dominik Szoboszlai and Andre Silva on target for the Germans in their first game since sacking coach Jesse Marsch.

Riyad Mahrez pulled one back for City, who had Kyle Walker sent off late on as Leipzig took third place.

Paris Saint-Germain, who finish second in the group, crushed Club Brugge 4-1 with Kylian Mbappe and Lionel Messi both scoring twice.

Mbappe's goals both came inside the first seven minutes and he then set up Messi's first goal, with the Argentinian adding a penalty as he moved on to five Champions League goals in five appearances this season. AFP



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### **TENDER FOR PROCUREMENT OF MINOR EQUIPMENT FOR** FINANCIAL YEAR 2021-2022 PROCUREMENT REFERENCE NUMBER ICAP/TZ/07/2021-2022

#### Introduction:

MSPH Tanzania LLC, known as ICAP, is a non-governmental organization operating in Tanzania since 2004, with funding mainly from the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) through the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). ICAP at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health is the recipient of a five-year PEPFAR-funded cooperative agreement beginning 29th September 2021 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to support comprehensive community- and facility-based HIV and VMMC services in Mwanza region.

MSPH Tanzania LLC - ICAP Intends to procure various minor equipment for FIKIA Plus project under PEPFAR/CDC awarded funding.

MSPH Tanzania LLC - ICAP now invites reputable and registered suppliers to request the tender document for the following lots:

Lot No.	Description		
Lot 1	Supply and delivery of Medical and laboratory supplies		
Lot 2	Supply and delivery of IT Equipment supplies		
Lot 3	Supply and delivery of Condom Vending Machine		
Lot 4	Supply and delivery of Pill Cases		
Lot 5	Supply and delivery of VMMC Tents		
Lot 6	Supply and delivery of 2-wheel Motorbikes		
Lot 7	Supply and delivery of Quadricycle (4-Seater)		

#### Note:

- 1. Please clearly indicate lot numbers, failure to comply will disqualify your application.
- 2. The public tender opening will be made in presence of all bidders or their official representatives, we encourage all bidders to attend through zoom call and Zoom Call Link will be sent to all who applied only in advance of the meeting.
- 3. Bid documents will be sent to all the applicants via email address below upon request.
- 4. Bids not received and opened in public at the public bid opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.
- 5. The tender validity period is 14 days.
- 6. Selection criteria will be lowest price, technically evaluated/ acceptable based on technical specifications and other criteria described above.
- 7. MSPH Tanzania reserve the rights to disgualify any offer based on failure to follow solicitation instructions.
- 8. MSPH reserves the rights to waive minor proposal deficiencies that cannot be corrected prior to award determination to promote competition
- 9. MSPH will be contacting all those that have submitted quotes to confirm contact person, address and that bid was submitted for this solicitation.
- 10. The evaluation of bids will be conducted as per MSPH Tanzania LLC ICAP Procurement Guidelines.

#### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Eligible suppliers meeting all stated requirements are requested to: -

- a. Submit one application for each lot they are applying for. If a supplier is applying for two different lots, each lot should have a separate application document with supporting evidence specifically for that lot.
- b. Interested, eligible suppliers should email their electronic quote via email to procurement department at TanzaniaProcurement@cumc.columbia.edu

The Tender Committee, MSPH Tanzania LLC – ICAP, Jangid Plaza 7th Floor – Chaburuma Road P.O Box 80214, Dar es salaam, Tanzania All quotes must be in Tanzania Shillings

The deadline for the submission is 10:00am East Africa Time on 23rd December 2021. All tenders should be electronically submitted to TanzaniaProcurement@cumc.columbia.edu No tender fee charged for this invitation

# **Ibrahimovic's elusive Champions League** hopes done as AC Milan fade to Liverpool

#### MILAN

CHAMPIONS League glory has always eluded Zlatan Ibrahimoyic, despite a glittering CV that has seen him play for Europe's biggest clubs for 20 remarkable years. And now, following AC Milan's 2-1 defeat against Liverpool in San Siro, the 40-year-old might just have played his last game in the competition.

Milan may be on the road back to success, but time has caught up with Ibrahimovic. Yet another Mohamed Salah goal -the Egypt international has now scored in seven successive Champions League away games -- and a Divock Origi header sealed Liverpool's win following Fikayo Tomori's 29th minute opener and ensured they finished on top of Group B with a 100% record.

But this was a night when Milan needed to summon the spirit of their great teams -- peerless

-- and they needed Ibrahimovic to roll back the years and inspire them to victory.

In the end, the former Ajax Amsterdam, Juventus, Internazionale, Barcelona, Paris Saint-Germain and Manchester United forward looked like a fading star with nothing left to offer and with his flickering dream of Champions League success finally extinguished.

"That is football," Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp said. "We try to organise a team to stop him [Ibrahimovic] getting the ball he wants. We defended exceptionally well."

Milan, the leaders of Serie A, had gone into the game with an outside chance of reaching the Champions League knock-out stages for the first time since the 2013-14 season, but Stefano Pioli's team needed to win and hope that FC Porto failed to beat Atlet-

Champions League-winning sides ico Madrid in Estadio do Dragao.

The second part of the equation came to fruition with Atleti winning 3-1 in Portugal, but Milan couldn't take care of their own business, despite going ahead through Tomori. The defeat against Jurgen Klopp's team left them bottom of the group, without even a Europa League campaign in the second half of the season to look forward to.

That Milan were even in the position of being able to qualify was an achievement in itself having lost their first three games before drawing the fourth. But it was a false hope for the seven-time European champions.

Even though Klopp had made eight changes from the side which won at Wolverhampton Wanderers in the Premier League at the weekend, Liverpool were still far too strong for the Rossoneri, who lacked pace and invention.

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# Simba SC, Yanga players miss out as Taifa Stars takes on Uganda



men and women football squads will **Senior national soccer team 'Taifa Stars' players participate in training in Dar es Salaam yesterday to shape up for an international friendly** 

tie against Uganda, which will take place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium today. PHOTO: TFF

coached Kim Poulsen due to their preparations for the NBC Premier League match between the two outfits which will be played in the city on November 11.

Director of Sports Development in the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Sports, Yusuf Omary Singo, said heading into the game the government set an entry fee which will allow many football stakeholders to watch the ties, enjoy 60 years of independence of Tanzania with a major revolution in various sectors.

"So far the preparations have been completed and the players are well prepared for the friendly match aiming at celebrating 60 years of Tanzania's independence, the celebration takes place every year," Singo revealed.

In terms of entry fees, Singo said, entries are 2000/- for each of the fans set to watch the matches from the rest of the stands.

The VIP A and VIP B seats' tickets cost 5000/- each. The fees aim at ensuring that every citizen can participate in and enjoy the celebrations.

"We have set up friendly entries so that every Tanzanian can participate and we can enjoy the celebrations together," Singo said.

Despite getting an abrupt call, Uganda Cranes' head coach Milutin Sredojevic alias 'Micho' had been able to summon 18 players majority of whom are on the fringes at their respective clubs. "I thank coaches that have stretched and allowed us to use some of the players bearing in mind that the league has not been stopped."

"There are games on Tuesday and then on Friday yet the game against Tanzania will be played on Thursday but they have given the players greenlight to join us."

The coach indicates that this game will help to widen the pool of players as preparations for the 2022 Africa Nations Championship (CHAN) Qualifiers commence.

"We have started preparations for the qualification campaign of 2022 CHAN in Algeria. This allows us to widen the pool of players," Sredojevic noted.

# Azam FC mulls roping in two footballers in mini transfer window

#### By Correspondent Ismail Tano

AZAM FC's Chief Executive Officer, Abdulkarim Amin 'Popat', has said the club could add two to three players in this season's mini registration period, seeking to improve the side's performance.

play against Uganda's

men and women squads in in-

ternational friendly matches at

the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium

The games are held to mark

Uganda teams have already

The first match between Tan-

zania's women's side, Twiga

Stars, against Uganda's 'Crested

Cranes' will be played at 5:00

The second tie pitting Taifa

Stars against Cranes will be

Simba SC and Yanga players

were not included in Taifa Stars

arrived in Dar es Salaam for the

the 60th anniversary of Tanza-

in Dar es Salaam today.

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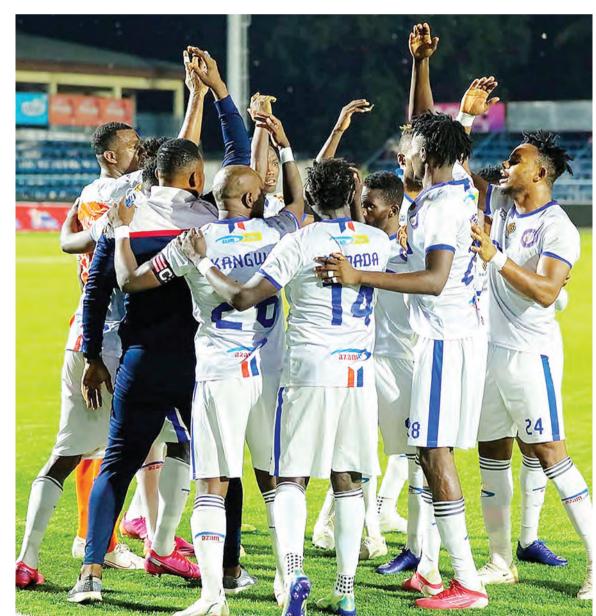
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The official disclosed that will however depend on the need for their technical bench under coach George Lwandamina.

'Popat' has said that despite their team experiencing a less impressive start they have confidence in their players' competence, given there are lots of fixtures left.

The official revealed: "We haven't done very badly because this is the first time we have played seven



Atletico qualify as Liverpool complete perfect Champions League group stage PAGE 19



A model displays ready-to-wear gerne designed by a newcomer 'Moshaki', at this year's Swahili Fashion Week which climaxed at the weekend in Dar es Salaam. Moshaki Collection, the eponymous brand of Florence Moshaki, whose elegant yet straightforward clothes have been gaining a loyal following, was among 60 fashion designers who regaled the audience with apparel, ranging from unique and extravagant pieces worthy of any red carpet event to sublimely understated day wear. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

# Manyara hosts

**Guardian** 

# soccer tourney to oppose wildlife killings

#### By Correspondent Marc Nkwame

THE war against poaching in Manyara has added another arsenal, it comes in the form of a soccer league.

A football tournament, known as 'Chem Chem Cup 2021,' has just kicked off in Babati District, Manyara, aiming to raise awareness on conservation.

The showdown as well advocates the battle against illegal wildlife killings and unlawful logging in the precinct.

Unveiled by the Babati District Commissioner, Lazaro Twangwe, the three-week 'Chem Chem Cup 2021' tournament involves more than 10 football clubs from the villages that surround and make up the Burunge Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

"It is a good idea to use sports in identifying and recruiting budding talents, but the idea gets even better when events like this also become important tools in combating illegal activities against natural resources, such as poaching," DC Twangwe revealed.

The football tourney is being organized and sponsored by the Chem Chem Foundation of Babati.

"The idea is to involve and sensitize young people to actively partake in environment conservation and protect wildlife," Project Manager for the Chem Chem Foundation, Peter Millanga, stated.

"These tourneys also help talented players to be spotted by larger soccer teams and already through these initiatives some young people got enrolled to play in bigger leagues," Millanga maintained.

The league coordinator, Bura Bayo, mentioned the participating teams as Olasiti Football Club, Sengaiwe SC, Minjingu FC, Young Boys, Mdori FC, Mshike Mshike FC, Macedonia FC, Star Boys, and Gembwe FC.

The final the Chem Chem League of Babati is expected to be played on December 29, 2021, when prizes worth 2m/- will be issued to the winning teams and outstanding players.

matches so we are not too far from the leading team."

'Otherwise, we are listening to the technical bench if it needs to strengthen outfit we will do so," 'Popat' noted.

Recently, Azam FC Director of Football Jonas Tiboroha said they had no plans to bring back their senior players Aggrey Morris, Mudathir Yahya, and Salum Abubakar 'Sure Boy' who are serving a suspension due to misconduct.

Tiboroha said despite the efforts made by the players, including communicating reporting the matter to the Soccer Players' Union of Tanzania (Sputanza), the issue does not put pressure on the club because that is the players' wish.

"I am not sure if Abubakar, Mudathir, and Morris will come to play for Azam FC again, the coach has no plans with them anymore and we the officials are not aware of them even though they have contracts to continue serving Azam," he said.

Tiboroha said despite the punishment, the club pays the players' salaries as usual.

The official pointed out no one can tell the club what to do because the players are owned by the club and they get their dues.

Azam FC sits seventh in the NBC Premier League standings with 10 points from seven matches played, having lost three, won three, and drawn one game.

Azam Football Club. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

# Flexibles by David Chikoko

