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President Samia Suluhu Hassan receives the FIFA World Cup trophy at State House in Dar es Salaam yesterday from its tour ambassador, Juliano Haus Belletti, a former Brazilian national soccer team player who also once featured for Barcelona and Chelsea. Photo: State House

EWURA lowers petrol, diesel cap prices as 100bn/- subsidy pays off

By Guardian Reporter

THE government's decision to issue a 100bn/- subsidy to cushion the rising fuel prices has started to bear fruit, as the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) moves to lower cap prices for petrol and diesel.

Titus Kaguo, the communications and public relations manager, said in a statement yesterday that the new prices relate to oil cargo now being imported, with retail prices for petrol in Dar es Salaam decreased by 306/- per litre, in Mtwara 282/- and Tanga 152/- per litre.

Retail prices for diesel were decreased by 320/- for Dar es Salaam, 476/- for Tanga and 486/- for Mtwara entry points, thus petrol in Dar es Salaam will now be sold at the price cap of 2,994/- from 3,301/- per litre and diesel fetching 3,131/- from 3,452/- per litre.

For fuel unloaded at Tanga port, the new price will be 2,985/- from the previous 3,137/- for petrol, while diesel will be sold at 3,162/- from 3,639/- per litre current prices, he said.

Fuel docking at Mtwara port will be sold at the 2,979/- retail price per litre from 3,262/- while diesel will sell at 3,165/- from 3,652/- per litre

presently.

The prices apply only in towns and cities where the ports are located, and are likely to change in other areas due to transportation expenses. There will be a certain relief from the previous prices, he asserted.

Ali Saeed, chairman for the tender evaluation committee of the Petroleum Bulk Procurement Agency (PBPA) opened the fuel tender for next month, urging local companies to participate in fuel importation tenders.

This will increase competition to facilitate price reduction, he said, citing winners of importation tenders with best transporting costs and profit projections, where participants shortlisted are Sahara Petroleum Services Co., the Tanzania Petroleum Development Co. (TPDC) and Vitol Bahrain, he said.

The participation of local companies would promote financial stability and promote experience in fuel business to shape the future of the business locally, he stated.

Bulk procurement for importation of petroleum products is good and should be maintained, he stated, disputing suggestions that this

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Trade in mobile cash registering big rise - report

By Guardian Reporter

FINANCIAL inclusion is continuing to expand in Tanzania, with the five mobile money service providers attracting three million new customers in the year ending March 2022.

A report covering quarterly communication statistics issued by the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) for the first quarter of this year shows mobile money accounts reached 35.74m, compared with 32.72m at the end of first quarter 2021, testifying to expansion of mobile money service as an important tool to enhance financial services countrywide.

It is especially useful in locations where there are no bank facilities or agencies, the report noted, indicating that M-Pesa has continued to dominate the market with 40 percent of the market share.

It all the same shrunk from 42 percent in March last year, having increased subscriptions to 14.16m from 13.63m the previous period.

Vodacom (T) voice subscribers reached 16.7m in March this year from 15.9m in March last year, with this subscription level

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Diaspora is top priority in economic diplomacy drive

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

LINKING up with the Diaspora community is a major goal in the work outlook of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation as it focuses on economic diplomacy in the coming financial year, the National Assembly was told here yesterday.

Ambassador Liberata Mulamula, the minister, said this when tabling the ministry's 2022/2023 Budget estimates, tasking

Tanzanian embassies with attracting foreign direct investments and seeking to open up market opportunities for the country's goods and services.

The ministry is seeking 208.34bn/- for the year, where economic diplomacy relates to enticing not just the rest of the world to invest in Tanzania but also the Diaspora community as during the past year it has shown considerable interest in investing their savings locally. Remittance rose compared to

the previous two past years, she stated.

"The government has been engaging the Diaspora community to invest back home," she said, alluding to central bank data indicating that remittances from the Diaspora community increased to \$569.3m in 2021 compared to \$400m the previous year.

Members of the Diaspora has so far invested 3.9bn/- at the collective portfolio (UTT AMIS) and purchased properties worth 2.3bn/- from the

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TBL, Vodacom (T) linking up crop delivery, payment app

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA Breweries Limited (TBL) and Vodacom (T) yesterday launched a platform for records management and payment for farmers who supply TBL with raw materials.

The BanQu app unveiled in Dar es Salaam yesterday packages a blockchain platform tailored for farmers in the TBL supply chain to connect farmers and empower them financially, on the basis of remarks by Nape Nnauye (pictured), the minister for Information, Communication and Technology, who officiated at the unveiling ceremony.

BanQu is provided by a software service company as a blockchain-powered supply chain and records management platform. It was hired by TBL operator AB InBev of South Africa, with Vodacom coming in as a mobile money service provider for the new arrangement.

The purchasing platform on BanQu is connected to M-Pesa and payments can be directly deposited, he said, underlining that the government supports innovations and

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Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi pictured at Zanzibar State House yesterday at his routine end-of-the-month conference with editors from various media outlets. Story on Page 3. Photo: State House



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arrangement is partly to blame for spiraling retail prices in the country.

As the tenders were opened, the Vitol Bahrain bid was at \$0.05 and apparently the lowest quotation in records of bulk procurement since the start of the past decade, he said, while Orlando da Costa, chairman of the Tanzania Association of Oil Marketing Companies (TAOMAC) said the bulk procurement system was competitive and the whole process was transparent.

Last month the government disbursed 100bn/- in a move by President Samia Suluhu Hassan to cushion importation costs and stop sharp price rises.

The president said the government would tighten expenditure for the remaining days of the current financial year, so that the money saved helps relieve the public from sharp price rises.

A Fuel Price Stabilization Fund was also envisaged, with the government drawing up the necessary arrangements for establishing it, the president had indicated.



Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister Liberata Mulamula tables her ministry's Budget estimates for financial year 2022/2023 in the National Assembly in Dodoma city yesterday. Photo: Ibrahim Joseph

TCU: Opening of varsities' technical campuses is fine

By Guardian Correspondent

THE Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU) says it has no problem with a new government plan for the establishment of technical education campuses across the country.

"It's a directive issued by the responsible minister for Education. There is no way TCU can act against the government plan," said Jorlin Kagaruki, TCU spokesperson in an exclusive interview with this paper.

The Guardian contacted the regulator of universities for comment after higher education stakeholders expressed their worries over the implementation of the latest government plan which seeks to sensitize universities to set up technical education campuses countrywide.

Winding up his ministry's budget estimates, Minister for Education, Science and Technology, Prof Adolf Mkenda told the National Assembly recently that the government encourages higher education institutions to set up technical education campuses in a quest to broaden the scope of competence-

based education in the country.

Higher education stakeholders hailed the envisaged government plan, saying the move will create a pool of competent graduates in the wake of increasingly competitive and dynamic labour market.

However, some stakeholders expressed doubts that implementation of the plan will remain "a mere dream" if TCU does not review restrictive guidelines barring universities from offering technical education programmes at diploma and certificate levels.

Interviewed, higher education stakeholder, Joseph Mfutakanga, cited specific TCU guidelines 1.5.2 which "restricts universities to offer NACTE accredited technical education (certificate, diploma) programmes that are being offered in a regular middle level institution operating in Tanzania and guideline 1.5.4 which restricts universities to start new competence-based technical programmes (certificate and diploma) that were not listed in the initial accreditation documents."

"It's time for TCU to review restrictive guidelines and allow both technical colleges and universities

to offer competence-based technical programmes in order to go at par with dynamics of today's competitive labour markets, new government education plans and Academic freedom for Universities," said Angela Mvula, an expert in higher education affairs based in Dar es Salaam.

When reached over the matter, Kagaruki allayed stakeholders' fears, saying TCU guidelines will not be "a stumbling block" in the implementation of the Minister's directive, allowing universities to open technical education campuses throughout the country.

"Let them (universities) go ahead with the setting up of respective campuses, if they face some challenges we will sit down and discuss how to handle them," noted Kagaruki.

As the situation stands currently, she added "TCU guidelines are not an impediment to the establishment of technical education campuses by universities, as directed by the responsible education minister."

Announcing the plan in the Parliament recently, Minister Mkenda, said among other things, the latest education strategy intends to promote the provision of competence-based

education in universities and other higher education institutions. According to the minister, the government would encourage universities and higher education institutions to set up technical campuses (for diploma and certificate programmes) in different regions across the country.

In fact, the minister was responding to long time concerns by Members of Parliament (MPs) and higher education stakeholders, who had on various occasions expressed a need to allow universities and other higher education institutions to offer technical education and produce competent graduates with technical skills required in the rapidly changing labour market.

"We have many graduates with higher CPAs who can hardly operate a simple machine. Investors, corporate companies and businesspeople cannot risk employing incompetent graduates just because they are holders of a first-class degree certificate. They need competent employees who can deliver," said Hon Eric Shigongo, who is Buchosa MP, during debate on the Ministry of Education's budget estimates in Parliament.

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National Housing Corporation (NHC) and Hamidu City Park in Kigamboni district of Dar es Salaam, she stated, emphasizing that the Diaspora took a major role in the nation's health sector development.

The Tanzania-UK Healthcare Diaspora Association (TUHEDA) provided medical devices worth 100m/- to Zanzibar, playing a vital role in strengthening economic diplomacy between Tanzania and the UK, she stated.

The two countries are looking forward to sign a memorandum of understanding that among other aspects involves sharing of professional experience, access to medical devices and training for nurses and other medical staff, she stated, pointing out that the Tanzania Diaspora Hub based in the United States is set to invest close to 400m/- in fisheries and agriculture in Tanga, Njombe and Singida regions.

Back in April the ministry coordinated an investment tour to the country for a member of the Diaspora residing in Canada, wishing to invest \$15m in road construction using geopolymer technology. It makes use of residues from manufacturing industries especially glass and aluminum, the minister noted.

Economic diplomacy successes during the year include removal of 56 out of 70 trade barriers between Tanzania and neighbouring countries, thus trade relations are stronger compared to the past two years, she said.

The ministry has so far coordinated 600 employment opportunities for Tanzanians at the Dubai international port, coordinated direct flights from

Dar es Salaam to Guangzhou to be held once in a week, she stated.

Draft amendments to Foreign Policy 2022 policy document are being prepared, considering long awaited reforms for dual citizenship, where the ministry was working with different stakeholders to prepare a draft with inputs from the Diaspora. The document sets out guidelines in addressing Diaspora issues including special citizenship status, the minister declared.

Seeking concessional loans with low interest rates and coordinating foreign employment opportunities for Tanzanians are key issues in the ministry's plans for the new fiscal year, plus investing resources in promoting Kiswahili at the global level.

The ministry will also invest in developing land occupied by Tanzanian embassies abroad, renovating embassy properties, among other aspects, she stated, hinting that during fiscal 2022/23 more work is expected on issuing a single currency in East Africa.

The ministry will coordinate in setting up a bureau to oversee East African Common Currency negotiations, plus initiating representation in the East African Common Currency Board, she stated.

The One Stop Border Post at Manyovu and Mugina on the border with Burundi will be built, financed by a \$24m concessional loan from the African Development Bank, she said.

Tanzanians will also benefit from the 37 regional employment opportunities already announced, with Tanzanians having won 10 opportunities in jobs sought for by the six partner states, she added.

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promotes the use of science and technology for rapid economic growth.

"We are committed to enhancing the skills of innovators and welcome innovation and technological trends that provide solutions and empower Tanzanians economically," he said.

He said: "BanQu has come at the right time as President Samia Suluhu Hassan has recently launched the 'Ajenda 10/30' campaign which aims to promote the growth of agri-business in the country by 2030. This initiative shows that TBL is in line with our development agenda, and through empowering farmers who provide raw materials, we will ultimately align with our industrialization agenda."

The government is committed to nurturing and identifying innovative programmes and encourage the use of science and development of technology for economic development that ultimately contribute to the country's economic growth, asserted the minister.

According to him, technology has provided innovative solutions in various sectors such as agriculture, health, education and commerce, thus becoming a source of employment for youth, and an enabler of the sectors of economy.

"The platform will benefit thousands of farmers who provide raw materials like sorghum, grapes and barley to TBL, guaranteeing transparency of transactions between the brewer and farmers and creating greater opportunity for financial inclusion for farmers.

It will also facilitate access to other financial services and drive an inclusion economy, he said, noting that TBL is among well privatised companies performing and progressing well.

The initiative by TBL to empower farmers will contribute to improve farmers' income and entice others to start engaging in agro-business more intensely, he stated.

TBL sources 74 per cent of its raw materials locally and seeks to ensure that 100 per cent of farmers supplying the raw materials are skilled, connected and financially empowered by 2025.

TBL country director Jose Moran said the platform has been created to protect farmers, extend opportunities for financial inclusion through partners, enhance transparency and ultimately drive inclusive economic growth.

"Through BanQu, we are now able to ensure that our farmers constantly have access to solutions and insights that will help them make informed decisions. TBL's integration with the first blockchain technology in the agricultural sector is testament to our commitment and initiatives towards enhancing smart agricultural practices," he declared.

The platform is likely to transform the country's agriculture sector and make smallholder farmers visible as they will gain access to more financial services, he stated.

Vodacom (T) managing director Sitholizwe Mdlalose said that since its launch in 2008, the M-Pesa franchise has significantly contributed toward financial inclusion facilitated digital payments countrywide.

More collaboration efforts are needed to ensure ease of payments to lift up the financial inclusion index, he said, hinting that Vodacom (T) was innovating in agro-sector space with an app devoted to farming network, to digitize crop value chains.

"M-Pesa's main objective is to facilitate digital payments and connect the otherwise unbanked to the formal financial system. We are happy to partner with BanQu to ensure these farmers are connected and can make use of our M-Pesa platforms to receive payments, save, transfer and access micro-credit to increase productivity," he elaborated.

BanQu has already connected over 5,000 farmers to the TBL value chain, for grapes, sorghum and barley supplies, starting from the technical integration pilot project conducted late last year, he explained.

Accessibility to BanQu does not require a smartphone, with 'unstructured supplementary service data' (USSD) input or SMS use being sufficient. Through BanQu, all transactions between TBL and farmers are recorded, hence guaranteeing transparency and traceability to both farmers and TBL.

Each farmer will have a digital ledger, described as an 'economic passport,' connected to the TBL value chain and providing an immutable record of all crop transactions made.

The ledger will show agricultural cycles from input to harvest, keep a transparent and traceable payment history of crops delivered or sold, along with providing useful, quality metrics to improve productivity and business practices, he added.



National Assembly Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson (C) has an audience with an East African Legislative Assembly delegation led by EALA Speaker Dr Martin Ngoga. The team paid her a courtesy call in Dodoma city yesterday. Photo: Parliament

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retaining the firm's market share at 30.2 percent.

Tigo-Pesa was in second position with a market share of 26 percent, same as its standing in March 2021, while mobile money subscriptions increased to 9.3m from 8.6m earlier, the report noted, showing that Tigo voice subscription increased slightly to 14.8m from 13.5m earlier. Its market shares gained significantly to 26.9 percent from 25.6 percent earlier.

Global telecoms operator, Millicom

which operated in Tanzania as Tigo, exited Africa with the sale of its operation in Tanzania back in April, to a consortium led by Madagascar-based group Axian, a deal announced back in April 2021 and stated as amounting to \$100m.

Millicom CEO, Mauricio Ramos told the media in April that the divestiture of their African businesses has been completed, for the firm to solely focus on the Latin American region.

The deal includes strategic ownership of shares in the EASSy cable landing station in Dar es

Salaam and a consortium network with over 3,200km of backbone and over 600km of metro fibre, the report affirmed.

Airtel Money subscribers reached 7.5m in March 2022 from 6.4m in March 2021, lifting its market share to 21 percent from 20 percent earlier, while managing to increase its voice subscribers to 14.7m at 26.6 percent market share from 13.8m with 26.1 percent market share earlier.

HaloPesa subscription increased to 3.3m accounts in March this year from 2.7m earlier, while its market share

increased to nine percent from eight percent during the period.

Halotel voice subscribers decreased to 7m from 7.4m, resulting in the decline of its market share to 12.8 percent from 14 percent earlier.

TTCL-Money (T-Money) subscribers increased to 1.3m from 0.76m earlier, pushing up its market share to four percent from two percent the previous period, it stated. TTCL voice subscription increased to 1.8m from one million, boosting its market share to 3.4 percent from 2.1 percent, it added.



Biko Tanzania 'ambassador' Kajala Masanja (L) pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend presenting 10m/- to Aziza Selemani, winner of the firm's latest raffle. Right is CRDB Bank PLC customer service manager (Premier Branch) Jacqueline Mgeni. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Parliamentary committee demands Dart buses on Kilwa Road next month

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

PARLIAMENTARY Committee on Administration and Local Governments Affairs has urged the Dar Rapid Transit Agency (DART) to complete Kilwa Road section before the start of this year's international trade fair in the city next month.

The call was made at the weekend by the Committee Chairman Abdallah Chaurembo while winding up the committee's tour at DART offices to familiarize with activities undertaken by the agency.

"We know that your infrastructure is not complete 100 per cent but do whatever you can to complete it to enable Tanzanians use rapid buses to attend this year's Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair to reduce transport challenges for city residents and inspire people especially from Mbagala to attend the exhibitions," said Chaurembo.

Phase two of the DART project is along Kilwa Road from city centre to Mbagala Rangi Tatu; other parts of the corridor start from South Kawawa road at Morogoro Road junction to Mgalani JKT round with 20.3 km.

Chaurembo said President Samia Suluhu Hassan is optimistic that the project entire will complete on time and start before March 2023 so DART should continue to supervise closely the development of the project so that Mbagala residents can get easy transportation.

He said Mbagala residents have suffered for a very long time with transport problem adding that the completion of the project would be a great opportunity for them to easily move from one area to another.

Chaurembo also asked DART to advise the committee on proper ways to handle the problem of bodaboda and other drivers' interruptions in rapid transport roads which in many times resulted to fatal accidents.

He said the service provider in rapid transport infrastructure UDART should submit to the committee report regarding challenges of their business including the shortage of buses so that they can see how to help.

He also urged DART to closely monitor the supervisor of construction of rapid transport system, Tanzania National Road Agency (TANROADS) to ensure the project complete within agreed time and with good standards.

DART, Chief Executive Officer, Dr Edwin Mhede, said promised to work on the advice to modernize the public transport system in Dar es Salaam and neighboring areas.

"I would like to assure you that we have taken your advice and we thank you very much for your time to visit our project and see what is going on in our sites," he said.

Also in the delegation was Deputy Minister in the President Office (Regional Administration and Local Government) David Silinde, Deputy Permanent Secretary (Regional Administration and Local Government) Dr Charles Msonde, Ubungo District Commissioner Heri James, Temeke District Commissioner Jokate Mwegelo and head of institutions responsible for transport.

Dr Mwinyi stresses importance of EFDs

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has stressed on the use of the Electronic Fiscal Devices (EFDs) in tax collection, as well as requiring members of public to demand cash sale receipts whenever they make purchases at shops to enable the government deal with the current economic situation.

Dr Mwinyi made the remarks at Zanzibar State House in his meeting with members of various media organisations, as part of his end of the month brief press briefing procedure.

He said in confronting the current global economic crisis, the government is forced to reduce rates of levies as well as subsidising prices of goods, hence, he said it was important to collect revenue and stressed the use of EFDs as well as for the people to demand receipts for their purchases.

He called on concerned authorities to take appropriate steps to all those who do not pay tax via EFDs.

He further said it is important for the people to increase cloves production, saying despite the world economic crisis, the crop has remained with good prices at world markets at USD 7,500

per tonne, the rate that has enabled the government to pay farmers at the crop's normal prices.

He said his government has decided to endorse the fare hike for boat travel from 25,000/- to 30,000/- between Zanzibar and Dar es Salaam following long time request by boats owners, about seven years now while the prices for fuel has been rising during that period.


Touching the issue of salary rise for the private sector, Dr Mwinyi said the government the government plans to sit together with employers with the sector to see how their salaries can be

raised.

Regarding challenges posed by environmental destruction confronting Unguja and Pemba islands, Dr Mwinyi said there is a very big problem especially on the issue of digging for stones and sand as well as cutting down mangroves, hence, he said there are strategies to deal with the situation.

The Zanzibar President assured the people of Pemba whose areas were surveyed to pave way for Chake-Wete road construction that they will be paid compensation as soon as possible.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
PROVISION OF AQUA DATA ANALYTICS PLATFORM & CUSTOM VENDING SOFTWARE FOR MAJICHAP
RFP NO. [TAHA/CONS/002/2022]
ISSUE DATE: 01.06.2022
CLOSING DATE: 14.06.2022 AT 05.00 P.M EAT


1.0 Background
 TAHA is an apex private sector member-based organization leading the country's efforts in propelling the horticultural development agenda. TAHA in the process of ensuring conducive environment for horticulture stakeholders, realised the scarcity of water in Moshi specifically in Uchira village. As it is known, horticulture engagement requires a farmer to have sufficient water throughout the year for production purposes. Water is essential for irrigation farming and should be accessible easily. In order for the farmers to access water for irrigation they are obligated to incur cost. The cost is mainly accelerated by using electricity. Currently a farmer with an acre needs to pay for electricity an average cost of 25,000 to 45,000 Tanzania shillings depending on the crop type, in order to get water for irrigation.

2. MajiChap Software

2.1 Introduction
 In order to solve the issue of water problem, TAHA came up with an ideal option of reducing the electricity cost by introducing Maji Chap system in two pilot sites located at Uchira Village. Maji Chap software will involve the conversion of electricity pumps into solar pumps and will build a replicable model to improve existing irrigation schemes in two small-scale irrigation schemes in Moshi. Maji Chap aiming to strengthen profitability and resilience of horticultural production through adoption of pay-as-you-go water monitoring and usage optimization system. MajiChap will make farmers' investments worthwhile.

3. OBJECTIVE OF THE ASSIGNMENT
 The objective of this assignment is to develop a digital solution platform to integrate with our ultrasonic GPRS / AMR water meters for aqua data management and analytics, including developing a mobile application to facilitate purchase and payments of water for users of the water scheme. This software solution to be developed will be responsible for the management of users, user subscriptions, financial operations and water use reports.

SECTION B: Bidders Instructions
 Interested eligible bidders are invited to confirm their intention to bid and request for a detailed Request for Proposal (RFP) containing "all necessary instructions". Interested bidders can send their intent to procurement@taha.or.tz. Please identify the name of the company, phone number and email address of the person who will serve as the key contact for all correspondence.



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Interested parties may submit their proposal for Expression of Interest to:
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RUFFO, stakeholders issue sanitary pads in schools in Kisarawe District

By Guardian Correspondent, Kisarawe

A Dar es Salaam based-Raising Up Friendship Foundation (RUFFO) has donated 101 boxes of sanitary pads to support safe menstruation of girls at Mfuru primary and secondary schools in Kisarawe District, Coast Region.

Provided in partnership with Jubilee Health Insurance, Tanzania Youth Alliance, East Africa Education Foundation and Vijiji Tanzania, the pads will accommodate the girls for six months.

Speaking during the handing over event here during the weekend, RUFFO executive director Hilda Ngaja said the sanitary towels have been donated as part of commemoration of the International Menstrual Hygiene Day which is marked annually on May 28.

She said apart from providing the girls with the pads, the organisation which deals with child rights protection, also held a seminar where 250 students were trained and advised on menstrual hygiene management.

She noted that a good number of school girls

as well as women from poor families in both rural and urban areas are facing great challenges to access the sanitary towels, something which thwarts their development goals.

Laura Lyabandi, marketing officer from Jubilee Health Insurance noted that many girls miss school during their periods due to lack of sanitary pads, something which needs more coordinated efforts from both the government and stakeholders to address.

Kisarawe youth officer said the council has been implementing initiatives that aim to educate male youth on menstruations and thus be able to support their sisters during their important days.

"Every year we set aside a budget to purchase pads so as to support girls who are unable to access them, we appreciate support from stakeholders who have been coming here to complement our initiatives," he said. Alba Salum, a standard four student at Mfuru secondary school commended the organisations for supporting them with the hygiene towels which are going to help them stay comfortably for the next six months.



Hilda Ngaja (C), executive director of the Dar es Salaam-based Raising Up Friendship Foundation (RUFFO), makes remarks late last week when presenting 110 boxes of sanitary pads meant for use by students in Kisarawe District's Mfuru primary and secondary schools. She is with Jubilee Health Insurance marketing officer Laura Lyabandi (L) and Kisarawe district youth officer Dalidali Rashid. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Government plans to use security organs to arrest examination leaks

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government plans to engage defence and security organs in all processes beginning with preparations for the exams, distribution and during the release of results, in efforts to curb examination leakage to learners pursuing health studies.

Deputy Minister for Education, Omary Kipanga told the National Assembly yesterday that the move aims at ensuring that what happened in August 2021 is not occurring again.

In November last year, the government through the office of the Chief Medical Officer Dr Aifello Sihalwe annulled results of the examination of August 2021 National Technical Awards (NTA) Level 5 clinical medicine countrywide due to leakage and ordered fresh sitting.

Dr Sichwale said they were working closely with the security organs to trace the culprits. He said there is no way the government could tolerate examination cheating especially to clinical medicine candidates, as they deal directly with human health.

The Chief Medical Officer said the Ministry of Health had the mandate to oversee the policy

issues that are strictly adhered to, including having qualified medical personnel to oversee the health sector thus professionalism, ethics and efficiency are of great importance to public health security.

He said it had come to the government attention that the second term clinical medicine theory examinations held nationally from August 16 to September 30th last year had leakage elements.

Yesterday, the Deputy Minister for Education Science and Technology insisted that the government cannot sit down and see examinations leaking.

Kipanga was responding to a question posed by Special Seats lawmaker Husna Sekiboko (CCM) who had demanded to know the reason behind the leakage of examinations that are supervised by medical colleges.

The Deputy Minister said the government was aware of the examination challenges that occurred in August 2021 but had made several efforts to ensure that it does not happen again.

"The government has improved the system for preparing exams as well as printing and sealing of papers in collaboration with the office of the Chief Government Printer," he noted.

By Guardian Reporter

THE government is set to build four big gas selling stations for use by motor vehicles in Dar es Salaam for distribution to various regions up to Uganda.

This was revealed by the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Energy, Felchesmi Mramba during a television interview on issues regarding the energy sector.

Mramba said the gas distribution stations will be built at UDSM Magfuli Hostel area, Mlalakuwa, Ubungo Maziwa and Msasani Beach.

He also said small gas distribution stations will be built at Ferry for vehicles in the area, Muhimbili, Kibaha and Ubungo, saying they have agreed with the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG) that imported vehicles for phase two and three should incorporate the use of gas.

He also said 18 firms have shown interest

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to build gas selling centres for vehicles, while others are those already with fuel stations who want to incorporate them to sell vehicle's gas.

"Gas for vehicles cannot be confined in Dar es Salaam only, we expect to transport via gas tankers to gas stations for the people to use and we hope to work on the issue as fast as possible," Mramba added.

"While this is going on, policy procedures are going on, EWURA has started conceiving recommended process for the gas, as well as following up those changing vehicles engines to use gas are doing so to safety standards, we believe many vehicles will change to gas," he said.

The PS said gas has a safety system as the

gas tanks is placed in the car's boot.

In regard to the benefit from gas over liquid fuel, he said it is cheap by 40 per cent according to those who have installed the system in their vehicles.

He said for now they are in talks with Ugandan authorities for export of the energy to the country, but it should pass through Tanzania towns along the way for people with vehicles to use.

He said for now, stress is made in the domestic use of gas, but with vehicles, it will open up many economic opportunities.

"So far there is only one centre for changing vehicles to use gas instead of liquid fuel at Ubungo, but we are constructing others at UDSM and Mlalakuwa.



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NORTH MARA

REQUEST FOR TENDER

Supply of Prefabricated Steel Structures and Gratings for New Paste Plant Construction at North Mara Mine Site

North Mara Gold Mine, 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 Tenders from reputable, experienced, certified, and qualified parties to provide the following:

No.	Reference no.	Description of work	Pre-Qualification Criteria
1	NM40/2022	<p>Supply of Prefabricated Steel Structures & Gratings at North Mara Mine Site</p> <p>Package (i) Prefabricated steel structure for:</p> <p>a) Filtration Plant approximately 237 Tons.</p> <p>b) Filter cake Storage Shed approximately 92 Tons.</p> <p>c) Paste Plant approximately 113 Tons.</p> <p>Package (ii) Gratings</p> <p>a) Galvanised "Rectagrid" Type RS40 40 x 4.5mm approximately 325 m2.</p> <p>b) Grating Stair - 245mm wide x 750mm long approximately 250 Tons.</p>	<p>i. Applicants to submit company profile</p> <p>ii. To submit work orders evidence that the applicant has been actively engaged in the supply of prefabricated mild steel structures for the last 3 years</p> <p>iii. The applicant shall also provide evidence that it has achieved the minimum monthly fabrication target of 50 Tons</p> <p>iv. To be able to supply prefabricated steelwork Grade S355JR (columns, beams, bracings all members required for sundry structures), welding shall conform to ANSI/AWS D1.1/D1.1M to be read in conjunction with SANS 2001-CS1, corrosion protection in accordance with ISO 12944 with term durability of 15 years</p> <p>v. To submit a list and specifications of Equipment available in workshop facilities</p> <p>vi. To submit organizational structure, list of experienced personnel</p> <p>vii. To submit the company's policy for Health, Safety and Environments.</p> <p>viii. To provide proof of statements as necessary regarding financial stability and documents complying with Tanzanian laws and Regulation</p>

Expression of interest

If your company meets the pre-qualification criteria and would like to be considered to receive the invitation to tender (ITT), an expression of interest (EOI) including your company profile and evidence of compliance with pre-qualification criteria may be submitted to nm.proposal@barrick.com

Applicants must quote the tender description(s) and the respective reference no.(s) in the subject line of the email.

NB: The Company reserves the right to invite any other supplier(s) who did not submit an EOI through this advertisement.

Pre-qualification of any company submitting an "Expression of Interest" shall be at the sole discretion of NMGM

Key Dates

- Last date to submit EOI

6th June, 2022

North Mara Gold Mine Limited



PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACTOR (PSC) VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

REF NO: PC 22-03

POSITION: Driver

SALARY: Compensation is negotiable within a pre-determined range, based on salary history and experience. Non-cash benefits include medical, retirement and others where applicable.

OPENING DATE: June 1, 2022

CLOSING DATE: June 15, 2022 (17:00pm Tanzania Time)

WORK HOURS: Full-Time / 48 hours/week

This is a Personal Service Contract (PSC) position, to be based at Peace Corps' office in Oyster Bay, Dar es Salaam. It is a full-time, 48 hours per week position. The schedule may vary, based on operational requirements and may include evening, holiday and weekend work. The anticipated contract will be for a base period, with up to four option periods, exercisable at the unilateral option of the Peace Corps based on satisfactory performance, continued need for the position, and availability of funds. The Driver is under the supervision of the Director of Management and Operations (DMO) but works under the day to day direction of the Motor Pool Coordinator (MPC).

The Driver is responsible for delivering property and authorized Peace Corps Staff and Volunteers to their desired locations, maintaining the Peace Corps vehicles, assisting with the maintenance of the vehicle files in accordance with the PC Manual, functions as a 24-hour "On Call" Duty Driver when required, and makes small expendable supply purchases. This is a full-time position with normal working hours of Monday through Thursday from 0730 to 1700, with thirty minutes for lunch. Friday working hours are 0730 to 1130. This is a long-term, personal services contract position. Though the Driver normally does not work weekends, the Driver compensation/salary scale is for a 48-hour workweek to compensate for travel time and duty driver functions outside of normal office hours.

Qualifications and Evaluations:

Applicants must address each qualification listed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item. Failure to do so may result in a determination that the applicant is not qualified.

1. Education Requirements:

- Form Four Certificate is required. Additional driving certificate with 4X4 vehicles is an advantage.

2. Language:

- Good Working Knowledge (reading, speaking, and writing) in English is required and Good Working Knowledge (reading, speaking, and writing) in Kiswahili is required.

3. Work Experience:

- Five years of professional driving work experience required, preferably within international, diplomatic, government, expatriate or tourism companies. This experience must include driving outside of Dar es Salaam.

4. Skills and Abilities:

- Good driving skills; licensed driver with clean driving record; valid Class C Tanzania driver's license with a minimum of five (5) years

- of experience driving 4X4 manual transmission vehicles. Must have experience in driving major national roads and arteries.
- Must have simple mechanical skills.
- Basic computer skills are required.

Applicability:

Contract offer is contingent on availability of funds, reference checks, background check, medical examination, submission of proof of required vaccinations or other medical information.

Procedures for Employment Applicants:

Peace Corps Manual Section 611 is applicable to this position. This section prohibits the employment of certain persons previously engaged in intelligence activities or connected with intelligence agencies. If you have ever worked for an intelligence agency, you are NOT eligible for employment at the Peace Corps in any capacity, and you should not apply for employment.

NOTE: Peace Corps reserves the right to withhold an offer of a personal services contract to an individual that is a relative or household member of a current Peace Corps staff member.

Peace Corps reserves the right to not evaluate or to withhold an offer of a personal services contract to an individual that has a history of poor past performance or conduct as a Peace Corps staff member (USDH, PSC, or FSN).

The individual selected will be required to follow any workplace health and/or safety rules indicated for their position - including complying with any medical and/or training requirements specified for their position in accordance with public health and/or occupational health or safety policies.

Peace Corps will not discriminate against an applicant because of that person's race, color, religion, sex (including gender identity, sexual orientation, and pregnancy), national origin, age (40 or older, except when the applicant is beyond the mandatory retirement age in the country of assignment), disability, or genetic information.

Please note that one or more positions may be filled from this announcement.

For Further Information:

The complete position description listing all of the duties, responsibilities, required qualifications, etc. may be obtained by sending an email to TZ-DMO@peacecorps.gov.

How to Apply:

Please submit a cover letter and curriculum vita (CV) to the following email address: E-mail Address to send Applications: tz-applicants@peacecorps.gov
When emailing please ensure the subject line reads: PC 22-03_ your _Name

NOTE: Due to the high volume of applications received, we will only contact applicants who are being considered. Thank you for your understanding.

ZAECA holds two govt accountants over 1.3bn/- embezzlement reports

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE Zanzibar Economic Crimes Authority (ZAECA) has said it is holding two accountants from Ministry of Works, Communications and Transport for 1.3bn/- embezzlement. Addressing reporters here yesterday, ZAECA Director General, Ahmed Makarani named the suspects as Muhammed Mussa Usi (53) and Issa Barak Abdallah (42). Makarani said the officials are alleged to make money by initiating fictitious projects including road construction

and repair. "There are three counts we are working on including bribery, economic sabotage and embezzlement of public funds," said the ZAECA boss. He said the two established a fake company and fabricated projects and were able to earn that amount of money contrary to the laws. "This year, at different times, the two unlawfully received 1.3bn/- through fictitious projects allegedly done by the fake company," he said. He added that ZAECA has decided to seize property belonging to the

suspects including eight vehicles, five farms, three houses and USD 50,000 cash. He said investigations showed that the suspects also committed money laundering offence, in violation of the laws and investigations were still continuing speedily before the investigation file is submitted to the Zanzibar's Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP). Makarani further explained that ZAECA has identified the projects that had been paid money were non-existent.



Postmaster General Macrice Mbodo (L) exchanges signed documents on commercial agreements between Tanzania and Oman with his Omani counterpart, Nasser Sharji, in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Witnessing the event are Information, Communications and Information Technology minister Nape Nnauye (C), in blue tie and the ministry's permanent secretary, Dr Jim Yonazi. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

Villages bordering Lake Tanganyika to be supplied with water come 2025, MPs told

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

AT LEAST 85 villages in districts bordering Lake Tanganyika are set to benefit from a major water project from the deepest lake in the continent by 2025, the Parliament heard yesterday.

Deputy Minister for Water, Maryprisca Mahundi told the House that the government will in the 2022/2023 financial year employ consultant to conduct a study on using Lake Tanganyika as a source of water for people living in the districts near Tanganyika, Melele and Mpanda as well

as the neighbouring areas to reach the 95 and 85 percent in urban and rural water connectivity target by 2025. She was responding to a question asked by the Special Seats MP, Taska Mbogo (CCM), who had wanted to know what the government was doing to ensure residents of Katavi region have access to clean and safe water. "Residents of Katavi region have water problem for decades now, when shall the government provide them with this precious resource?" she asked. In response, the deputy minister

said that accessibility of water in the region has reached at least 71 percent in rural areas and 60 percent in urban areas. She added that in 2021/2022, the government will continue implementing 42 water projects in all district in Katavi region, aim being to ensure residents get clean and safe water. She named one of the projects as at Karema, tapping water from Lake Tanganyika. The project is expected to end in September, 2022, noting that Mpanda town is also expected to benefit from implementation of 28 water projects.

Agriculture ministry commits to help avocado producers further

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE Agriculture ministry has reiterated the committed to empowering avocado producers in Iringa Region and the country at large so that they engage themselves in improved agriculture.

Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Anthony Mavunde expressed the commitment while responding to a question by Special Seats MP, Ritta Kabati (CCM), who had wanted to know the plans by the government in empowering avocado farmers in Iringa Region.

"In efforts to empower improved avocado farmers in Iringa Region, the government in collaboration with the private sector will continue looking for important stakeholders in order to increase volumes of avocado production from 190,000 tonnes in 2018 to about 215,000 tonnes in 2022/2023 financial year," he added.

According to the deputy minister, in order to meet the government's target, the ministry of Agriculture will empower the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) via TARI centres of Uyoale and Tengeru to have

the capacity to produce 20,000,000 seedlings which will be used to cultivate 114,285.72 hectares of land. He said the seedlings will be distributed to farmers at a subsidized price which is not more than 2,000/- per seedling, adding that the Tanzania Official Seed Certification Institute (TOSCI) would oversee and supervise registration of avocado producers and provide certificates of registration for quality assurance of their products.

The deputy minister further said

“The institute will also put up common use facilities centres as well as cold rooms at all production areas including Iringa Region

TOSCI would equally provide capacity building training to farmers as well as awareness campaigns on the use of quality seedling produced through tissue culture. "The institute will also put up common use facilities centres as well as cold rooms at all production areas including Iringa Region," he said. Recently, the Minister of Agriculture, Hussein Bashe said the Tanzanian government intends to triple domestic avocado production.

He pledged to continue investing heavily in research and improved seedlings to facilitate avocado farming. The goal according to him is to increase production of the crop annually, in the next three years.

Bashe stated that the government through TARI will increase efforts to ensure that it comes up with impactful research so as to support farmers who venture into the crop.

"The government in collaboration with the private sector will, from next year, start producing improved avocado seedlings and supply them to farmers in various regions while capacitating them with prerequisite knowledge and skills on how to grow them for better yields," he insisted.

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TANZANIA ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED



Specific Procurement Notice

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Procurement of EPC Contractor for Extension of 400/220kV Nyakanazi Substation and Construction of New 400/132/33kV Kigoma (Kidahwe) Substation

CB No. : PA/001/2021-2022/HQ/W/04
Project : Construction of Substations for Kigoma-Nyakanazi Transmission Line Project
Employer : Tanzania Electric Supply Company Limited (TANESCO)

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Employer : Tanzania Electric Supply Company Limited (TANESCO)
Project : Construction of Substations for Kigoma-Nyakanazi Transmission Line Project
Contract Title : Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of New 400/132/33kV Kigoma (Kidahwe) substation and Extension of 400/220kV Nyakanazi substation.
Country : Tanzania
Loan Agreement No. and Title: TZA -13 - Construction of Substations for Kigoma-Nyakanazi Transmission Line Project
IFB No. : PA/001/2021-2022/HQ/W/04
Issued on : 1st June, 2022

- The Government of Tanzania (hereinafter referred to as the "Borrower") has received a loan through the Export-Import Bank of Korea (hereinafter referred to as the "Bank") from the resources of the Economic Development Cooperation Fund (hereinafter referred to as the "EDCF") of the Republic of Korea in an amount of Korean loan equivalent to USD 45 million towards the cost of Construction of Substations for Kigoma-Nyakanazi Transmission Line Project (herein after referred to as the "Project"), and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract for which this invitation to bid is issued.
- The Project Executing Agency now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for Tender No. PA/001/2021-2022/HQ/W/04 on Procurement of Design, Supply Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Extension of 220/400kV Nyakanazi Substation and Construction of New 400/132/33kV Kigoma (Kidahwe) Substation.
- Bidding will be conducted through Competitive Bidding (CB) procedures specified in the Guideline for Procurement under EDCF Loan, and is open to all eligible bidders that meet the following minimum qualification criteria. The bidder shall be limited to those firms who are entitled eligible by the Article 4.2 through 4.5 of the Instruction to Bidders in Section I of the SBD subject to the restrictions specified in Section V (Eligible Countries) which states that "a Bidder, and all parties constituting the Bidder, shall have the nationality of republic of Korea or juridical person incorporated and registered therein", and the Section 8 of the SBD provides the qualification criteria of the Bidders.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Tanzania Electric Supply Company Limited (TANESCO) and inspect the bidding documents at the address below from 09:00 to 17:00 o'clock.
- A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by any interested Bidders on the submission of a written application and proof of payment of the application fee to the address given below under paragraph 10 and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of USD 200 (Two hundred US dollars). The method of payment will be direct deposit to the following account.

	Currency	Bank	Account	SWIFT Code
1	EURO	CRDB Bank	19J1043011100	CORUTZ
2	USD	CRDB Bank	02J1043011100	CORUTZ
3	USD	CITI Bank	0100235021	CITITZT

- Eligible interested Bidders present in Tanzania may buy Bidding Documents at TANESCO premises and pay locally through National Microfinance Bank (NMB) upon receipt of reference number from TANESCO.
 - The document will be provided to registered representative of the Bidders by hard copies and PDF files from the day of Bid issued.
 - This Invitation shall take effect until 1st August, 2022, after publication in the official website or in a newspaper of general nationwide, in more than one English language newspaper and provide its copy to the Bank.
 - Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before on 1st August, 2022. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of USD 1,500,000 (One million five hundred thousand US dollars) fixed amount. Late bids shall be rejected.
- Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidder's representatives at the address below on 1st August, 2022 at 10:00 AM local time.
- The Tanzania Electric Supply Company Limited (TANESCO) will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by Bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of Bids.

**The Secretary, Tender Board,
Tanzania Electric Supply Company Limited,
Street Address: Morogoro Road, Ubungo Area,
Building/Plot No: Umeme Park Building,
3rd Floor/Room No. A 305,
P.O. Box 9024
City/Town: Dar Es Salaam.
Country: Tanzania
Telephone: +255 222 210264; 210267,
Emails: sec.tenderboard@tanESCO.co.tz
CC: pmuprojects@tanESCO.co.tz
Web site: www.tanESCO.co.tz**

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Natural Resources, Tourism ministry: Status of reserved areas under review

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

THE Mto-wa-Mbu status as a Game Controlled Area hangs on limbo as human activities take over from the former pristine wildlife-filled precinct.

The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, Dr Francis Michael, has said the government was indeed reviewing status of some reserved areas, including Mto-wa-Mbu GCA to see if they will continue to be graded as such or be relieved from prominence.

But there are tourist properties in the area that continue to pay hefty sums of money in form of Wildlife Management Area (WMA) charges, despite the lack of the said wildlife.

The additional USD 30 imposed on guests and visitors at their lodges and campsite adds charges to tourists who reportedly complain of not getting their value of money as the area is no longer the reserved precinct it was when the Game Controlled Status was given in 1974.

Investors lament the encroaching human settlements, mass cattle grazing, extended farms, noisy motorcycles and commercial vehicles that have turned the former reserve into an overcrowded and unplanned residential precinct.

Frank Benard Mbuya, the Operations Manager for the Manyara Wildlife Safari Camp, says demanding USD 30 per guest, as additional charges of venturing into Mto-wa-Mbu GCA, is proving to be too much for foreign tourists who have already paid their way to Tanzania.

Early this year, the Tanzania National Parks and the Tanzania Wildlife Authority truck-lifted all wildlife from Mto-wa-Mbu Game Controlled Area after it became apparent that the mostly zebra and wildebeests species were in conflict with people that have moved into the location.

"Without wildlife, tourists no longer

find this place attractive. And without wildlife there is no need to impose such charges. In fact, a number of camps and lodges have closed down as there is no business," added Mbuya.

He pointed out that, unless something is done, more properties will go out of business, affecting people who are employed in the lodges or local farmers and traders who supply provisions.

"Travel agents who rake the areas looking for suitable alternative places to take tourists find the Mto-wa-Mbu GCA as an overcrowded, badly polluted location unsuitable for leisure excursions," puts in Charles Pelly, the operations manager at Manyara's Secret.

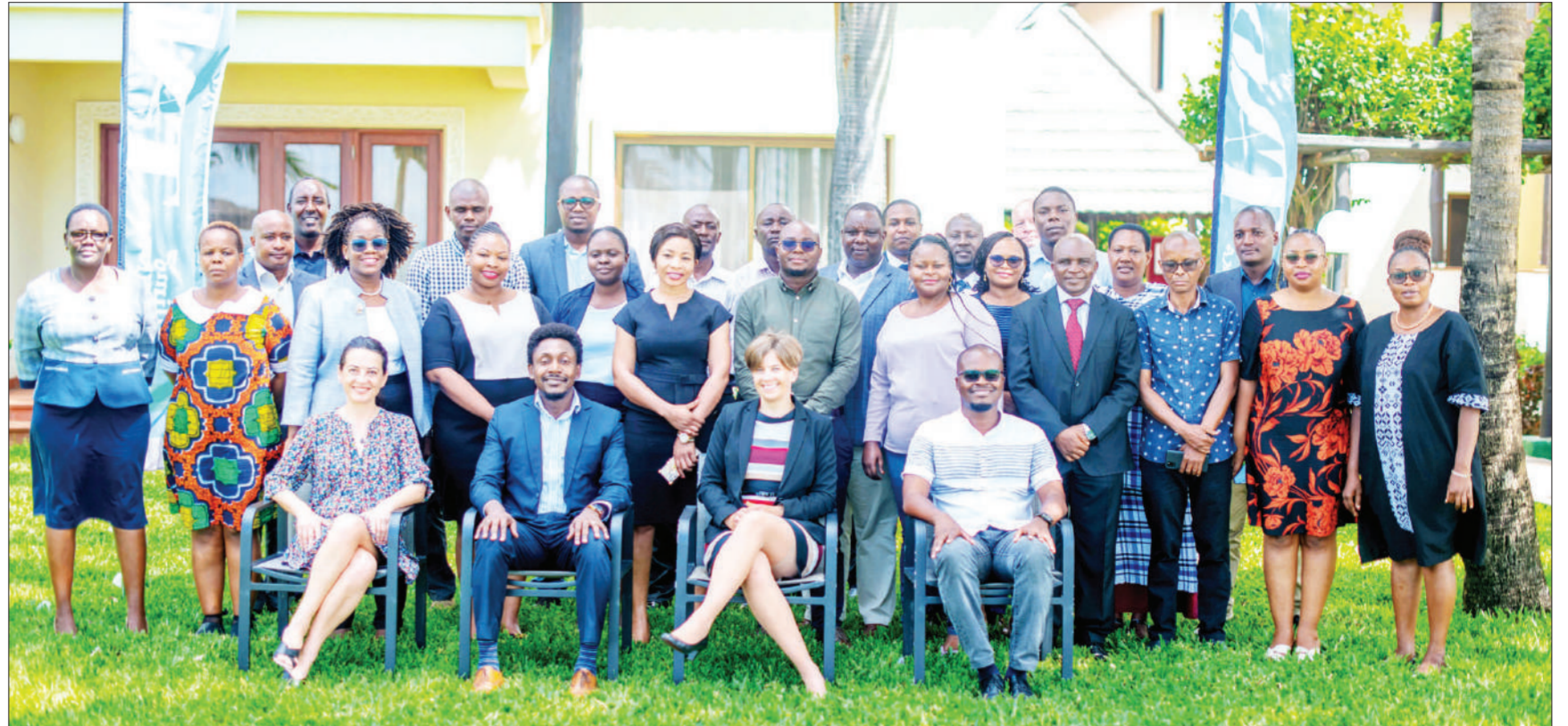
His views are reflected by George Daniel, of the Mto wa Mbu Cultural Tourism entity who admits that business has fallen. "Tourists prefer to proceed onto the other side of Lake Manyara in Karatu, where the area is still pristine and there are no extra charges.

Mto-wa-Mbu GCA used to be popular for walking safaris, biking and horse riding as well as canoeing around Lake Manyara, during the good old days of pristine areas filled with wildlife, but alas! This is no longer the case.

Maarten Breukink is the Director of Manyara's Secret who said there is need to review the Mto-wa-Mbu Game Controlled Area status as the precinct no longer qualifies for such prestige.

According to Breukink, the Mto-wa-Mbu Game Controlled Area is now hosting human settlements, farms, cattle grazing patches, mining activities, local businesses, flea markets and noisy movements of motorcycles, cars and heavy trucks.

Abraham Thomas tour guide at Mto-wa-Mbu, said top up fees from Tanzania Wildlife Authority make costs higher than the entry fees into the adjacent Lake Manyara National Park.



Facilitators of a recent Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) gender and youth economic empowerment workshop in a group photo with participants in Dar es Salaam. They are (seated, from-L) Mihaela Marcu, programme manager for financial institutions at the EU's Tanzania Office; TADB's Planning, Policy and Research director, Mzee Kilele; ICR Development Systems advisor Sarah Weiss; and TADB resource awareness manager Emmanuel Lyimo. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Firm donates water borehole, 300 desks to Kingolwira primary school

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

ALLIANCE One Tobacco Tanzania Limited (AOTTL) has donated water borehole and 300 desks worthy 79m/- to Kingolwira Primary School in Morogoro Municipality.

Speaking during the handover ceremony, school head teacher John Fulana said that the support will help to improve teaching and learning environment as the donated tools will make pupils study in a secured environment.

"Lack of desks made our pupils sit on the floor during studies, but the support will stimulate our pupils to study harder," the school teacher said, noting that the donated desks are

meant for pupils from Standard One to Three.

AOTTL finance director Festo Mwalongo said: "This is part of the Alliance One's Corporate Social Responsibilities (SCR) together with its Environment Social and Governance (ESG) strategy. This is because the tobacco company is based at Kingolwira, Morogoro."

The company is making this donation and many others in support of the sixth government initiatives for creating conducive studying environment in the public school.

According to him, Alliance One is an agricultural company that delivers value-added products and services

to businesses and customers, and is a trusted provider of responsibly sourced, independently verified, sustainable and traceable products and ingredients.

"The borehole is 162 meters deep, fully installed with the electrical water pump and 30,000 liters of reserve water tanks to the school to help more than 2,000 pupils with the sustainable and clean water supply."

He said that the two projects will increase pupils' morale as they will; study in a better and calm environment.

He noted that before the projects in 2015 they built two classrooms worth 57m/- and their aim is to continue helping the school.

On security he said: "We request the school board and the Kingolwira community at large to make sure that they take good care of the donated projects as we have experienced vandalism and stealing during the implementation of the projects."

He also urged the school board (Management) to take good care of the donated projects to make them sustainable for the interest of the school community. We have to create a sense of ownership.

"The company intends to do more projects for the school as part of our ESG strategy. We plan to do the renovations of the classrooms we had donated previously, repair or construct new toilets for both pupils and teachers, build a counselling room for the girls."

Morogoro District Commissioner Albert Msando urged parents, teachers and pupils to maintain sustainably the donated items.

'Tax incentives deprive govt of revenue it so badly needs'

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

THE government should not use tax incentives as the sole bait to attract foreign direct investment (FDI) because it has ended up depriving the government of much-needed revenues for strategic investments in public services and the economy.

Tax justice experts have advised that there are several other reasons investors want to prioritize, such as strong institutions, availability of energy, infrastructures, quality education systems, and other things, even before they consider tax incentives.

They were recently speaking at a policy conference organised by Friedrich Ebert Stiftung in collaboration with the Public Services International (PSI) affiliates on revenue mobilisation in the Tanzania mining sector to finance quality public services and the care economy held in Dodoma.

"If you want to consider high industrial metal prices and waive tax as key to attracting investment, I think you are missing the point," said Daniel Orbeko from Public Services International.

Responding to one of the recent article published in media which said that the government, through the Ministry of Minerals, wants to take advantage of the high demand for industrial metal and higher prices to grant new tax incentives to attract investors.

Orbeko who is a Public Services International (PSI) tax justice coordinator said experts have advised that over the years, investors have never prioritized tax incentives but rather strong institutions, availability of energy and quality education among other reasons.

He said when the prices are high, the companies would want to increase production to take advantage of the high prices, and these mining

companies are particularly after rewarding their investors and shareholders. The other thing is that these high prices are temporary. Therefore, they may not necessarily go into a new investment because they are granted new tax incentives.

"It takes time for the mining investment to start working. If you are considering high prices and providing tax incentives, I am sure by the time the establishment is done; the price would have gone down, which means there will be no need for further investment," he said.

The meeting also discussed the importance of effective resource mobilization to support the funding of quality social services such as education and health care.

Commenting on tax justice and the delivery of quality social services, the Director of Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) said that tax justice should be understood as a way to finance an economic system that realizes gender equality and women's rights.

She said this will enable Tanzanian economy to become more productive, equitable and sustainable.

Lost funds through tax incentives could be channeled towards improving care work and creating decent jobs in the sector such as financing early childcare and care for the elderly and people with disability. She added that, the income from taxation would be used to cushion the impact of spending cuts in health and social welfare policies as soon as debt servicing costs are rising and austerity measures are around the corner due to the coming global stagflation.

"It takes time for the mining investment to start working. If you are considering high prices and providing tax incentives, I am sure by the time the establishment is done; the price would have gone down, which means there will be no need for further investment."



Dar es Salaam Rapid Transit agency (DART) CEO Dr Edwin Mhede (2nd-L) leads members of the Parliamentary Administration and Local Government Committee, including former minister Prof Palamagamba Kabudi (2nd-R) on an inspection tour of the ongoing construction of the main rapid bus station at Mbagala Rangitatu in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

Three people win motorcycles in energy firm's campaign

By Guardian Reporter

NINE residents from various parts in the country have emerged lucky winners in the two-month consumer promotion run by Vivo Energy with three of them going out with a new motorcycle each.

Worth 18.5m/- in total, the prizes included fridges, flat screen TVs and motorcycles.

Speaking during the grand event to hand over the motorcycles to the winners in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Vivo Energy's executive vice president-sales and marketing, Omar Benson commended the winners wanting customers to continue trusting the firm by using its services.

Dubbed: 'Jaza Ushinde', the promotion require consumers to fill fuel in any Engen station to become

one of the lucky winners.

"The promotion gave consumers an opportunity to win whenever they fuelled a minimum of 10,000/- for motorcycles and tricycles, 50,000/- worth fuel for medium cars and 100,000/- for buses and trucks," he said.

He named the motorcycle winners as Abdallah Mohamed Mustafa from Tandahimba in Mtwara Region, Raphael Gomba from Mwanza and Said Mbaga from Dodoma.

Those who went out with flat screen TVs are Sharifu Jaha who fuelled in Engen-Lindi Region, Athuman Thabiti (Msamvu-Morogoro) and Shija Jumanne (Engen Goba, Dar es Salaam).

"Those who carried home new fridges are Shaban Bakili who fuelled his vehicle at Engen-Lindi, Frank

Mangarama (Engen Nyakato, Mwanza) and Ally Hamad (Mwembeyanga-Dar es Salaam).

Omar said Vivo Energy will continue offering customers high-quality services including fuel as well as a full range of non-fuel solutions such as quick service restaurants, car washing and many others.

He commended all who participated in the promotion saying that more will come as the company continues to expand its network of stations across the country.

Khady Sene, Vivo Energy Tanzania managing director, thanked customers for their continued support to the business assuring them of constant quality services.

"We are expanding our network in a bid to serve our people. Just this year, we have added three more sites,

making a total of 39 Engen stations across Tanzania," she said.

Kinondoni MP Abbas Tarimba hailed the company for coming up with innovative and quality services to attract consumers.

"These prizes that you provided today show how you are committed to supporting the government's initiatives to help its people and fight poverty, we will continue working with you closely to support your operations," he said.

Mustafa (30), one of the motorcycle winners commended Vivo Energy saying that this was a surprise to him.

"I have always wanted to have an extra source of income and it has now become a reality, I thank Engen for coming up with this campaign, the motorcycle will help me increase my income," he explained.



REQUEST FOR QUOTATION FOR Service Trucks

North Mara Gold Mine, 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 Tenders from reputable, experienced, certified and qualified parties to provide the following:

Supply of a Service Trucks(i) an Articulated Bell 40 Ton Dump Truck, (ii) Lube Truck – 40t ADT based: Field Service Truck Module (iii) Lube Truck – 40t ADT Based: Rig Diesel-Lube Truck Tender ref: NM39/2022

Technical Requirements

(i) Articulated Bell 40 Ton Dump Trucks

- 40 Ton Articulated Bell Dump Truck x 2
- 6 Wheel Drive, All Terrain
- 3 x Axels
- Rebuilt Units
- Weight 29.9 t
- Standard tires 29.5 R 25
- Dump capacity 24 m³
- Travel speed 54 km/h
- Net load 37 t
- Transport length 10.5 m
- Transport width 3.357 m
- Transport height 3.855 m
- Turning radius outside 9.203 m
- Loading height 3.06 m
- Engine Manufacturer Mercedes-Benz
- Engine type OM501 LA
- Hydraulic system to OEM specifications

(ii) Lube Truck – 40t ADT Based: Rig Diesel-Lube Truck

- 2000L Coolant
- 2000L Waste Coolant
- 2000L Engine Oil
- 2000L Hydraulic Oil
- 880Kg of Grease
- 2000L Compressor Oil
- 2000L Gear Oil
- 5000L Diesel Fuel
- 9000L Water Tank
- Bunded Tank
- Tool Compartment

Front Configuration

1. Coolant: 2 000 L

- **Dispensing**
 - o Dispensing Nozzle: Piusi Pistol-ONE Dispensing Nozzle
 - o Nozzle Coupler: Dispensing valve stock included nozzle
 - o Hose Storage: Spring Retracting Hose Reel
 - o Transfer Type: Pneumatic 25 Lpm
 - o Filtration: Donaldson 200-micron SS wire mesh filter
 - o Metering: Flow Meter
- **Receiving**
 - o Receiver: Wiggins Dry Break Receiver
- **Product Tank**
 - o Parker pancake breather – 3 microns.
 - o Sand blasted SA2.5
 - o Internal treatment – Chemically stabilised.
 - o External etch primed and OEM topcoat.

2. Waste Coolant: 2 000 L

- **Suction/Discharge**
 - o Transfer Type: Pneumatic 25 Lpm
 - o Discharge Hose Storage: Spring Retracting Hose Reel
- **Product Tank**
 - o Camlock Receiver
 - o Parker pancake breather – 3 microns.
 - o Sand blasted SA2.5
 - o Internal treatment – Chemically stabilised.
 - o External etch primed and OEM topcoat.

Deck Configuration

1. Engine Oil: 2 000 L (1 000 L x 2)

- **Dispensing**
 - o Dispensing Nozzle: Piusi Pistol-ONE standard anti-drip
 - o Hose Storage: Spring Retracting Hose Reel
 - o Transfer Type: Pneumatic 25 Lpm
 - o Filtration: Donaldson 25micron
 - o Metering: Flow meter
- **Receiving**
 - o Receiver: Wiggins Dry Break Receiver
- **Product Tank**
 - o Parker pancake breather – 3 microns.
 - o Sand blasted SA2.5
 - o Internal treatment – Chemically stabilised.
 - o External etch primed and OEM topcoat.

2. Hydraulic Oil: 2 000 L (1 000 L x 2)

- **Dispensing**

- o Dispensing Nozzle: Piusi Pistol-ONE standard anti-drip
- o Hose Storage: Spring Retracting Hose Reel
- o Transfer Type: Pneumatic 25 Lpm
- o Filtration: Donaldson 25micron
- o Metering: Flow meter
- **Receiving**
 - o Receiver: Wiggins Dry Break Receiver
- **Product Tank**
 - o Parker pancake breather – 3 microns.
 - o Sand blasted SA2.5
 - o Internal treatment – Chemically stabilised.
 - o External etch primed and OEM topcoat.

3. Grease: 880 kg

- **Dispensing**
 - o Dispensing Nozzle: Fast Fill Grease Matrix Nozzle
 - o Hose Storage: Spring Retracting Hose Reel
 - o Receiving
 - o Receiver: Fast Fill Grease Matrix Nozzle
- **Product Tank**
 - o Parker pancake breather – 3 microns.
 - o Sand blasted SA2.5
 - o Internal treatment – Chemically stabilised.
 - o External etch primed and OEM topcoat

4. Compressor Oil:

Allow for 2x 210L deck mounted drum clamps OR Optional Extra: Self-filling pump & dual filtration system with standards ETT truck tank instead of drums.

- **Dispensing**
 - o Dispensing Nozzle: Piusi Pistol-ONE standard anti-drip
 - o Hose Storage: Spring Retracting Hose Reel
 - o Transfer Type: Pneumatic 25 Lpm
 - o Filtration: Donaldson 25micron
 - o Metering: Flow meter
 - o Receiver: Wiggins Dry Break Receiver
- **Product Tank**
 - o Parker pancake breather – 3 microns.
 - o Sand blasted SA2.5
 - o Internal treatment – Chemically stabilised.
 - o External etch primed and OEM topcoat.

- **Dispensing**
 - o Dispensing Nozzle: Piusi Pistol-ONE standard anti-drip
 - o Hose Storage: Spring Retracting Hose Reel
 - o Transfer Type: Pneumatic 25 Lpm
 - o Filtration: Donaldson 25micron
 - o Metering: Flow meter
- **Receiving**
 - o Receiver: Wiggins Dry Break Receiver
- **Product Tank**
 - o Parker pancake breather – 3 microns.
 - o Sand blasted SA2.5
 - o Internal treatment – Chemically stabilised.
 - o External etch primed and OEM topcoat.

Base Configuration

1. Diesel: 5 000 L

- **Pumping System**
 - o Pumping System: 250 Lpm (One Hose with Curbside Nozzle)
 - o 10m spring retractable hose and reel.
- **Dispensing**
 - o Filtration: Donaldson
 - o Metering: Flow Meter

2. Water: 9 000 L

- **Dispensing**
 - o Transfer Type: High Pressure Washer – 250 Bar
 - o Transfer Type: High Volume transfer – 250 Lpm Hose
 - o Storage: Electrically Retracting Hose Reel
- **Product Tank**
 - o Sand blasted SA2.5
 - o Internal treatment – etch primed and

- o epoxy tank lining paint.
- o External etch primed and OEM topcoat.

Rear Compartment Configuration

1. Power

• Diesel Auxiliary Power Unit Must be included

- o Lube unit power source is completely independent from truck. Truck can be locked out whilst
- o using lube functions.
- o APU is matched with power requirements of lube unit for increased efficiency.
- o Service Unit will be powered by a Diesel Engine rated 38 kw@1800rpm.
- o Power unit will be mounted within a sound insulated cabin on the rear of the deck.
- o The control panel including emergency stop functions for the power unit will be mounted in
- o the service hatch at ground level.

2. Compressor

- o Dynaset HK 1000 Piston Compressor (INCLUDED)
- o Hydraulically driven Piston type air compressor.
- o Up to 12 bar / 174 Psi air pressure.
- o 1 000 Lpm (36 CFM) flow rate at 6 Bar (ISO 1217)
- o 270 L / 70 gal air receiver.
- o FRL for wet air consumers.
- o Automatic speed valve.
- o Pneumatic controlled unloader valve for continuous duty applications.

Rear Sump Compartment Configuration

1. Bund Tank

- o Collects any spillage on the deck or in the nozzle compartment.
- o Can be drained through a cam lock receiver.

2. Tool Compartment

- o Lockable tool compartment.
- o Large storage volume for equipment.

(iii) Lube Truck – 40t ADT based: Field Service Truck Module

- 3000L Water Tank
- 1000L x 2 Gear Oil Tanks
- 4000L Waste Oil Tank
- Drop Down, bunded tool and waste filter compartment
- 1000L Coolant Tank
- 800kg of Grease Storage
- 5000L of Engine Oil Storage
- 5000L of Hydraulic Oil Storage

Front Configuration

1. Coolant: 1 000 L

- **Dispensing**
 - o Dispensing Nozzle: Piusi Pistol-ONE Dispensing Nozzle
 - o Nozzle Coupler: Dispensing valve stock included nozzle
 - o Hose Storage: Spring Retracting Hose Reel
 - o Transfer Type: Pneumatic 25 Lpm
 - o Filtration: Donaldson 200 micron SS wire mesh filter
 - o Metering: Flow Meter
- **Receiving**
 - o Receiver: Wiggins Dry Break Receiver
 - o Product Tank
 - o Parker pancake breather – 3 microns.
 - o Sand blasted SA2.5
 - o Internal treatment – Chemically stabilised.
 - o External etch primed and OEM topcoat.

2. Water: 3 000 L

- **Dispensing**
 - o Transfer Type: High Pressure Washer – 250 Bar
 - o Hose Storage: Spring Retracting Hose

- Reel
- **Product Tank**
 - o Sand blasted SA2.5
 - o Internal treatment – etch primed and epoxy tank lining paint.
 - o External etch primed and OEM topcoat.

Deck Configuration

1. Grease: 880 kg

- **Dispensing**
 - o Bulk High Volume Dispensing Nozzle: 1-1/4" high pressure ball valve Grease
 - o High Pressure Dispensing Nozzle: 1/4" pro-shot with Z-swivel
 - o Hose Storage: Spring Retracting Hose Reel
- **Receiving**
 - o Receiver: 2" SS Camlock coupling
 - o Product Tank
 - o Parker pancake breather – 3 microns.
 - o Sand blasted SA2.5
 - o Internal treatment – Chemically stabilised.
 - o External etch primed and OEM topcoat.

2. Transmission Oil: 2 000 L (1 000 L x 2)

- **Dispensing**
 - o Dispensing Nozzle: Piusi Pistol-ONE standard anti-drip
 - o Hose Storage: Spring Retracting Hose Reel
 - o Transfer Type: Pneumatic 25 Lpm
 - o Filtration: Donaldson 25micron
 - o Metering: Flow meter
- **Receiving**
 - o Receiver: Wiggins Dry Break Receiver
 - o Product Tank
 - o Parker pancake breather – 3 microns.
 - o Sand blasted SA2.5
 - o Internal treatment – Chemically stabilised.
 - o External etch primed and OEM topcoat.
- **Dispensing**
 - o Dispensing Nozzle: Piusi Pistol-ONE standard anti-drip
 - o Hose Storage: Spring Retracting Hose Reel
 - o Transfer Type: Pneumatic 25 Lpm
 - o Filtration: Donaldson 25micron
 - o Metering: Flow meter
- **Receiving**
 - o Receiver: Wiggins Dry Break Receiver
 - o Product Tank
 - o Parker pancake breather – 3 microns.
 - o Sand blasted SA2.5
 - o Internal treatment – Chemically stabilised.
 - o External etch primed and OEM topcoat.

Base Configuration

1. Engine Oil: 5 000 L

- **Dispensing**
 - o Dispensing Nozzle: Piusi Pistol-ONE standard anti-drip
 - o Hose Storage: Spring Retracting Hose Reel
 - o Transfer Type: Pneumatic 25 Lpm
 - o Filtration: Donaldson 25micron
 - o Metering: Flow meter
- **Receiving**
 - o Receiver: Wiggins Dry Break Receiver
 - o Product Tank
 - o Parker pancake breather – 3 microns.
 - o Sand blasted SA2.5
 - o Internal treatment – Chemically stabilised.
 - o External etch primed and OEM topcoat.

2. Hydraulic Oil: 5 000 L

- **Dispensing**
 - o Dispensing Nozzle: Piusi Pistol-ONE standard anti-drip
 - o Hose Storage: Spring Retracting Hose Reel
 - o Transfer Type: Pneumatic 25 Lpm
 - o Filtration: Donaldson 25micron
 - o Metering: Flow meter
- **Receiving**
 - o Receiver: Wiggins Dry Break Receiver

- o Product Tank
- o Parker pancake breather – 3 microns.
- o Sand blasted SA2.5
- o Internal treatment – Chemically stabilised.
- o External etch primed and OEM topcoat.

3. Waste Oil: 4 000 L

- **Suction/Discharge**
 - o Transfer Type: Pneumatic 25 Lpm
 - o Discharge Hose Storage: Spring Retracting Hose Reel
 - o Product Tank
 - o Camlock Receiver
 - o Parker pancake breather – 3 microns.
 - o Sand blasted SA2.5
 - o Internal treatment – Chemically stabilised.
 - o External etch primed and OEM topcoat.

Rear Compartment Configuration

1. Power

2. Diesel Auxiliary Power Unit Must be Included

- o Lube unit power source is completely independent from truck.
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- o 1 000 Lpm (36 CFM) flow rate at 6 Bar (ISO 1217)
- o 270 L / 70-gal air receiver.
- o FRL for wet air consumers.
- o Automatic speed valve.
- o Pneumatic controlled unloader valve for continuous duty applications.

4. Reverser Camera. Brigade camera, harness and 7" in cab display

Rear Sump Compartment Configuration

1. Bund Tank

- o Collects any spillage on the deck or in the nozzle compartment.
- o Can be drained through a cam lock receiver.

2. Tool Compartment

- o Lockable tool compartment.
- o Large storage volume for equipment.

3. Used Filter Compartment

- o Used filter compartment drains into bund tank.
- o Large storage volume.

NB: Make sure you include pictures of all equipment

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Coal exports say lots more than improvements at Mtwara port

PORT authorities at Mtwara are basking in the sun as the use of the port is now gathering speed, first with the directive that cashew nut shipments outside the country be done from there rather than loaded into lorries to Dar es Salaam for export. The next big thing is the rally in supplying coal to various countries seeking to close their dependence on Russian sources, as this address pressure on the decision makers there to do something about ending the conflict with Ukraine. It was all being predicted of late that African countries with considerable mineral resources will do better as the world adjusts to the new crisis.

Africa however lacks major food exporters despite having vast arable land, and by comparison with population density, could have done much better than some hitherto not so well known agriculture powers, Russia and Ukraine in particular. News that between the two of them they accounted for 30 per cent of total wheat exports around the world was surprising, as public opinion was more tuned to the fact that the United States donates upwards of 25 per cent of all grain consignments and other needs to the World Food Program (WFP). In the sea the shark is feared, but there are plenty of other massive hunters.

That said, the world economy is no longer the same with Russia being sidelined from a range of product exchanges in the West, while things are normal on its eastern flank as it sells oil and gas at lower than OPEC prices.

It is hard to say that Western imposed sanctions are biting, except perhaps in sectors that are exposed to closing out the Western market or technological links, networking, etc. There may have been a spike in the rate of inflation in the first month of the war, but not much is reported on that lately.

The regional authorities were being informed by a Ruvuma coal mining firm that consignments totaling 300,000 tonnes of coal have been shipped to countries in Africa, Asia and Europe in the past seven months. The firm's branch manager was speaking ahead of loading the latest shipment of coal destined for the Netherlands, a flurry of Mtwara port use that started last November.

The demand for coal is rising, contrary to what the latest global conference on climate change envisaged, of cutting out coal use.

This situation also spells good tidings for the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project where reports earlier this year were talking of banking and insurance institutions withdrawing as activists fume and curse over investing in fossil fuels. Now there is the disruption in Eastern Europe which demands that all these things be reworked, and without signs of a diplomatic ending which fully restores Ukrainian sovereignty to the satisfaction of the NATO bloc, disengagement from Russia will persist. EACOP has more breathing space than was otherwise thought, and with an effort, we can sell plenty of coal, rapidly.

We should appreciate teachers by understanding what they do

A teacher, also called a schoolteacher or formally an educator, is a person who helps students to acquire knowledge, competence or virtue.

Informally the role of teacher may be taken on by anyone (e.g. when showing a colleague how to perform a specific task). In some countries, teaching young people of school age may be carried out in an informal setting, such as within the family (homeschooling), rather than in a formal setting such as a school or college. Some other professions may involve a significant amount of teaching (e.g. youth worker, pastor).

In most countries, formal teaching of students is usually carried out by paid professional teachers. This article focuses on those who are employed, as their main role, to teach others in a formal education context, such as at a school or other place of initial formal education or training.

Teachers may provide instruction in literacy and numeracy, craftsmanship or vocational training, the arts, religion, civics, community roles, or life skills.

Formal teaching tasks include preparing lessons according to agreed curricula, giving lessons, and assessing pupil progress.

A teacher's professional duties may extend beyond formal teaching. Outside of the classroom teachers may accompany students on field trips, supervise study halls, help with the organization of school functions, and serve as supervisors for extracurricular activities. In some education systems, teachers may be responsible for student discipline.

Teaching is a highly complex activity. This is partially because teaching is a social practice, that takes place in a specific context (time, place, culture, socio-political-economic situation etc.) and therefore is shaped by the values of that specific context. Factors that influence what is expected (or required) of teachers include history and tradition, social views about the purpose of education, accepted theories about learning, etc.

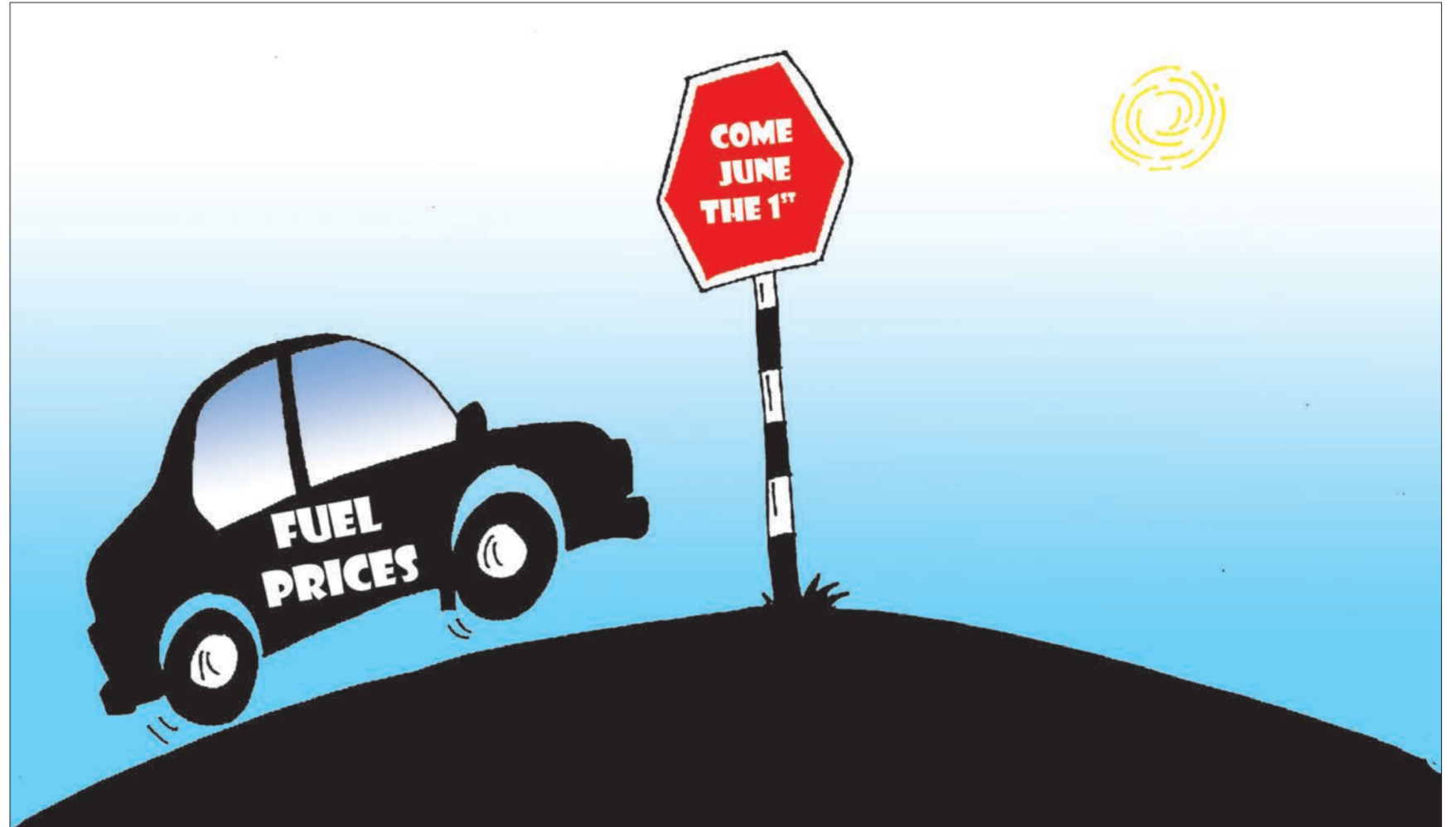
The competences required by a teacher are affected by the different

ways in which the role is understood around the world. Broadly, there seem to be four models: the teacher as manager of instruction; the teacher as caring person; the teacher as expert learner; and the teacher as cultural and civic person.

It has been found that teachers who showed enthusiasm towards the course materials and students can create a positive learning experience. These teachers do not teach by rote but attempt to invigorate their teaching of the course materials every day. Teachers who cover the same curriculum repeatedly may find it challenging to maintain their enthusiasm, lest their boredom with the content bore their students in turn. Enthusiastic teachers are rated higher by their students than teachers who didn't show much enthusiasm for the course materials.

Teachers that exhibit enthusiasm are more likely to have engaged, interested and energetic students who are curious about learning the subject matter. Recent research has found a correlation between teacher enthusiasm and students' intrinsic motivation to learn and vitality in the classroom.[12] Controlled, experimental studies exploring intrinsic motivation of college students has shown that nonverbal expressions of enthusiasm, such as demonstrative gesturing, dramatic movements which are varied, and emotional facial expressions, result in college students reporting higher levels of intrinsic motivation to learn. But even while a teacher's enthusiasm has been shown to improve motivation and increase task engagement, it does not necessarily improve learning outcomes or memory for the material.

There are various mechanisms by which teacher enthusiasm may facilitate higher levels of intrinsic motivation. Teacher enthusiasm may contribute to a classroom atmosphere of energy and enthusiasm which feeds student interest and excitement in learning the subject matter. Enthusiastic teachers may also lead to students becoming more self-determined in their own learning process.



By Special Correspondent

THE Health Services Amendment Bill now before Parliament deserves support from all legislators as it seeks to bar labour withdrawal in the health services, but offering compulsory arbitration in return when negotiations are deadlocked.

Vice President Constantino Chiwenga, in a speech as Minister of Health and Child Care, made clear when the Bill was introduced for its second reading that the primary intent of barring industrial action was because health services are so critical that people can actually die if labour is withdrawn.

In this regard a strike, or similar action that sees labour being withdrawn, in health services is quite different from a strike in a commercial enterprise or even for that matter a strike in an administrative Government unit.

In a factory or something similar, a strike is a serious nuisance and can put pressure on the business owners and managers, but no one is going to die.

The other point made by VP Chiwenga is that the Government is not trying to squeeze its medical staff or get away with underpaying them. The Government policy throughout the Second Republic has been to pay its staff the maximum that it can afford.

The salaries bill is still the largest in the national Budget, and likely to remain so. But the main policy has been to maintain its percentage of total revenue, so when tax revenue rises then salaries follow soon afterwards. In inflationary times, tax revenues do tend to rise at the rate of inflation.

Consumption taxes like VAT and the transfer tax, based as a percentage on money spent or money moved, obviously rise as more money is spent in both nominal as well as real terms.

But even other sources of revenue such as PAYE, income and company taxes rise quite quickly as profits rise, at least in nominal terms, and private sector pay scales rise.

Generally, the Government salary rises follow a month or two behind the private sector rises since the Government must first collect the extra tax before spending it, but the gap is short.

The Government at the moment is determined to at least maintain this policy, combining the fiscal discipline needed for growth and the payment of the highest possible salaries and other benefits.

But sometimes conflict does arise, and that is when we see strikes, other withdrawals of labour or just a refusal

Arbitration best way to solve labour disputes



to come into work. And some of this action had become a regular cycle, occurring every couple of years in the health sector.

This was not really good enough as whatever was agreed would have been agreed without the action. But where the Bill seriously scores is imposing compulsory arbitration in the event of a breakdown in negotiations. This is the way most industrial disputes in Zimbabwe should be going for a number of reasons.

One big problem for workers going on strike is that they are not paid for the days they do not work, even if their strike is totally legal. This is the standard position throughout the world. No one expects to get paid while out on industrial action, but so long as the strike is legal then they cannot face disciplinary action.

This is why so many trade unions in many countries have strike funds. The unions assign a proportion of the membership dues collected every pay day to the strike fund, and if the worst comes to the worst, would have built up a big enough pool of money that they can afford to pay some minimum payment or can pay half or some other proportion of a member's wages.

Very often the audited accounts of the strike fund are useful at tricky stages of negotiations since the union can make it clear that a strike can last.

But no union or staff association in Zimbabwe appears to have heard

of a strike fund and these days no employer pays staff for the days they are indulging in industrial action.

The private sector stopped pay many years ago and the State sector has now followed. This means that any strike action, even if legal, is largely doomed to failure since few workers can survive without regular pay.

But we still need the equivalent of some sort of ultimate provision when negotiations break down, and even when everyone during the talks has been reasonable and responsible this can happen.

Arbitration has been followed in some private sector disputes, with a reasonable degree of success, at least producing a result that everyone can live with.

Quite interestingly and sensibly, the Government now sees this as a good way of resolving any irreconcilable dispute in the public health sector.

This retains the rights of staff not to be totally dependent on the employer in setting pay and benefits, since arbitration involves a large element of independence in those making the final settlement.

Even the time taken for the arbitration process is not a loss as generally the arbiters award back pay, at least to the point when they were called in. So there is no profit for anyone to bring in delaying tactics.

The same approach should be more general across all private

and public sectors. One interesting modification that makes negotiation more serious and arbitration less likely is called pendulum arbitration, a system where the most reasonable party is the winner.

This works with the arbiter forbidden to know what the final demand and offer look like. They are sealed away. The arbiter goes through the process of examining conditions and evidence and comes up with what they believe is the final correct figure. The party that is closest now wins everything.

So if the final offer from an employer is 9 percent and the final union demand is 12 percent, and the arbiter comes up with 10,4 percent, then 9 percent it will be as that is closer.

But if the award is 10,6 percent then it will be 12 percent, as the union was closer. In practice this intense competition to be the most reasonable so narrows the gap that in the end, rather than take a risk, the two parties strike a deal or at least agree to split what is now a very small difference.

But, however, we work the system, the arbitration system involves so many positives, especially when workers are not paid for strike days, with so few negatives and risks that it should become more and more the normal method of resolving labour disputes, just as it works so well in many commercial disputes.

Ukraine crisis hits Africa's most vulnerable as aid costs spike

DAKAR

A small charity broke ground this year on a clinic in northern Burkina Faso to care for thousands of women and children who have fled Islamist insurgents wreaking havoc along the fringes of the Sahara.

But when the Russia-Ukraine conflict started in February, global supply chains buckled and the cost of building materials, fuel and food spiked in West Africa. The charity's founder, Boukary Ouedraogo, was forced to make a tough decision: He halted construction of the clinic with only the foundations laid.

Similar calls are being made across sub-Saharan Africa, where aid projects are threatened by the fallout from the crisis in Ukraine, potentially putting millions of lives at risk.

Humanitarian agencies already struggling with widespread price increases under the pandemic say the crisis in Europe has made things worse. Even the cost of life-saving therapeutic foods for malnourished children has spiked.

Compounding the problem, some donors have diverted state aid from Africa's worst-hit countries to help support more than six million refugees who have fled from Ukraine.

Denmark said in March it was halving its aid to Burkina Faso this year to accommodate Ukrainian refugees. Its budget for Burkina's neighbor Mali, also in the grips of an Islamist insurgency, has dropped 40 percent.

Sweden has also said it plans to divert \$1 billion from its aid budget to help cover the cost of hosting Ukrainian refugees.

Ouedraogo's clinic was desperately needed in Kaya, a town of dirt streets and squat brick buildings surrounded by arid scrubland. Its population has swelled in recent years as thousands of people from surrounding villages flee militant attacks, straining the already basic health care system.

"What happened in Ukraine happened at the same time as the crisis in this country got worse," said Ouedraogo, who runs the BO Foundation in Burkina Faso.

"We hope all the donors can keep their attention," he said. "We felt what we were doing was going to reduce the number of deaths and infant mortality."

Emergency levels

It's a similar story in Sudan. In a southern area faced with conflict and food shortages, a pediatric clinic run by Senegal-based medical charity Alima faces a \$300,000 funding gap due to an increase in costs, including fuel for the clinic's generator.

At this rate, Alima will have to shut the program down, said its director of operations, Kader Issa-ley.

Action Against Hunger, a charity with operations across Africa, has seen the cost of foodstuffs such as rice, oil and sugar rise 20 percent to 30 percent over the past year.

This will reduce its coverage by the same amount, said Mamadou Diop, a representative from its West Africa office.

"We have to totally rethink our approach," said Diop. "We must decide, do we reduce supply or reduce the number of beneficiaries?"

The problem is not limited to Africa. The UN's World Food Programme (WFP) feeds 13 million people a month in Yemen, where the economy has been wrecked by years of war, but it has reduced rations for 8 million of them since January.

It may have to make further cuts, after raising only a quarter of the \$2 billion it needs for Yemen this year from international donors.



A mother fans her malnourished child in the firsts stage recovery section in the ALIMA (The Alliance for International Medical Action) managed nutrition unit of the hospital Tchad/ Chine in N'djamena, Chad on May 13, 2022. File photo

"We're taking food from the poor and feeding the hungry," said WFP representative to Yemen, Richard Ragan.

"In June we will have to make some tough decisions about possibly even going down to just feeding five million, those who are really most at risk," he said.

Unique in scope

Still, Africa's problems are unique in scope. Conflict in Ethiopia, Somalia, Democratic

Republic of Congo and the Sahel region have forced millions to flee their homes. Nearly half a billion people live in extreme poverty, according to the World Bank.

West Africa alone faces an unprecedented food shortage that threatens nearly 40 million people, driven in part by drought and the impact of the conflict in Ukraine on food prices and supply. The impact of higher costs on aid organizations varies, health specialists say.

Smaller non-profits reliant on institutional

donors such as governments for yearly budgets may struggle more than a larger charity such as Medecins Sans Frontieres, which raises money through public campaigns.

MSF said it did not foresee cutting back its operations due to the Ukraine crisis.

But few are immune. A drop in funding that preceded the conflict in Ukraine has forced WFP to cut rations in seven countries in West and Central Africa.

In Nigeria, the continent's most populous



People gather at the inundated Dibba Busin camp for South Sudanese refugees in Sudan's White Nile state, on Sept 15, 2021, following heavy flooding which destroyed their shelters. AFP

country, the number of people receiving emergency assistance from WFP has dropped from 1.9 million in September to 650,000.

Like Burkina Faso and Mali, northern Nigeria is also wracked by a prolonged Islamist insurgency.

Health specialists and aid workers said it was too early to assess exactly what the impact on communities will be and it could take months to see how much damage the cutbacks cause.

"Further funding shortfalls will contribute to worsening food security and nutrition in locations where food insecurity is already at emergency levels," said WFP spokesman for Western Africa, Djaounsele Madjiangar.

Plumpy'nut spike

In Somalia, one-year-old Hassan howled in a blue plastic bucket suspended from a scale as a medical technician noted his weight: 5.6 kg.

It was an improvement. Hassan weighed only 5.2 kg when he first began receiving treatment for severe acute malnutrition at a clinic run by aid workers in the south of the country three months ago - about half what a boy his age should weigh.

His partial recovery is thanks to a sweet peanut paste called Plumpy'Nut developed by French scientists in the 1990s that has become a crucial weapon in the fight against child malnutrition. Three small sachets a day for six weeks can be enough to bring a starving child back to full health, according to UN children's charity UNICEF.

"He used to be much worse," said the boy's mother, Hasan Habiba Mohammed Nur, patting his bony legs under an oversized T-shirt. "The Plumpy'Nut has really helped him."

UNICEF says it spends \$137 million a year on therapeutic food and the overall market is estimated to be worth up to \$400 million.

But aid agencies say it is becoming too expensive.

Over the past year, the cost of Plumpy'Nut has risen 23 percent, including a 9 percent increase imposed since the Ukraine crisis began. Plumpy'Nut's main producer Nutriset, told Reuters. In a letter to customers in March warning of impending price increases, it said the cost of ingredients such as palm oil, milk powder and whey, and packaging including laminate for the sachets, had risen sharply. Shipping expenses have also rocketed. In all, costs are up 39 percent, Nutriset said.

The conflict in Ukraine is "indirectly impacting the price of raw materials, and prices will continue to increase even more in the weeks and months to come," Nutriset said.

The increases worry UNICEF. It predicts that prices of therapeutic foods will rise 16 percent in the next six months because of Ukraine and pandemic disruptions. Without further funding, 600,000 more children may miss out on treatment, it said in May.

Ugandan youth helps peers stay in school with free reusable pads

KAMPALA

IN many poverty-stricken areas in Uganda, teenage girls skip classes during the menstrual cycle because they cannot afford sanitary pads.

The absenteeism results in poor performance which affects their self-esteem and eventually drop out of school, according to the ministry of education.

In Kalerwe, a slum area on the outskirts of the capital Kampala, Joanna Atukunda, 29, is determined to change the narrative.

Atukunda told Xinhua that step by step, girls from poor families would be able to stay in school because they have pads. As the world commemorated Menstrual Hygiene Day on May 28, Atukunda distributed free reusable sanitary pads in the area, reaching over 100 teenage girls.

Atukunda and her team also raised awareness about the importance of good menstrual hygiene management. "I lost both my parents when I was five years old.

My guardians, who helped me to get proper education, used to reside near slum areas in the western Ugandan district of Mbarara.

By the time I was 12 years old I would see how young girls in my neighborhood slums faced difficulty whenever they were in their menstrual period," Atukunda said.

After finishing her university degree specializing in gender and women health four years ago, Atukunda embarked on her passion of equipping adolescents in slum areas with knowledge on sexual reproductive health rights and quality education. She said girls in slum areas end up getting pregnant as they get money from men to buy sanitary pads.

Harriet Namazzi, a teenager in Katanga, another slum in Kampala, told Xinhua that she stays with her mother who cannot afford to look after a family of four children. Namazzi said sometimes she engages in petty work to earn money which she gives to her mother. Eseza Nakayemba, a community mobilizer, said with the help of people like



A woman hands over reusable sanitary pads to a teenage girl during an event to mark the Menstrual Hygiene Day in Kampala, Uganda, on May 28, 2022.

Atukunda, they carry out outreaches sensitizing youths especially teenagers about managing menstrual hygiene among others.

Joyce Moriku Kaducu, minister of state for education, said on Thursday that the ministry is continuing to raise awareness on cultural taboos and how to end the stigma surrounding menstruation.

She was speaking ahead of the Menstrual Hygiene Day commemorated under the theme "Making menstruation a normal fact of life by 2030".

Kaducu said the ministry has developed

several learning materials on menstrual health and hygiene targeting teachers, learners and parents.

The minister appealed to the media and cultural leaders to influence a shift in attitudes and perceptions around menstruation.

"It is unacceptable to prevent girls from getting education due to the stigma of menstruation. It is equally unacceptable to prevent women from earning an income and equally participating in everyday life due to the stigma of menstruation," the minister said.

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PROJECT ASSISTANT

Rufiji, Pwani Region, Tanzania.

Tanzania Gender and Sustainable energy network (TANGSEN) is a professional network advocating for gender integration in energy sector with particular focus to women empowerment and increased access to modern energy technologies and services in Tanzania. The network is non-governmental, nonprofit making, non-political, and gender-responsive with a vision to ensure men and women are accessing sustainable energy through equitable social, economic and cultural power relations in communities. TANGSEN mission is to empower energy through advocacy, capacity building, awareness raising, information sharing and increase women's participation, control, ownership and benefits on sustainable energy technologies and services.

Traidcraft Exchange is a UK's development charity specializing in making trade work for the voiceless and unseen entrepreneurs, farmers, and artisans in Africa and Asia for purposes of growing their businesses, fruit trees, and engage effectively in trade. Traidcraft vision is a world without poverty where all trade is fair. Working within the Trade Justice and Climate Justice movement we believe trade can be a powerful and sustainable solution to poverty.

TANGSEN in partnership with Traidcraft Exchange a UK Based development charity organization is implementing a 3 years project (2022-2025) to improve Natural Resource Management (NRM) and livelihoods for vulnerable people through climate resilient practices & market led approaches along 6 value chains which include honey, fruit trees, sunflowers, fishing, poultry & vegetables. The value chains have been carefully selected for their proven market potential, climate resilience, biodiversity benefits, complementarity & opportunities for engaging women & PWDs. The project will be implemented in the Rufiji & Kisarawe districts of Pwani Region in coastal Tanzania.

TANGSEN is recruiting a Project Assistant to be based in Rufiji, Pwani Region with regular travel to Kisarawe, Dar es Salaam and Dodoma. The Project Assistant will assist the Project Coordinator to coordinate and ensure successful project implementation and achievement of the deliverable within the specified period. The Assistant Project Coordinator will report to the Project Coordinator at TANGSEN.

The specific responsibilities will be of assistance as follows:

- Support preparation of project work-plans, budgets, progress reports on monthly, quarterly basis and report to the project coordinator, including participating in all Management and Partners meetings and activities as shall be liable.
- Play an active part in project reviews, planning/strategy making.
- With project coordinator, facilitate project implementation with other project implementers including PO-RALG, LGAs, and all other relevant stakeholders.
- With Project Coordinator and project partners, support execution of regular outsourced activities including evaluation studies, media activities and trainings.
- With project coordinator and partners support in monitoring and Evaluation activities for the project.

Qualification, Experience

- A University Degree in natural resources management, environment, energy, gender, social sciences or another related field.
- At least 2 years' experience in implementing projects of similar nature in Tanzania.

Application should include the following:

- Letter of application signed by the applicant indicating contact address including telephone numbers and email address.
- Professionally prepared detailed curriculum vitae with names of at least two referees with complete contact addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses.
- Certified photocopies of relevant academic certificates

Last date of submitting the application letter: 10th June, 2022

Application should be addressed to:

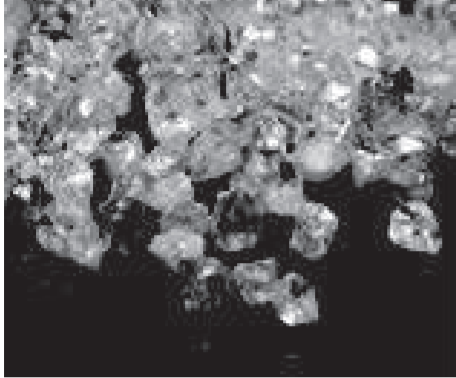
The Executive Secretary
Tanzania Gender and Sustainable Energy Network (TANGSEN),
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TANGSEN is an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer. Women are highly encouraged to apply.



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Financial Accounting Advertisement

Applicants are invited to apply for the existing position mentioned above.

Position Title : Financial Accounting
Location : Williamson Diamonds Limited, Mwadui, Shinyanga
Grade : D3
Report : Financial Manager

Summary: Williamson Diamond Limited (WDL) is Tanzania's only large-scale diamond producer. The mine is an open pit operation based upon the 146-hectare Mwadui kimberlite pipe, which is one of the world's largest economic kimberlites. For over 80 years, Williamson Diamond Limited has lived side by side and co-existed peacefully with the communities around Mwadui, while implementing a wide range of development programs for the last ten years, focusing on promoting the lives and livelihoods of the communities surrounding the Mwadui Mine Site.

Role Description: To provide leadership and expertise to the Financial Accounting, time management and payroll sub-function, ensure reporting of accurate financials for Williamson Diamonds, accurate pay processing and related reporting, and provide information to enable effective management decision making.

Tasks and Responsibilities:

- Provide key insights and reports on financial data to Finance and senior business leadership to enable effective decision making.
- Work with internal stakeholders to drive implementation of internal controls for financial reporting processes to ensure quality.
- Lead, engage and motivate the team to ensure delivery against targets and objectives.
- Operational employee relations to ensure pay accuracy and queries are resolved timeously.
- Establish and maintain effective working relationship with external stakeholders (e.g.: auditors).
- Engage with Financial Manager and Financial Systems Expert to promote compliance as per group and operation requirements.
- Collaborate with peers within and outside of function to ensure smooth work execution and increase own effectiveness.
- Lead the Finance Accounting team and drive operating discipline related to the Sage Finance Accounting processes.
- Support timely and accurate consolidation of the 3-Year Budget, and monthly forecasts at Operation level if required.
- Responsible for the generation of cost saving ideas.
- Oversee daily accounting activities to ensure timely and accurate processing and reporting of financial data across all relevant Sage Finance processes.
- Provide accounting expertise and skills to the operation advising on accounting solutions to enhance or ensure the effectiveness of the operation
- Provide approvals, leadership and guidance to Accounting processes in the capacity as defined by the financial accounting procedures. Processes include Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Intercompany Accounting, Fixed Asset Accounting, Company Tax accounting, Payroll Accounting and Employee Expense Management Accounting and general financial administration.
- Lead and drive the Finance team to achieve period end close processes according to set metrics and timelines.
- Ensure timely and accurate review, submission and payment of taxation and royalties
- Supervise the application of the internal controls framework for financial data entry and maintenance.
- Engagement & Communication: Engage internal and external stakeholders on Financial Accounting related matters, and support the operation on Financial Accounting related engagement.
- Engagement & Communication: Establish and maintain good working relationships and an effective / sound communication system within the operation.
- Reporting, Monitoring & Evaluation, Audit: Ensure that all financial reporting is aligned with standards, guidelines and schedules.
- Monitor and evaluate performance against established strategies, frameworks, systems and programmes, and identify and advise on opportunities for improvement to provide assurance to the Finance Manager and Financial Systems Expert.
- Maintain master data integrity through checks and approvals on data requests; communicate, review and approve master data request, monitor and ensure team alignment to Internal Controls in compliance with Group requirements.
- Asset management and keeping the fixed asset register up to date.
- Lead, coach and enable team members to ensure delivery against performance targets. Influence and shape the culture of the team to encourage a disciplined and sustainable approach to work.

Minimum Requirements for all applicants:

- B.Com Degree Financial Accounting or equivalent.
- A minimum of 5 years accounting experience with accounting and Payroll systems experience.
- Payroll Systems Knowledge and Accounting Systems experience – AccPacc will be advantages
- Advantageous: Completed Articles at registered Professional Auditors. eg. ACCA, NBAA, CIMA
- Computer Literacy and Microsoft Office Suite (Advanced)
- Excellent verbal and written communication in English and Swahili
- Possession of a valid driving license.

Other required Skills and Competencies:

- Managerial team working, context setting and planning;
- Just-in-time and just-within-quality task assignment;
- Personal effectiveness appraisal, coaching the reward and recognition review;
- Mentoring, individual career development, selection;
- Talent pool planning and development;
- Cross-functional control and integration.

Mode of Application:

Candidates meeting the requisite qualifications should submit their applications describing how they qualify for the positions. They should also send detailed CV, copies of certificates, three referees, daytime telephone numbers and e-mail addresses before 20th June, 2022 at 16hrs00. Via the following address:

If you do not hear from us after **20th July, 2022** please consider yourself unsuccessful. Williamson Diamonds Limited is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Senior Internal Auditor – Advertisement

Applicants are invited to apply for the existing position mentioned above.

Position Title : Senior Internal Auditor
Location : Williamson Diamonds Limited, Mwadui, Shinyanga
Grade : D4
Report : General Manager

Role Description: Responsible for the execution of internal audits in order to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of the Company's governance, risk management process and ensure that the necessary internal control measures are in place to support and meet the objectives of the Company.

Tasks and Responsibilities:

- Work with the Manager: Internal Audit and Senior Management at WDL to verify legislative compliance control and internal control measures are in place to support the Company objectives.
- Engage with industry peers to stay abreast of current technical audit principles and practices defined by the relevant professional institutions.
- Execute internal audits, at WDL Operational level, in a professional, systematic and disciplined approach and thereby evaluating and improving the effectiveness of risk management, control, and governance processes of the Company.
- Verify through the internal audits performed that WDL is complying with relevant laws and statutes by remaining abreast of all applicable legislative compliance for local and international best practice business principles.
- Independently review through the internal audits performed whether the Company's procedures and business processes are periodically being reviewed and is a true reflection of the business processes.
- Document and report recommendations on how to improve internal controls and governance processes in order to protect WDL against fraud and theft of assets.
- Under direction of the Manager: Group Internal Audit, independently perform allocated audits in line with the annual internal audit plan.
- Adhere to the Institute of Internal Auditing Standards of Professional Practice, and the Company's procedures.
- Provide expert Audit advice on Industry Best Practice and keep abreast of latest developments in area of expertise.
- Perform ad hoc risk related assignments if required by the Manager: Internal Audit.
- Ensure that WDL policies and procedures are in line with that of Group PDSA Policies. Where WDL procedures differ from PDSA operations it must be highlighted in the procedures
- Engagement and Communication: Engage internal and external stakeholders on Audit related matters, and support operations on Audit related engagement.
- Establish and maintain good working relationships and an effective / sound communication system within the Internal Audit Function
- Reporting, Monitoring and Evaluation Audit: Ensure that all Internal Audit reporting is aligned with standards, guidelines and schedules
- Responsible for the timely reporting and completion of accurate and relevant audit findings that is reported to the Country and General Manager and PDSA Manager: Internal Audit.
- Implement programs, standards & controls, guidelines and schedules.
- Identify deviations to standards through appropriate work processes.
- Participate in a sustainable process to identify, assess and rank risks as these relate to the business and operations, in order to promote an Audit and risk-aware culture, ensure that any potential impact is understood, and facilitate effective decision making, risk mitigation and provide this as input into the AURA program.
- Through the audit process, contribute to continuous review of the Company's financial, operational, and ICT systems with the aim to recommend improvements where necessary.
- Utilise the audit software and data analytical tools, where applicable, to enhance efficiencies throughout the audit process.

Minimum Requirements for all applicants:

- B.Com Degree Internal Auditing, Financial Accounting, OR Financial Management. or equivalent.
- Completed Articles at a professional registered External Audit company (four years) will be advantages.
- A minimum of 5 years' experience in completing internal audits.
- Mining/manufacturing internal auditing experience would be advantageous.
- Commercial, Company, Tax, VAT legislation and IT knowledge.
- Knowledge and experience in computer auditing tools / software (i.e. Teammate, ETC).
- Institute for Internal Auditors (IIA) Membership.
- Computer Literacy and Microsoft Office Suite (Advanced)
- Excellent verbal and written communication in English and Swahili
- Possession of a valid driving license.

Other required Skills and Competencies:

- Review and advise operational management on best practice initiatives, key systems, and general risks.
- Understand fraud risks and controls.
- Keep up to date with relevant legislation and best practice business principles within the auditing environment.
- Manage relationships with the Group Internal Audit Manager and Operational Senior Management.
- Apply various auditing techniques in the identification of risks and controls.
- Demonstrate knowledge and skill in conducting an audit from a cradle to grave perspective.
- Perform various audits (i.e. operational, contract, environmental, fraud, quality management, corporate governance, business reengineering, benchmarking etc.).

Mode of Application

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Human Resources Manager,
Williamson Diamonds Ltd,
P. O. Box 23,
Mwadui-Shinyanga.

Or drop the same through the following email, joseph.mokoro@petradiamonds.co.tz

NB: Please complete an external job application form available on <http://www.petradiamonds.com/careers/current-vacancies>

Williamson Diamonds Limited supports the Mineral policy (2009) of Tanzania and is committed to ensure adequate development of local technical capacity to service the mining industry; and to employ local experts available and develop succession plans for Tanzanians to take over expatriate positions. Pre-screening, profile testing, on mine assessments, medical and security clearances form part of the minimum requirement and selection process. Short listed candidates will be required to attend a panel interview. Employment of the successful candidate is subject to passing on mine induction and the aforementioned criteria.

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NIT lauds IUCEA for supporting scholarship programme for country's regional students

By Guardian Reporter

THE National Institute of Transport (NIT) has joined the East African Community (EAC) Secretary-General, Dr Peter Mathuki in congratulating the Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) for implementing the regional scholarship programme funded by the German Development Bank (KfW).

The EAC KfW Scholarship programme is part of 5 types of scholarship programmes currently managed by IUCEA as part of the implementation of the EAC Common Higher Education Area.

"The National Institute of Transport would like to commend the Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) for the successful implementation of the scholarship programme for our regional students," NIT Public Relations Officer Ngusekela David said at the sideline of the induction workshop for the EAC Scholarship Programme held in Dar es Salaam recently.

"The National Institute of Transport is congratulating the IUCEA for the scholarship programmes that are among the most popular and attractive programmes for Youth in the region," David said.

Ngusekela further said that their Institute is currently in the process to join the Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) so as to get mutual collaboration benefits from the region's Member Universities.

"We are now in process of filling some documents that will be presented to IUCEA so as to be registered as a new member," the PRO said.

Ngusekela also said that after joining the IUCEA, their Institute will now be able to utilise all the mutual benefits that are given to regional universities.

"We don't want to lose these benefits that are given by the IUCEA to their members. We pledge to conclude all the process as soon as possible so as to be registered as a new member of the IUCEA," Ngusekela said.

However, speaking while officiating the induction workshop for the EAC Scholarship Programme held in Dar es Salaam, Dr Mathuki has also commended the IUCEA for the programme.

He pointed out that as the EAC Secretariat, the Scholarship Programme is important to us as it is one of the ways to build a critical mass of professionals and leaders who will be our act ambassadors for EAC integration.



Joseph Sokoine (5th- left seated), Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, in a group photo with senior members of the IUCEA management team, vice chancellors from universities in the region and East African students who are benefiting from the regional scholarship programme funded by the German Development Bank. This was during a two-day induction workshop for the EAC scholarship programme held in Dar es Salaam. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

ship Programme is important to us as it is one of the ways to build a critical mass of professionals and leaders who will be our act ambassadors for EAC integration.

"The goal of this Scholarship is to train leaders that will foster the EAC regional integration by creating future change agents, who identify themselves with the integration agenda of the EAC and are willing to share economic and development-oriented expert knowledge," he said.

The EAC Boss has further said that

the scholarship programme includes minimum 30 percent female students in order to support women's participation and enhance gender equality.

"As EAC, we look up to you, the scholarship beneficiaries, to become the next generation of leaders and professionals who are passionate about EAC integration," he said.

He noted: "I believe you will soon be in positions of leadership and influence and that you will use your unique experience studying in the

region to work towards deeper integration of the EAC. I would like to encourage you to keep working hard and put more effort into your studies to achieve your career goals."

IUCEA executive secretary Prof Gaspard Banyankimbona said: "Securing a scholarship in this program whereby as it is only 3% of the applicant can achieve it is a very important accomplishment."

Prof Banyankimbona added: "I take this opportunity to congratulate all the winners of the EAC scholarship

Programme 2nd cohort for making it."

He added that the EAC Scholarship Programme commenced in 2018 as an initiative by the East African Community (EAC) and the Federal Republic of Germany funded by the German Development Bank (KfW).

"I want to express our gratitude to the Federal Republic of Germany, through KfW for supporting a financial programme which puts hundreds of East African young people on the course to achieve their dreams," he said.

"We do appreciate the support from our EAC partners and do not consider it as granted. Our humble plea is to submit our EAC Student Mobility Scheme for additional support to allow sustainability and ownership of scholarship programmes in the region," he said.

Tourism sector shop owners, service providers ordered to display prices

By Guardian Correspondent, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR Minister for Tourism and National Heritage, Simai Muhammed said has called on owners of shops and restaurants and other service providers in the tourism sector

to make sure they display the prices for the products they sell.

Muhammed made the remarks here yesterday following complaints from the people and visitors in regard to alleged swindling by various providers of tourism services.

He said beginning July 1 this year, any trader or service provider in the tourism sector who will fail to display the actual prices of goods and services will face stern legal measures.

"Their complaints are centred on the lack of transparency

in regard to prices of their goods and services as different people are charged different prices for similar services and goods they sell," he said.

He said the directive is in accordance with the law regarding sale of goods and services.

He said these laws include the law on fair competition Act No 5 of 2018 as well as from guidelines on the supervision of Forodhani Garden business operations which have already been prepared via his ministry's directive.

He said the guidelines have been jointly prepared by the Stone Town Authority, Municipal Council and Aga Khan institutions that manage the Forodhani garden and have already been signed.

"These guidelines have

been signed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Stone Town Conservation Authority after the board's meeting with stakeholders conducting business at Forodhani Garden," he added.

FORUMCC and Same District residents plead for community participation in clean energy

By Guardian Reporter, Same

LIMITED involvement of the rural communities, low resource allocation, and a slow pace in right technological advancement could hinder Tanzania's transition to clean energy.

In a dialogue between District Officers (DOs), CSOs, organized under the FORUMCC who are also the Designated National Platform of the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) and the media held on Friday last week in Same District.

Stakeholders urged that rural communities in Tanzania are being left out in the planned move to clean energy.

"I had a 32 inches Solar powered Television screen, of which I am not using any longer because its power cable was damaged and its compatible spare is not in the market," said Benedict Missani, Same District development officer while sharing his experience on the slow pace of investment in the technological development in clean energy transition endeavor in Tanzania.

The participants also said unless the government addresses barriers, lack of access to clean energy could also be a hindrance to the aspirations of Vision 2050 towards energy transition.

Zainabu Daudi, a Councilor from one of the remote wards in Same District said the private sector is not actively playing its part because of limited knowledge and information about the demands of clean energy, which include equipment and technologies. "These, in rural areas are compounded by unclear business cases that could have been used to attract their investment," she noted.

Contributing in the dialogue from the CSOs representation, Titus Onesmo noted that the term "transition to clean energy" has recently made its way into National Policy and Climate Change discussions, but many workers in the local government and actors in the private sector are unaware of this term and are thus inactive in the green growth across all levels in the country".

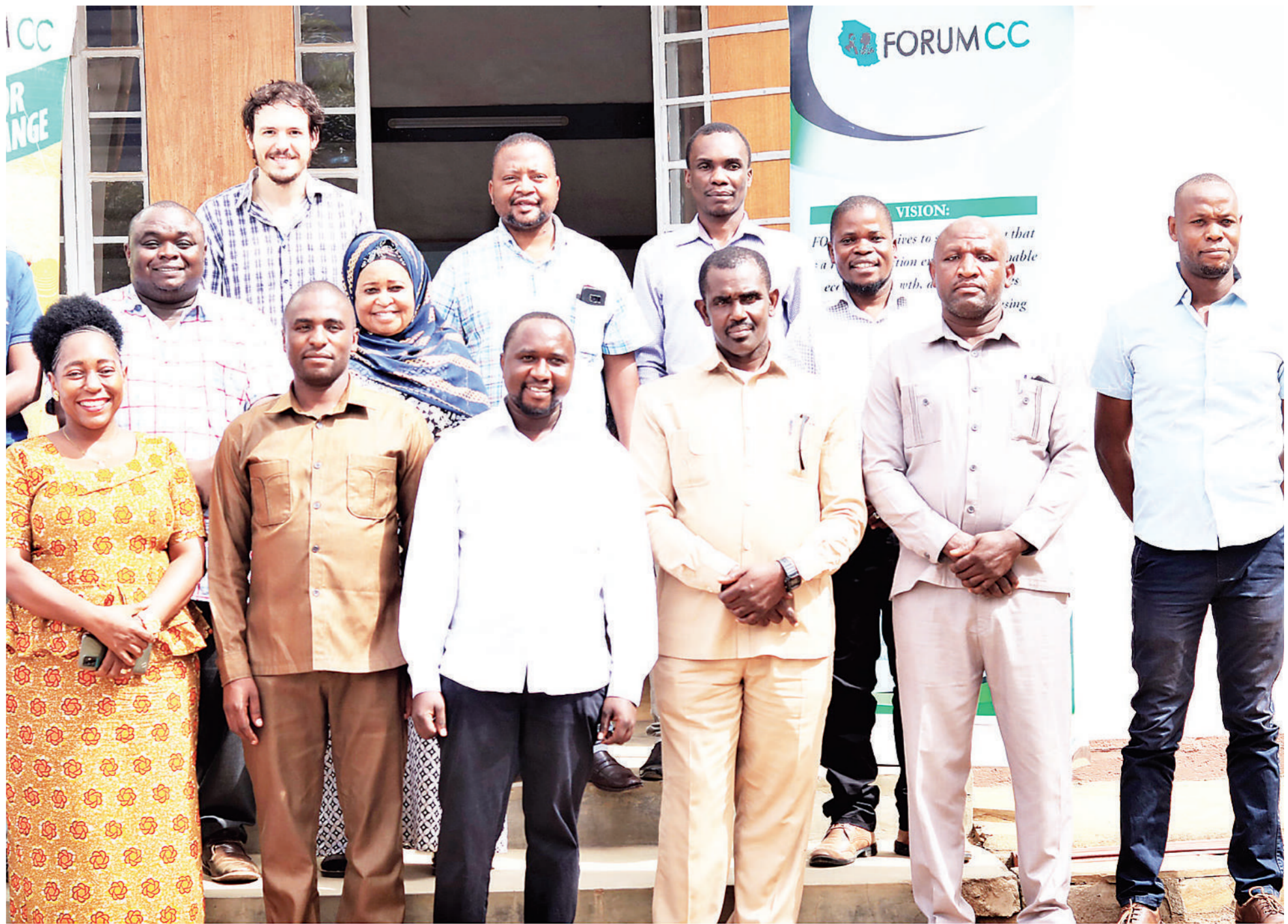
Onesmo added that the government policy initiatives meant to ramp up green energy in the country should be promoted and decentralized for the understanding by the local government administrators and the private sector.

Gaspary Gratian, a participant from the CSOs said the real-world impact of such policies is not yet visible despite the government's publicly stated aim of boosting potential energy sources such as from the wind and solar energy".

He added that there is a gap between the political commitment and the actual implementation at local levels and the non-state processes on this transition.

He further pointed out that to grow the interest towards the real transition, reforms in terms of stakeholder's engagement and public awareness are crucial.

The policy dialogue on the transition to Green growth using the clean energy transition brought together differ-



ent actors from the CSOs in Same district and District Officers (Dos) from natural resources, environment, community development, plan-

ning and Agriculture departments. FORUMCC, CSOs and the District Officers under the leadership of the Council Chairper-

son agreed to develop a Road map towards an integration of the Clean Energy transition initiatives into the

District plans and budgets, including some actions in relevant projects. Ends/sm

Online exhibitions, business matchmaking events vitalise Chinese market

By Li Zhen

OVER the recent years, China has been moving a large number of exhibitions and investment promotion activities onto online platforms to facilitate economic and social development.

The 131st China Import and Export Fair, also known as the Canton Fair, recently concluded online. It was the fifth time the event was held on the internet.

On its official website, the Canton Fair sets up a series of sections, including Product Release, Exhibitors on Live, and VR Exhibition Hall, building an efficient trade platform for Chinese and foreign enterprises with modern information technology. It enables global merchants to conduct international business without even going abroad.

During the 10-day event, its website was visited 33.9 million times by 10.09 million visitors. A total of 85,300 live exhibitions were held by participating enterprises, in which over 3 million exhibits were displayed, including 951,500 new products, the highest in the event's history.

Apart from major exhibitions such as the Canton Fair, online investment promotion activities are also being held online across China, and positive progress has been achieved.

Not long ago, the Jiutai district of Changchun, capital of northeast China's Jilin province, held an online investment negotiation. It was joined by over 30 representatives from enterprises. The district signed framework agreements on cooperation with six enterprises, with the total investment volume hitting 8.8 billion yuan (\$1.31 billion).

Hui province, is also moving business matchmaking online. This year, the investment facilitation center of Hefei's Lujiang county has held more than 30 video conferences to attract investment. "We are moving business negotiation, project assessment, and agreement signing online to ensure smooth investment promotion," said an official with the center. According to the official, carrying out investment promotion activities online can maximally reduce the impacts of COVID-19.

Online exhibitions and business matchmaking also offer a new path for relieving the burden for enterprises and vitalizing market entities.

"Exhibition booths are scarce resources for small- and medium-sized foreign trade enterprises in brick-and-mortar exhibitions as the area of each exhibition hall is fixed. However, the online Canton Fair has offered an opportunity for many small- and medium-sized enterprises and greatly optimized the resource allocation of the exhibition, contributing to the foreign trade sector by stabilizing market entities," said Bai Ming, deputy director of the International Market Research Institute at the Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation.

Besides, multiple provincial-level regions in China have rolled out relevant policies that encourage online exhibitions and business matchmaking.

For instance, the Department of Commerce of Jiangsu Province has proposed to hold an online exhibition to help service trade enterprises in the province smooth supply and demand in the international market.

The provincial government of Zhejiang has made and released a list of major exhibitions to be held, with an



An employee of a cable producer in Nanxun district, Huzhou, east China's Zhejiang province introduces the company's products and production lines on a livestream platform, June 16, 2020. File photo

aim to involve more local enterprises in online and offline exhibitions. It also encourages foreign trade enterprises to engage in overseas exhibitions to expand international market.

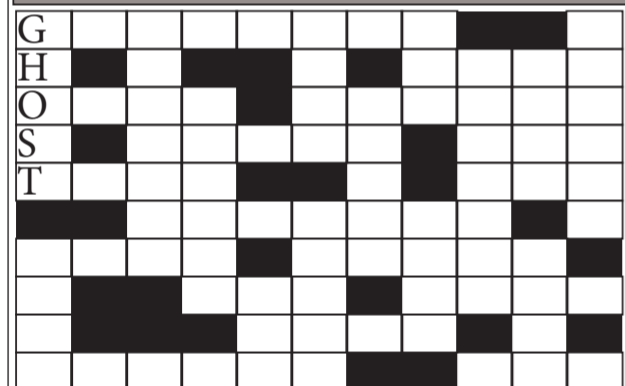
Holding online exhibitions is what comes with the

general development of the digital economy, as well as a practical choice amid the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the Business Development Plan for the 14th Five-Year Plan Period (2021-2025), the country will further facilitate its foreign trade sector, and en-

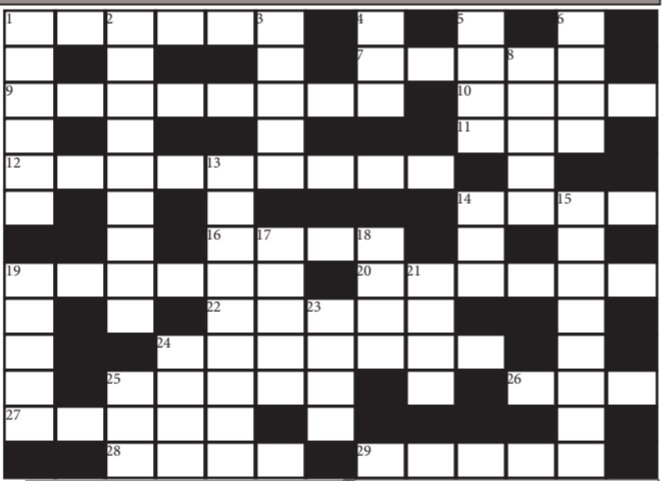
courage local governments and industries to establish national online exhibition platforms for smoother foreign trade channels.

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Sudan's move to lift state of emergency widely welcomed

KHARTOUM

SUDAN'S Transitional Sovereign Council Chairman Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan's decision to lift the state of emergency and release the political detainees has been widely welcomed as the country has been plagued by political turmoil for months.

The tripartite mechanism of the United Nations, the African Union and the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development on Monday welcomed the decision "as positive steps to create the conditions needed for reaching a peaceful resolution for the current political impasse."

The mechanism said in a statement that it encouraged all stakeholders to be prepared for a constructive dialogue in good faith on a political solution and a peaceful way out of the current crisis. Sudan's National Umma Party, a major party in the opposition Freedom and Change Alliance, also regarded lifting the state of emergency as a positive step.

"The decisions to lift the state of emergency is a positive step toward building confidence," Al-Wathiqi Al-Birair, secre-



Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan

tees after Al-Burhan issued a decree lifting the state of emergency in the country on Sunday.

According to the Sudanese Emergency Lawyers Committee, Sudanese authorities freed "63 revolutionaries" on Monday, 24 of whom were held at Port-Sudan prison, nine at Dabak prison, and 30 at Kosti prison. According to the committee, there are still detainees at Suba prison, including 24 people from Al-Kalaka neighborhood who were arrested on Saturday during demonstrations in the capital Khartoum.

The decision to lift the state of emergency was to "prepare the atmosphere for a fruitful dialogue that achieves stability for the transitional period," Sudan's Transitional Sovereign Council said in a statement.

Sudan has been suffering a political crisis after Al-Burhan, also the general commander of the Sudanese Armed Forces, declared a state of emergency on Oct. 25, 2021 and dissolved the sovereign council and the government. Since then, Khartoum and other cities have been witnessing continued protests demanding a return to civilian rule.

Xinhua

RADIO One RATIBA YA MIPINDI JUMATATU - JUMAPILI. A detailed program schedule for Monday through Sunday, listing times and program names like 'HAWA', 'AMKA NA BBC', 'NIPASHE', etc.

BUSINESS

Nicol, Swissport share prices increase push up DSE indices

By Staff Reporter

THE appreciation of Nicol and Swissport share prices pushed up the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) shares indices during an opening day of this week.

The DSE market reports shows the Tanzania Share Index (TSI), which measures the performance of local listings, closed 0.40 points up to 3,965.89 points on Monday close from 3,965.49 points during the close of last week's trading session.

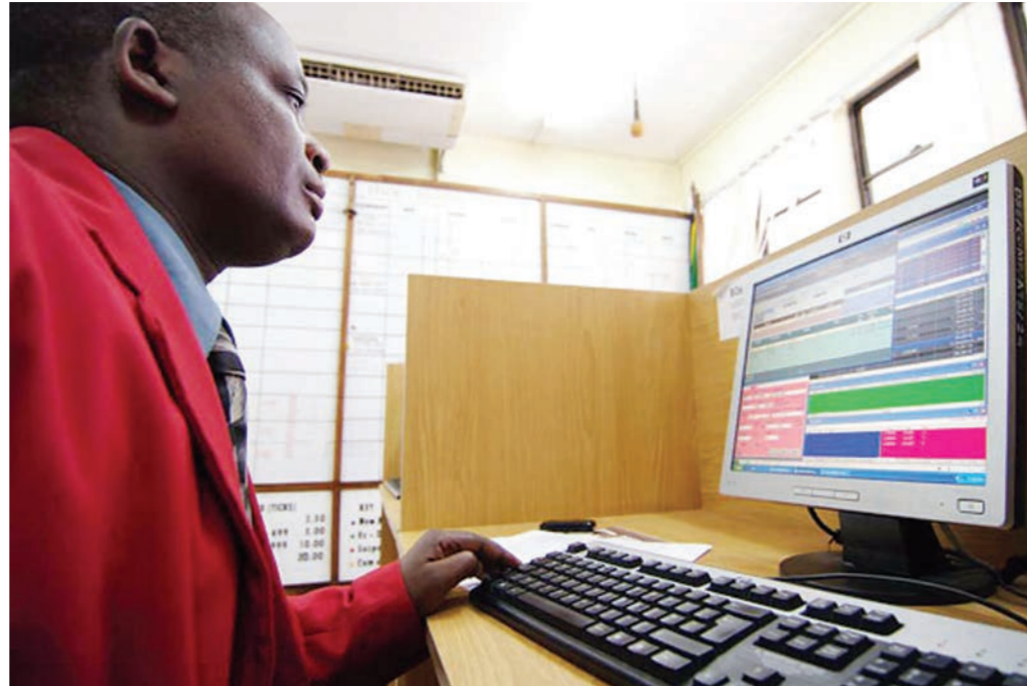
The overall market index (DSEI) closed 0.01 points up on Monday this

week at 1,898.38 points from 1898.37 points recorded during last week's close.

According to the market report, the improvement was a result of increasing share prices by Nico, which gained to 330/- on Monday from 320/- on Friday last week, which translates into 3.13 percent growth. This slightly pushed up the market caps to 22.83bn/- from 22.14bn/-.

Swissport Tanzania share price also improved by 1.01 percent during the reviewed trading sessions to 1,000/- from 990/-, pushing its market capitalization to 36bn/- from 32.55bn/- respectively.

Market report shows a total turnover



DSE stockbroker participates in share trading online. PHOTO/DSE

of 225.1mn/- recorded on Monday this week through transaction of 441,989 shares traded in 64 deals, higher than a turnover of 190.7mn/- recorded on Friday last week through transaction of 177,592 shares traded in

43 deals.

Top mover during the opening day of this week was CRDB Bank Plc, which transacted 303,113 shares valued 126.8mn/- traded in 34 deals at a price of between 410/- and 420/-.

However, the CRDB Bank counter had other 11 million outstanding shares on offer, as investors were seeking to sell them, the highest volume among all listed companies.

The second top mover was

Swissport, the aviation services provider, which recorded a turnover of 63.7m/- from transaction of 63,722 shares traded in seven deals at a price of between 990/- and 1,000/- per share.

The report shows Tanzania Portland Cement Company (TPCCL) was third top mover after recording a turnover of 13.4mn/- following the transaction of 3,550 shares traded in two deals at a price of between 3,800/- and 4,000/- per share.

The reports have shown the market has so far recorded a turnover of 29.4bn/- during the first two months of the second quarter, of which foreign investors injected 19bn/- from share purchase and 21bn/- through share selling.

The amount is equal to 29.4bn/- recorded during three months of the second quarter of last year, which indicates that the turnover for this quarter will surpass those of the similar quarter of last year.

During the first quarter of this year, a total turnover of 34.8bn/- recorded, of which 24bn/- were injected by foreign investors through share buying and 19.6bn/- through share selling, which indicates that foreign investors sold more than what they bought.

The overall market capitalization closed at 15.8trn/-, lower than 16.3trn/- recorded on May 31, 2021 close. Domestic market capitalization closed high at 10.8trn/- on Monday this week from 9.5trn/- recorded during the end of May last year.

All indices including TSI, Industrial Allied (IA), Banking, Finance and Investment (BI) and Commercial Service (CS) closed higher on Monday this week, compared to similar day of last year.

However, DSEI slowed down during the period of one year, following the decrease of share prices among cross listed companies.

Oil prices extend gains after EU bans Russia oil imports

SINGAPORE

OIL prices extended gains on Tuesday after the EU agreed to slash oil imports from Russia, fuelling worries of a tighter market already strained for supply amid rising demand ahead of peak U.S. and European summer driving season.

Brent crude for July, which expires on Tuesday, rose \$2.19, or 1.8%, to \$123.86 a barrel at 0650 GMT, after earlier rising to \$124.10 - its highest since March 9. The more active August contract rose \$2.25 to \$119.85.

U.S. West Texas Intermedi-

ate (WTI) crude was trading at \$119.12 a barrel, up \$4.05, or 3.5%, from Friday's close. There was no settlement on Monday due to a U.S. public holiday.

Both benchmarks have posted daily gains since Wednesday.

European Union leaders agreed in principle to cut 90% of oil imports from Russia by the end of 2022, resolving a deadlock with Hungary over the bloc's toughest sanction yet on Moscow since the invasion of Ukraine three months ago.

"It is definitely very bullish for the oil price, building on supply tensions. The oil price is now heading to the highs in

March," said Tina Teng, market analyst at CMC Markets. The reopening of China is also underpinning prices, Teng added.

Oil prices soared in March to their highest since 2008 and have risen more than 55% so far this year.

They should draw further support as demand from China is expected to pick up after the easing of COVID-19 curbs.

Shanghai has announced an end to its two-month-long lockdown, and will allow the vast majority of people in China's largest city to leave their homes and drive their cars from today. On the production side,



Oil prices soared in March to their highest since 2008 and have risen more than 55 percent so far this year. PHOTO/REUTERS

OPEC+ is set to stick to last year's deal at its meeting on Thursday, with a modest July output hike by 432,000 barrels per day, six OPEC+ sources said, rebuffing Western calls for a faster increase to lower surging prices.

Members from the group - the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and allies led by Russia - maintain that the oil market is balanced and that the recent price hikes are not related to fundamentals.



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By Guardian Reporter

THE Agricultural Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) has devised a strategic plan to economically empower women and youths in collaboration with Investment Climate Reform Facility (ICR).

The course began with a consultative workshop with ICR to discuss and elaborate on the development of a gender and youth scheme for TADB. The plan is being developed to assist women and young farmers to access financing. TADB's efforts are deliberately aimed at closing the economic gap between women and youth, as Finscope statistics indicates that the former constitutes 50 per cent of the workforce while the latter constitutes 50 per cent of the workforce but is financially excluded, with only 6 percent of women banked and only 26 per cent of youth as dedicated farmers.

TADB sought technical assistance from the EU-funded ICR Facility to bridge the gap between women and youth.

Agricultural bank empowers financially excluded women



A cross-section of participants and facilitators of a two-day workshop organised by TADB. The bank sought technical assistance from the EU-funded ICR Facility to bridge the gap between women and youths. PHOTO/TADB

The scheme in the works will inform TADB and other financial institutions about the steps that must be taken to increase financial inclusion among women and youth in the agricultural sector.

Participants at the two-day consultation workshop included representatives from various ministries of the government of Tanzania's mainland and Zanzibar, the EU Delegation to Tanzania, women's and youth organizations, and market facilitators.

Participants had an opportunity to discuss their opinion on agricultural products and services for women and young people.

The workshop concluded that the empowerment scheme should include a variety of financial products such as a guarantee mechanism, direct lending, and credit lines to partner financial institutions.

The scheme will also include collaboration between TADB and market facilitators to provide market information, training, and capacity development to female and youth farmers.

Uchumi demands billions from KDF in asset auction

NAIROBI

UCHUMI Supermarkets expects to receive Sh3 billion from the sale of its Langata branch property, which was forcefully acquired by the Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) last year.

The retailer, currently struggling to stay afloat, said a letter of award from the National Land Commission (NLC) to aid the transfer of the property will be ready by end of June.

The KDF said last year that it will forcibly acquire 3.7 acres on which Uchumi's Langata branch sits, adding a fresh twist to the ownership of the prime plot that is the subject of a court suit.

The NLC, on behalf of KDF, has been working on a paper that will convert the land and buildings into military use since last year.

"Uchumi Supermarkets Plc is waiting for the letter of award. This is expected within the next 30 days. Creditors shall be notified in case of any variation to our projections," said the retailer during a creditors' meeting on Monday.

Proceeds from the transactions are set to help pay the retailer's debt. The company carries the property at Sh806.6 million and says that the sale will leave it with a gain of Sh2.1 billion.

Creditors that had secured their loans using the as-



set include the government, which is claiming Sh1.3 billion, UBA Bank (Sh176 million), and ICDC (Sh115.9 million).

It remains unclear why the KDF has been pursuing the land that sits next to Wilson Airport in Nairobi which the US government warned earlier was vulnerable to terrorist attacks due to lax security.

The airport handles about 90 percent of domestic flights that mainly comprise chartered and commercial flights to holiday destinations such as the Masai Mara Game Reserve, Mombasa, Amboseli National Park, Lamu, Kilimanjaro, Diani, Lokichogio, and Nanyuki.

It is currently ranked among the busiest airports in terms of aircraft movement in East and Central Africa.

The supermarket says the High Court has so far stopped the seizure of any of its assets by creditors in favour of a company voluntary agreement (CVA) through which claims will be settled in an orderly manner.

Under the deal, the retailer and suppliers were to form a committee and agree on how to settle the Sh4.2 billion owed to them and ensure the payments are made on time.

The Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) and UBA are among the creditors that have sought to attach the retailer's properties to recover their money. The bank had gone to court to sell the Langata Road land, which the retailer used as security for the loan.

SBL implements plan in promoting inclusive and sustainable community

By Guardian Reporter

SERENGETI Breweries Limited (SBL) has long pursued sustainable development for the locals in conjunction with its beer manufacturing operations.

Its long-standing legacy and impact are also deeply woven into Society 2030: The Spirit of Progress, a 10-year action plan to help create a more inclusive and sustainable world.

SBL's positive role in the country coincides to the government's Third Five-Year Development Plan 2021/22 - 2025/26, which outlines national development priorities, some of which SBL has already surpassed.

SBL is making strides to intervene in supporting key issues, such as fight against discrimination in all of its forms, poverty alleviation, agricultural transformation, women empowerment, quality education, and a variety of other important responsibilities in the country.

SBL, for example, has established itself amongst pioneers in promoting 'inclusive and equitable quality

education and lifelong learning opportunities for all' through its Kilimo Viwanda scholarship program.

The scholarship seeks to expand Tanzania's existing pool of agricultural experts, which is critical for assisting farmers in increasing productivity and, ultimately, income. It has sponsored over 200 agriculture college students with a 50-50 gender split since its inception in 2020 - yet another brilliant move to promote gender equality.

SBL's STEM Apprenticeship Program seeks to involve more young women in science subjects. It promotes women's participation and progress. Males outnumber young females in science fields which SBL tends to influence change.

Ten young females with a Bachelor's degree or higher diploma or equivalent in electrical engineering, electronics engineering, mechanical engineering, mechanic engineering, food science and technology have already been hired to work for the company for a year. SBL's Water of Life program is saving millions of lives



Beneficiaries of Serengeti Breweries Limited's Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics programme (STEM) together with other young females who are pursuing various science disciplines in colleges and universities shortly after the climax of a workshop organised by SBL to commemorate International Day of Women and Girls in Science.

by providing clean, safe water to needy areas especially to women who had to walk miles to get water now spend less time. SBL has built 18 boreholes in eight regions since 2010, feeding over 2 million rural residents.

The success of this program has improved other areas, such as agriculture, where the

beer maker sources local materials, helping 400 local farmers who grow maize, sorghum, and barley.

Farmers supply up to 80 per cent of the company's raw materials requirement a year. As such, SBL provides direct support to their network through free seeds, field technical

services and linking them to financial institutions to access credit facilities.

The SBL agenda is consistent with the global sustainable goal of achieving zero hunger and promoting inclusive sustainable economic growth, employment, and decent work for all. Its success is heavily reliant on ensuring food

security and implementing more strategic agricultural sector interventions.

SBL, through its parent company DIAGEO, has set its sights on continuing to champion inclusion and diversity, with a goal of increasing the representation of not just women but also persons with disabilities in workplaces and its ecosystem.

As an alcoholic beverage brewer, SBL has taken significant steps to protect its customers, employees, and community by advising against drinking and driving. SBL is being carried out by the government, the police, and vehicle drivers from the grassroots to the national level. John Wanyancha, the SBL Director of Corporate Relations was quoted, 'the company urges people to drink better, not more, knowing very well that it is for the common good of the society that it should promote moderate drinking and tackle alcohol misuse.'

In that respect, SBL launched the DRINKiQ online education tool, part of the 'Drink Positive' campaign. The new platform contains consumers' information they deserve to make positive decisions about drinking responsibly and tackle myths about alcohol consumption.

Small flower farms lose 20pc produce on tight export space

NAIROBI

SMALL-SCALE flower farms are throwing away a fifth of their daily produce meant for export on the back of a shortfall in freight capacity, with big players locking them out through advance bookings on airlines.

Kenya Flower Council (KFC) chief executive officer Clement Tulezi says the freight capacity at the airport remains low as flight operations are yet to fully recover from interruptions caused by Covid-19 in 2020.

Mr Tulezi said available freight stands at 3,500 tonnes against the required 5,000 tonnes a week.

"The larger players are able to lock space by pre-booking with the airlines and the freight forwarders. So space could be

found for them but for the smaller ones who probably are not able to export every day, it becomes a big challenge to access that space," said Mr Tulezi.

He added that the perfect scenario is to have more foreign flights coming in throughout the year. However, this could be restricted by the interests of the national carrier, which ideally have to be protected.

"That is the reality and this happens not just in Kenya but everywhere else. So it is not possible that all the foreign airlines will be given a free movement into Kenya.

But we believe that when we really need that capacity, the government can allow more foreign carriers to come in and lift what we need," he said.

Mr Tulezi was speaking on Monday dur-



ing this year's International Flower Trade & Exhibition that is taking place after a three-year break due to Covid-19.

The multi-billion shilling flower show brings together stakeholders from both local and international exhibitors and is where major deals in the industry are cut.

Europe accounts for nearly 70 per cent of Kenya's cut-flower exports and the limited cargo capacity is making it difficult for Kenya to serve this market, threatening thousands of jobs.

Kenya's floriculture industry enjoys a relatively long high season, which runs from September through May, peaking in February as flower farmers maximise on the festive season, Valentine's Day and Mother's Day.

Technology can fast-track financial inclusion for people with disability

By Guardian Reporter

A compassionate approach to the financial needs of persons with disabilities, supported by innovative technology solutions, has the potential in addressing the needs of the most vulnerable members of society across the Middle East and Africa, according to the latest white paper from Mastercard.

The study, Bridging the Disability Gap: An Opportunity to Make a Positive Impact, reveals that digital inclusion is the pathway to financial inclusion for persons with disabilities.

As governments adopt and prioritize policies to improve accessibility of services, this paves the way for public and private sector financial institutions, mobile network operators (MNO), fintech providers, and other organizations to develop and apply solutions.

Umar Hashmi, Vice President, Global Product and Engineering, Mastercard, said: "At Mastercard, we are a purpose-driven organization and put into practice our belief in 'doing well by doing good'. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are part of who we are, and we bring this to life by deploying products, services, and partnerships that are aligned with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), based on 'leaving no-one behind'."

According to the latest available data, one billion people, or 15 per cent of the world's population, experience some form of disability, constituting the largest minority group in the world. Types of disabilities include visual, hearing, speech, mobility, cognitive, and psycho-social.

A combination of physical constraints in accessing financial institutions and services prevents many persons with disabilities from banking independently.



Depending on the type of disability, this includes being unable to travel to and enter a financial institution, branch, or ATM, not perceiving and understanding what is written on paper or electronic devices, being unable to hear, understand, and communicate with banking service providers, and being unable to access paper or digital content.

The paper includes real-life case studies of persons with disabilities having to depend on others to perform simple financial

tasks.

One interviewee said: "You should be able to access financial services in privacy; no one should know the details of your banking transactions, your balance, and how much you are spending." Others spoke about how access to services digitally would make a significant difference to their financial independence.

A 2019 UN report cites data that show persons with disabilities consider 28%

of banks in developed countries, and between 8% and 64% banks in some emerging economies, to be inaccessible.

However, measures are being taken to address this, at the government and corporate levels. The UAE has enforced a federal law concerning the Rights of People with Disabilities.

Emirates NBD bank has imparted Disability Equality Training to over 2,100 of its staff and has also taught them American

Sign Language.

The bank's Disability Friendly Branch project, implemented in 2016, aims to facilitate and ease the banking experience. The three-phase transformation integrates infrastructure, technology, and services to enable and enhance accessibility.

According to the Mastercard white paper, in the Middle East and Africa, using digital inclusion as the pathway to financial inclusion for persons with disabilities must involve reducing the gap in smartphone ownership, mobile internet usage, and digital literacy.

Approximately 63% of the world's population is now online since the pandemic. Research in select low- and middle-income countries in the Middle East and Africa shows that, despite a large mobile disability gap, widening at each stage of the user's journey, 62% of adults with disabilities own mobile phones and 21% own smartphones.



Beatrice Philemon (R), a long-serving special Business correspondent with The Guardian newspaper, receives an award in Dar es Salaam at the weekend for excelling in the Tourism and Conservation Reporting category of the Excellence in Journalism Awards Tanzania (EJAT) for 2021 organised by the Media of Council Tanzania. Presenting the award is Tanzania's Ambassador to Italy, Mahmoud Thabit Kombo. Photo: The Guardian Photographer



The Guardian Business Journalist Francis Kajubi (L), who emerged winner in the Data category and first runner-up in the Economics, Business and Finance Reporting category of the 2021 EJAT awards, receives an award from Nipashe managing editor Beatrice Bandawe at the event.

WORLD

Unlikely monkeypox outbreak will lead to pandemic, WHO says

LONDON

THE World Health Organization does not believe the monkeypox outbreak outside Africa will lead to a pandemic, an official said on Monday, adding it remains unclear if infected people who are not displaying symptoms can transmit the disease.

More than 300 suspected and confirmed cases of monkeypox - a usually mild illness that spreads through close contact and can cause flu-like symptoms and pus-filled skin lesions - have been reported in May, mostly in Europe.

The WHO is considering whether the outbreak should be assessed as a "potential public health emergency of international concern" or PHEIC. Such a declaration, as was done for COVID-19 and Ebola, would help accelerate research

and funding to contain the disease.

Asked whether this monkeypox outbreak has the potential to grow into a pandemic, Rosamund Lewis, technical lead for monkeypox from the WHO Health Emergencies Program said: "We don't know but we don't think so."

"At the moment, we are not concerned of a global pandemic," she said.

Once monkeypox has been contracted, the duration of the rash emerging and scabs falling off is recognized as the infectious period, but there is limited information on whether there is any spread of the virus by people who are not symptomatic, she added.

"We really don't actually yet know whether there's asymptomatic transmission of monkeypox - the indications in the past have been that this is not a major feature - but this remains to be de-



This 1997 image provided by the CDC during an investigation into an outbreak of monkeypox, which took place in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, depicts the dorsal surfaces of the hands of a monkeypox case patient, who was displaying the appearance of the characteristic rash during its recuperative stage. (CDC VIA AP)

termined, she said.

The strain of virus implicated in the outbreak is understood to kill a small fraction of those infected, but no deaths have been reported so far.

Most cases have cropped up in Europe rather than in the Central and West African

countries where the virus is endemic, and are predominantly not linked to travel.

Scientists are therefore looking into what might explain this unusual surge of cases, while public health authorities suspect there is some degree of community transmission.

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Wang stresses cooperation over competition in Sino-US relations

SUVA

CHINESE State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi delivered a speech via video at a symposium named "Kissinger and China-US Relations" yesterday to express his opinion on the right path of bilateral relations.

Wang expressed his appreciation to the friendly people in the United States, with former US secretary of state Henry Kissinger as a representative, for their long-term caring and support to the development of China-US relations.

It is both the responsibility and obligation for China and the United States to build a connected, diversified and tolerant world with shared security, said Wang, adding that whether the two countries can properly handle their relationship is a question of the century which must be well answered by the two sides.

The China-US relationship is encountering more and more challenges, and its historical narrative is being artificially distorted, with its development risking the danger of taking a wrong

path, Wang said.

He pointed out that if the United States keeps backsliding on the Taiwan question, it will fundamentally damage the peace across the Taiwan Straits, and eventually hurt itself.

"The China-US relationship cannot deteriorate further, and the right choice must be made, that is, to correct strategic recognition, abandon Cold-War mentality, solidify political fundamentals, properly manage divergences, get out of a competitive logic, and enhance communication and cooperation," he said.

Noting that the China-US relations are now mired in an abnormal climate, Wang said the extreme anxiety of the US side is completely unnecessary.

For China, the overriding task is to develop its economy to live up to Chinese people's aspiration for a better life, he said.

If the United States continues to define the China-US relations as major-country competition and set its policy objective towards a zero-sum game, it will drag the two countries into a



Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi (left) meets with former US secretary of state Henry Kissinger in Beijing. File photo

state of confrontation and conflict, and push the world into division and turbulence, Wang said. He said as the world has entered a period of turbulence and transformation, it requires a new philosophy on diplomacy of peaceful coexistence and cooperation for mutual benefits.

It's expected that the insightful people in the United States should not hesitate to continue to inject positive energy into the China-US relations, while people from all walks of life of both countries should no longer be silent but speak up to bring new hope to people of the two coun-

tries, Wang said.

The symposium, held online by the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs, reviewed the contributions that Dr Kissinger has made to push forward the development of China-US relations and discussed issues concerning the bilateral relations. *Xinhua*

Brazil poll: Lula regains double-digit lead over Bolsonaro

BRASILIA

FORMER President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva has reclaimed a double-digit advantage over incumbent Jair Bolsonaro ahead of Brazil's October election after another center-right candidate quit the race, according to a new poll on Monday.

The opinion survey, run by Instituto FSB with sponsorship from investment bank BTG, found that 46 percent of voters support Lula, up from 41 percent in April. Support for Bolsonaro was unchanged from a month ago at 32 percent in the survey.

In an expected second-round run-off between the two men, Lula would gain 54 percent of the votes and Bolsonaro 35 per-

cent, a 19 percentage point advantage that Lula had in March.

FSB director Marcelo Tokarski said Bolsonaro had gained ground in April after former Justice Minister Sergio Moro dropped out, but Lula saw a bump after Joao Doria, the former governor of Sao Paulo state, threw in the towel last week.

Frustrations about surging food and fuel prices have also taken their toll on Bolsonaro's support in the race.

"The surge in inflation, but mainly the expectation among most voters that prices will continue to rise in the next three months, has been a hurdle for Bolsonaro's re-election plans," Tokarski said.

The poll showed that the Brazilian elec-



tion is more polarized than ever, with centrist alternatives to Lula and Bolsonaro garnering just 13 percent of voter support, down from 17 percent in April and 24 percent in March.

The rejection rates for both Lula and Bolsonaro remain virtually unchanged, with 43 percent of voters saying they would never vote for the leftist Workers Party leader and 59 percent saying they would never vote for the far-right incumbent.

The FSB research institute interviewed 2,000 voters by telephone between May 27 and 29 in the poll commissioned by BTG Pactual bank. It has a 2 percentage-point margin of error.

Agencies

"NOW that we can get water whenever we want, it becomes so much easier for us to grow sweet potatoes and make sweet potato noodles," Dai Zefei, a villager in southwest China's Guizhou province, told People's Daily while making sweet potato noodles.

"Good natural environment and water quality guarantee high-quality sweet potatoes. My homemade noodles have a wonderful taste. I get too many orders to fill now," Dai said proudly.

Dai lives in a mountainous village in Yinjiang Tujia and Miao autonomous county, Tongren city, Guizhou province, where serious water scarcity used to be a major headache plaguing local people.

Located in the karst mountains, Guizhou has faced great difficulty stor-

China steadily promotes rural water infrastructure construction

ing and channeling water because of the complex geographical conditions.

In recent years, the province has continuously improved its infrastructure for drinking water and irrigation, among other purposes, and accelerated the construction of large reservoirs in rural areas.

By the end of 2021, the designed water supply capacity of water conservancy projects across the province has reached 13.2 billion cubic meters, which preliminarily solved the problem of water shortage due to the lack of water supply projects.

Today, every county of Guizhou has a medium-sized reservoir, and every

township in the province enjoys a stable water supply.

In April this year, a newly built reservoir on Qingdu River in Yinjiang Tujia and Miao autonomous county officially began storing water, guaranteeing a steady supply of clean drinking water for more than 20,000 people, and sufficient irrigation water for about 20,000 mu (about 1,333 hectares) of farmlands in the surrounding areas. Dai is one of the residents who have benefited from the reservoir.

Besides building reservoirs to guarantee stable water sources, the province has also built a water supply pipeline network to make tap water ac-

cessible for local people in their homes.

Over the past nearly five years, Guizhou has spent 165.8 billion yuan (about \$24.67 billion) on water conservancy projects and kicked off the construction of 300 key projects for water supply, increasing tap-water coverage in rural areas to 90.4 percent and bringing safe drinking water to 21.31 million rural residents.

"We used to drink mountain spring water and rainwater running off the roof. On rainy days, the water would become so muddy that we had to keep it in a cistern for a couple of days to let the impurities subside before we can drink it. The tap water we drink now has a

sweet taste. Even the rice cooked with the water tastes better than before," said villager Yang Shengjiang.

"Now that we have ponds in our village and irrigation pipes that help transfer clean water to the mountains, I can expect better yield from my cherry trees," said Yang Caimao, a cherry grower in Shedongguan Yi, Miao, and Bai ethnic township, Nayong county, Bijie city of Guizhou province.

Since cherry orchards are mostly located on hillsides, watering the fruit trees used to be a tough task for local farmers. Thanks to the improvement in local irrigation conditions, Yang's cherry trees have been well watered and

WHO urges for proactive measures to eliminate neglected tropical diseases in Africa

NAIROBI

THE World Health Organization (WHO) on Monday urged African governments to come up with targeted interventions aimed at reducing the burden of neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) in the continent.

Joyce Onsongo, the disease prevention and control officer at the WHO Kenya Office, said that there is a need to integrate key interventions aimed at containing these diseases including enhanced access to clean water and sanitation.

"We need to complement interventions such as behavior change and vector control and how they relate to the environment as a way to manage the diseases," Onsongo said at a summit on ending NTDs underway in Nairobi, the Kenyan capital. Onsongo observed that eradication of NTDs does not require medicines alone but also close collaboration of personnel working in public health and water sectors.

The official revealed that the WHO has provided medicine worth 2 billion shillings (about 17.14 million U.S. dollars) from the global pharmaceutical firms to help Kenya treat patients who are diagnosed with NTDs free of charge.

She said that the global health organization is helping Kenya in monitoring the NTDs situation in the country by conducting yearly surveys to evaluate the level of intervention. Onsongo noted that the recently launched "Ending NTDs: together towards 2030" roadmap will lead to all countries eliminating one if not all NTDs.

Susan Mochache, the principal secretary in the Ministry of Health, said NTDs are endemic across Kenya but primarily affect the rural communities where there is low access to sanitation and clean water, and limited or no access to quality and affordable health services.

Mochache said that Kenya is committed to ensuring that NTDs, just like other infectious diseases, non-communicable diseases and epidemics, are eliminated. She noted that Kenya's universal health coverage insurance covers case management of NTDs mediated manifestations of chronic disease.

Mochache revealed that approximately 25 million Kenyans are at risk of one NTD and the problem also affects water and sanitation, maternal and child health, education, infrastructure, economic opportunity and gender equality. She said that NTDs lead to low school attendance and absenteeism among the school-going children thus negatively affecting their learning and education outcomes.

According to the Kenyan official, besides developing NTD national plan, Kenya was certified free of guinea worm and has achieved interruption of transmission for African trypanosomiasis (sleeping sickness) and onchocerciasis (river blindness).

Mochache said Kenya has also scaled up the mapping of Bilharzia and intestinal worms so as to allocate sufficient resources, pledging that Kenya is firmly committed to the WHO's new roadmap for neglected tropical diseases 2021-2030. The three-day summit that has been organized by End Fund, a private charitable foundation, is being attended by more than 250 delegates that include senior government officials, public health experts, and representatives from the WHO and Africa CDC. *Xinhua*

Russia will find other importers for its oil - envoy on EU's partial oil embargo

MOSCOW

RUSSIA will find other importers for its oil, Russian Permanent Representative to international organizations in Vienna Mikhail Ulyanov said, commenting on the sixth package of EU sanctions against Russia, which includes partial embargo on Russian oil.

"As she rightly said yesterday, #Russia will find other importers. Noteworthy that now she contradicts her own yesterday's statement.

Very quick change of the mindset indicates that the #EU is not in a good shape," Ulyanov tweeted Tuesday in response to von der Leyen's tweet announcing the partial oil embargo.

Earlier, EU leaders negotiated the sixth package of sanctions against Russia during the summit in Brussels, which includes, in particular, cutting Sberbank off the SWIFT international payment system, partial embargo on import of Russian oil, ban on three more Russian state mass media an expansion of the blacklist of people whom the EU considers responsible for violation of Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Ursula von der Leyen noted that the EU hopes to reject up to 90% of imported Russian oil before the end of this year.



produced a good harvest, bringing him an income of more than 100,000 yuan (about \$14,863) this year.

The improvement in local irrigation conditions is attributed to a pilot project launched in rural areas of Guizhou, including the township, to build modern water conservancy facilities.

"Impounding reservoirs, water pumping pipes, as well as main and branch pipes, formed an irrigation network for mountainous areas of the township, effectively guaranteeing water supply for 1,650 mu (110 hectares) of cherry orchards," said Meng Wenyi, a team leader in the project.

As it has become more and more convenient for locals to use water, the water environment in Guizhou has also been improved. *People's Daily*

Israel signs major trade deal with Gulf state UAE

DUBAI

ISRAEL signed a free trade agreement with the United Arab Emirates on Tuesday, its first big trade accord with an Arab state and a move aimed at boosting trade between the two Middle East nations.

The pact was signed in Dubai after months of negotiations.

"Done," Israel's Ambassador to the UAE Amir Hayek said on Twitter, replying to another tweet he posted earlier saying "the UAE and Israel will sign FTA in the next hour."

President of the UAE-Israel Business Council Doran Barak said the trade agreement defined tax rates, imports and intellectual property, which would encourage more Israeli companies to set up offices in the UAE, particularly in Dubai.

The council predicts there will be almost 1,000 Israeli companies working in or through the UAE by the end of the year doing business with South Asia, the Far East and Middle East.

"The domestic market doesn't represent the entirety of the opportunity. The opportunity is really setting up in Dubai, as many companies have, in order to target the broader region," Barak told Reuters by phone.

Ahead of the signing, Israel's economy ministry had said the accord would remove tariffs on food, agriculture, cosmetics, medical equipment and medicine.

"Together we will remove barriers and promote comprehensive trade and new technologies, which will form a solid foundation for our common path, will contribute to the well-being of citizens and make it easier to do business," Israel's Minister of Economy and Industry Orna Barbiwai said on Monday.

The agreement has been signed amid escalating Israeli-Palestinian violence.

The UAE foreign ministry on Monday condemned the storming of the Al Aqsa compound in Jerusalem by "extremist settlers under the protection of Israeli forces."

The foreign ministry, in the written statement, also asked "Israeli authorities to take responsibility for reducing escalation and ending all attacks and practices that lead to the continuation of tensions while underscoring the need to exercise maximum restraint to avoid further instability."

The same day invited media were told they could no longer attend the signing. No reason was given for the sudden change.

Al Aqsa is the third holiest site in Islam and is revered in Judaism as the Temple Mount - a vestige of their faith's two ancient temples.

Israel's Barbiwai told Israeli radio on Tuesday she had heard "nothing out of the ordinary" about the Al Aqsa violence so far during her visit to the UAE.

For oil-rich UAE, the deal with Israel is its second bilateral free trade agreement after signing a similar accord with India in February. It is in bilateral trade talks with several other countries, including Indonesia and South Korea.

The UAE has been aggressively pursuing these deals in a bid to strengthen its economy and status as a major business hub following the hit it took from the coronavirus pandemic.

Israel and the UAE established ties in September 2020 in a US brokered deal that broke with decades of Arab policy that had called for a Palestinian state before ties with Israel.

Bahrain and Morocco also recognized Israel in the same year.

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Russian diplomat slams UK foreign secretary's comments on Russia's influence on Balkans

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova has slammed the British foreign secretary's comments on Russia's "malign influence" on the Balkans.

Liz Truss made the comments during a visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina on May 26, which was part of her regional tour, designed to reaffirm Britain's commitment to "peace and stability in the Western Balkans".

"The head of the British Foreign Office, Liz Truss, who is a known history and geography expert, warned people in Bosnia and Herzegovina against trusting Russia because of its 'malign influence' on the region," Zakharova said in a post on her Telegram channel Monday.

In turn, the diplomat described NATO's influence as "unscrupulously destructive", recalling the alliance's bombings of the former Yugoslavia, when depleted uranium projectiles were used.

"Liz Truss knows about the Tatar-Mongol invasion of Ukraine, good girl, but is unaware of NATO bombings of Belgrade? Then some more instances of Western influence on the Balkans might be of interest to her," Zakharova wrote.

At the start of World War II, Yugoslavia's government "begged the Brits" for help in the face of the Third Reich, but London ignored it and even took advantage of the war to pursue its own interests in Europe, she reminded.

In the 1990s, Britain as part of the western coalition covered up for human organ trafficking by Kosovo Albanians, as well as trade in all sorts of illicit goods, including weapons, Zakharova said, adding that the country's actions in the region were "more destructive than powder and bombs, and more lethal than plague".

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Canada to freeze handgun sales, and ban look-alike toys

OTTAWA

CANADA'S government introduced legislation Monday to implement a "national freeze" on the sale and purchase of handguns as part of a gun control package that would also limit magazine capacities and ban some toys that look like guns.

The new legislation, which resurrects some measures that were shelved last year amid a national election, comes just a week after a gunman killed 19 children and two teachers in their classroom in Uvalde, Texas.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau told reporters the new measures were needed as gun violence was increasing.

"We need only look south of the border to know that if we do not take action firmly and rapidly it gets worse and worse and gets more difficult to counter," he said.

The handgun freeze would contain exceptions, including for elite sport shooters, Olympic athletes and security guards. Canadians who already own handguns would be allowed to keep them.

Authorities do not expect a run on handguns in anticipation of the freeze, in part because they are so heavily regulated already, an official said in a briefing.

Canada has stronger gun legislation than the United States, but



Gun supporters hold the Canadian flag upside down, as they arrive on Parliament Hill for the Canadian Coalition for Firearm Rights pro gun march in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada on September 12, 2020. File photo

while its gun homicide rate is less than one-fifth the U.S. rate, it is higher than that of other rich countries and has been rising. In 2020, it was five times Australia's rate.

The rates in 2020 and 2017 respectively were the country's highest since at least 1997, according to Statistics Canada.

Canada banned the sale and use of some 1,500 models of assault weapons, like the AR-15 rifle, two

years ago in the wake of a mass shooting in Portapique, Nova Scotia - a move some firearms owners say they are contesting in court. Speaking alongside Trudeau, Public Safety Minister Marco Mendicino confirmed the "imminent launch of the initial phase" of a program to buy back and compensate owners of such weapons.

While the Liberals have a minority of seats in Parliament, the legislation could pass with the support of

the left-leaning New Democratic Party.

The planned legislation would prevent anyone subject to a protection order or who has engaged in domestic violence or stalking from obtaining or keeping a firearms license.

It will also require long-gun magazines to be permanently altered so they can never hold more than five rounds and will ban the sale and transfer of large-capacity magazines.

The new laws would also ban some toys that look like real guns, such as airsoft rifles. Last week Toronto police shot and killed a man carrying a pellet gun, read more

"Because they look the same as real firearms, police need to treat them as if they are real. This has led to tragic consequences," Justice Minister David Lametti told reporters.

Tom Stamatakis, president of the Canadian Police Association, welcomed some of the moves, such as the "red flag" provisions in the case of domestic violence, and said he would like more information on enforcement and resources for measures such as the handgun freeze.

He completely supported a crackdown on fake guns, which he said were a "big challenge."

"You cannot distinguish between what's a replica firearm and what's a real firearm, particularly when these incidences involving replica firearms occur often in very dynamic, quickly evolving circumstances."

Rod Giltaca, the head of the Canadian Coalition for Firearm Rights, said the handgun freeze was "absurd."

He said authorities were not using the tools they already had to tackle gun violence, such as calling people listed as references on gun license applications.

China determined to jointly advance international human rights cause for greater benefit of people across the world with other parties

CHINESE President Xi Jinping met via video link with UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet in Beijing on May 25. During the meeting, he expounded on major issues regarding China's human rights cause in the context of China's history and culture, and reaffirmed the principled position of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the Chinese government in upholding and protecting human rights in all areas.

After decades of strenuous efforts, China has successfully found a path of human rights development in line with the trend of the times and its national reality, and provides better protection for the human rights of the Chinese people than ever.

As a permanent member of the UN Security Council and a responsible major country, China has always upheld the spirits of the UN Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, actively participated in global human rights governance, and earnestly fulfilled its international human rights obligations.

China has ratified or joined 28 international human rights instruments, including six core UN human rights treaties, and successfully participated in three rounds of Universal Periodic Review of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), becoming a role model of compliance. It has served as member of the UNHRC for five times, one of the most elected countries to the council.

These facts and achievements not only represent the international community's recognition of China's human rights progress, but show China's sincerity in actively conducting human rights dialogues and cooperation.

To jointly advance the international human rights cause for the greater benefit of people across the world, Xi believes it is most important to work on the following four priorities: putting people front and center, respecting different countries' paths of human rights development, following a holistic approach to all categories of human rights and stepping up global human rights governance.

These four priorities, which were drawn from China's experience in driving the development of human rights cause, are issues that countries should pay special attention to in advancing international human rights cause.

How a country is doing on human rights is essentially gauged by whether the interests of its people are upheld, and whether they enjoy a growing sense of fulfillment, happiness and security, which is the most important criterion for assessing the human rights conditions of a country, Xi said.

Human rights have historical, specific and practical contexts, he pointed out, stressing that since countries have differ-



A fruit farmer picks cherries at an orchard in Zhongzhuang township, Yiyuan county, Zibo city, east China's Shandong province, May 24, 2022. File Photo

ent national conditions, histories, cultures, social systems and levels of economic and social development, they should and can only explore suitable paths of human rights development in light of their national realities and people's needs.

Human rights are a rich and all-encompassing concept, and must be advanced with integrated and systematic measures, Xi said. The promotion and protection of human rights is a common cause for humanity that requires the concerted efforts of all, according to Xi.

Xi's suggestions have further charted the way forward for strengthening international exchanges and cooperation on human rights and improving global human rights governance.

Over the years, China has actively conducted human rights dialogues and cooperation, contributing to the development of the international human rights cause.

China has actively expanded exchanges and cooperation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), cooperated with the special procedures of the UNHRC, and conducted human rights dialogues and exchanges with the U.S., the U.K., and the European Union as well as human rights consultations with Russia, Egypt and the African Union.

Through exchanges conducted at home and abroad by social organizations, China has promoted mutual understanding and strengthened mutual trust among people from different countries, enriching the connotations of human rights and enhancing consensus on human rights.

On the UNHRC and other multilateral occasions, China has shared its experience in the de-

velopment of human rights with the international community, and promoted the incorporation of important concepts such as building a community with a shared future for mankind, promoting human rights through development, and facilitating win-win cooperation in human rights into UN resolutions, enriching the international human rights discourse system.

When it comes to human rights issues, there is no such thing as a flawless utopia; countries do not need patronizing lectures; still less should human rights issues be politicized, judged with double standards, or used as a tool or a pretext to interfere in the internal affairs of other countries.

Some Western countries, which have long been condescendingly lecturing other countries on human rights, have harped on others' human rights situation and yet turned a blind eye to the serious human rights problems back home, which is typical act of double standard and hegemony.

While exercising its rights in accordance with the law and speaking up for justice, China has made joint speeches on behalf of countries with similar views at the UNHRC for many times, telling true stories of human rights in China and exposing human rights violations in a few Western countries.

In doing so, the country has not only firmly defended international fairness and justice and safeguarded the sovereignty and dignity of developing countries, but vigorously promoted international exchanges and cooperation on human rights as well as the healthy and orderly development of global human rights governance.

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Asia Economic and Entrepreneurship Summit opens in Kuala Lumpur

HONG KONG

THE Asia Economic and Entrepreneurship Summit opened in the Malaysian capital, Kuala Lumpur, on Tuesday to explore the region's economic and business disruptions and opportunities in post-COVID-19 recovery megatrends and shifts toward green technology, digitalization and innovation especially as Asia grapples with the new normal.

The one-day forum, which is being held in a hybrid format, has been organized by the KSI Strategic Institute for Asia Pacific, Economic Club of Kuala Lumpur (ECKL) and China Daily Asia Pacific.

Government officials, senior company executives, civil society leaders and academic experts will take part in the discussion themed 'The Great Reset - Asia Megatrends and Opportunities Post-COVID'.

The summit is being held at a time when the region is slowly rebuilding an economy that was hit hard by the pandemic. There's also the need to create a shared prosperity.

KSI's President Michael Yeoh and ECKL Chairman Mohamed Iqbal Rawther delivered the welcome speeches.

Ahmad Fuzi Abdul Razak, governor of the northwestern Malaysian state of Penang, delivered a keynote speech on 'The challenges facing Asia in the post pandemic new normal - leadership, governance and security'. Adham Baba, Malaysia's Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, delivered a special address on 'Technology and Innovation as New Drivers of Economic Growth' during the lunchtime.

The morning session featured two panel discussions. The first one had a special ambassadors and conversations' panel on peace, stability and prosperity in Asia-Pacific. The speakers were Justin Lee, High Commissioner of Australia to Malaysia, Roland Galharage, Ambassador of France to Malaysia, and Michalis Rokas, Ambassador of the European Union to Malaysia. Wei Chuan Beng, KSI's senior executive director, moderated the session.

The session on Asia's economic megatrends - competitiveness, innovation and transformation - focused on the region's economic outlook and key challenges the

new few years. It featured three speakers: Richard Marshall, senior economist for United Nations Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei, Mia Mikic, advisor at large for the Asia-Pacific Research and Training Network on Trade and research fellow in the New Zealand-based University of Waikato and Rainer Althoff, ECKL's exco member. Hamzah Kassim, co-founder of The IA Group, was the session's moderator.

The afternoon session will feature two panel discussions. The panel on post pandemic corporate leadership - enhancing sustainability and governance - will explore how corporate leaders can innovate, lead and transform their business and corporations.

The panel discussants include Shazali Sulaiman, chairman of the Brunei Darussalam International Chambers of Commerce and Industry and partner, Shazali & Partners; Annie Koh, professor emeritus of finance (practice) and senior academic advisor at the Business Families Institute and International Trading Institute of Singapore Management University; Sunita Mei-Lin Rajakumar, chairwoman of Climate Governance Malaysia and Dutch Lady Milk Industries; Roshan Thiran, chief executive officer of Leaderonomics; and Chin Yew Sin, deputy president cum chief coordinator of MHSATJ, United Nations / Advisor for Asia Pacific Region Global One Belt One Road Association. Vaseehar Hassan, KSI's executive vice chairman, will moderate this discussion.

The last panel discussion will highlight the new growth drivers in the region - digitalization and green technology.

The discussants are Albert Oung, chairman of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) Sustainable Business Network Green Economy Task Force and founder/president of World Green Organization; Deborah Biber, chairwoman of UNESCAP's digital economy task force, chief executive of Blue Moon Advisory and former executive director of Pacific Basin Economic Council; Raymond Kwong, executive director of Silverlake Axis, Caroline Macdonald, CEO of BBX International and David Morris, vice president of UNESCAP's Sustainable Business Network.

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SPORT



The CRDB Bank Plc Head of Retail Customers, Boma Labala (2nd R), StarTimes Chief Executive Officer, Luo Hao (2nd L), and Strategis Insurance's Manager, Lilian Suka (R), display a dummy cheque for travel insurance cover for the 2022 Miss Tanzania winner, Halima Kopwe (not in picture), at the CRDB Bank headquarters in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Looking on (L) is an unnamed National Sports Council representative. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Miss Tanzania organizers, sponsors hand over prizes to top five winners

By Guardian Reporter

THE top five winners of this year's Miss Tanzania competition held on May 20 were, on Tuesday, presented with their prizes by the competition's organizers and sponsors.

Mtwara's Halima Kopwe was the overall winner of the competition organized by The Look Company and sponsored by StarTimes, CRDB Bank, Sanlam, and Strategis Insurance.

She will represent Tanzania in forthcoming the Miss World pageant.

Speaking during the presentation of the prizes to the winners at CRDB Bank headquarters in Dar es Salaam, Miss Tanzania Organizing Committee's Chairperson, Azama Mashango, thanked sponsors for facilitating the successful hosting of the competition.

"We are today presenting prizes to winners who reached the top five. The presented prizes include a life insurance package for five years valued at 50m/- from Sanlam Life, motor vehicle and property insurance for the top winner from Sanlam General, and annual travel insurance for the winner from Strategis Insurance," she said.

During handing over motor vehicle insurance to the overall winner of the competition, the Head of Assurance Department at CRDB Bank Moreen Majaliwa said the insurance will protect the model from all risks associated with a vehicle accident.

The official noted: "The value of the vehicle presented to the winner is 30m/- and it is very expensive. So, it was necessary to insure it for the winner to enjoy a risk-free ride."

"Our bank, through the assurance department, promised to help to insure the vehicle for one year," she disclosed.

She said the bank, in collaboration with partners including Sanlam and Strategis, has issued life insurance cover amounting to 50m/- to five winners, including travel insurance for the winners who will represent Tanzania in the international competition.

"Miss Tanzania competition has been an important bridge to youths' successes, especially girls, the competition has also changed the public perception on beauty and pageants and many see it as an economic opportunity," she said.

Apart from the prizes, CRDB Bank has opened accounts for all winners to receive their cash prizes.

The overall winner walked away with 10m/-, the first runner-up received 5m/-, the second runner-up raked in 3m/- and the other four winners received 1m/- each.

The bank also agreed to provide financial literacy for the winner of the competition.

Speaking on behalf of the winners after the presentation ceremony, the 2022 Miss Tanzania, Halima, thanked the organizers and sponsors for the awards.

Halima noted: "These prizes show how important Miss Tanzania competition is, and how the competition keeps on gaining recognition from different stakeholders."

"I am sure that this will help to encourage more girls to participate in this competition in future as it has become a source of employment," she said.

The Finals matchup: Celtics vs. Warriors for NBA title

MIAMI

SOMEWHERE, Gregg Popovich must be pleased.

Ime Udoka and Steve Kerr played for Popovich with of the San Antonio Spurs, both served as assistant coaches under him, and neither makes any effort to hide the affinity they have for the NBA's career victory leader.

And now, Udoka and Kerr are about to go head-to-head – in the NBA Finals.

The title matchup is set: It'll be Udoka and the Eastern Conference champion Boston Celtics facing Kerr and the Western Conference champion Golden State Warriors, a series that begins Thursday night in San Francisco. The teams split their two regular-season meetings, each winning on the other's home floor.

The Warriors have been waiting for an opponent since this past Thursday after needing only five games to beat Dallas for the West title. The Celtics got there the hard way, winning Game 7 in Miami on Sunday night to capture the East. "We stayed with it. We believed in each other. We made a commitment on the defensive end," said Celtics forward Al Horford, who, after 141 playoff games, is headed to the NBA Finals for the first time. "That was the biggest thing, defending."

For the Celtics, it's a chance at an 18th NBA championship – which would break the tie with the Los Angeles Lakers for the most in league history. For the Warriors, it's a chance at a seventh crown – which would break a tie

with the Chicago Bulls for third-most in league history. It's also a rematch of the 1964 finals, when Bill Russell and the Celtics topped the Warriors in five games.

"I've said it many times: You go to the finals, it's almost a two-month journey filled with stress and fatigue and everything else," said Kerr, who gave his team Friday and Saturday off before bringing them back to work Sunday. "So, if you can get a little bit of a break, it's very meaningful. Hopefully, we can get healthy and have a few days of really good prep and be ready to go on Thursday."

Golden State won at Boston 111-107 on Dec. 17, behind 30 points from Stephen Curry. The Celtics rolled on Golden State's home floor in the rematch on March 16, winning 110-88 in the game in which Curry injured his foot – and that's where his regular season ended.

Curry was ready to go for the playoffs. So were the rest of the Warriors. They're 12-4 in the playoffs, getting through Denver, Memphis and Dallas to get to the title round.

"It all starts with Steph," Kerr said.

Udoka has a chance to become the 10th coach to win a title in his first season. Eddie Gottlieb (1947 Philadelphia Warriors), Buddy Jeanette (1948 Baltimore Bullets), John Kundla (1949 Minneapolis Lakers), George Senesky (1956 Philadelphia Warriors), Paul Westhead (1980 Los Angeles Lakers), Pat Riley (1982 Los Angeles Lakers), Tyrone Lue (2016 Cleveland Cavaliers) and Nick Nurse (2019 Toronto Raptors) are eight of the coaches who have pulled off the feat.

SPORTS

Gymkhana cricketers storm into 2022 DC Sisi Cup 40 Overs Div A1 tourney final

By Guardian Reporter

GYMKHANA cricketers have booked a place in the 2022 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Sisi Cup 40 overs Division A1 League's final after notching an emphatic seven-wicket victory over GP Pak Stars in the city last weekend.

The results had Gymkhana Cricket Club finishing second in the league's table, with league leader Strikers also securing progression to the final after cruising to a 43-run victory over Annadil Burhani in the other deciding round-robin tie played the same weekend.

Promising cricketer, Kartik Syal, happened to be Gymkhana Cricket Club's hero in the encounter against GP Pak Stars, putting an impressive showing with bat and ball as the side gallantly qualified for the final.

The GP Pak Stars had the opportunity to take the crease first and were skittled for 113 runs in 28.2 overs of the 40-over duel.

They got off to a shaky start to the innings, in which opener Sultan Qureshi faced an early exit after managing three knocks.

The fellow opener, Muzamil Hussain, withstood Gymkhana Cricket Club bowlers' onslaught for a few overs and registered 12 runs.

Hussain, also the GP Pak Stars' skipper, hit two boundaries in his stint and was later dismissed by Gymkhana Cricket Club's Umang Somani from Syal's bowling.

There was a setback brought about by experienced performer Hemed Abbas's dismissal, with the cricketer falling two runs short of a two-digit score.

Dharminder Singh, deployed at number four, sought to steady the ship with his 17 runs, hitting three fours, but could not last long as he was dismissed by Gymkhana Cricket Club's Yash Hirwania.

Top-order performer, Sajjad Ali, improved his side's total with his 21 which consisted of two boundaries and a six.



Gymkhana Cricket Club players celebrate a wicket that the team's cricketer took in one of the 2021 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament's ties which took place at the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC)'s venue. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

Ali was, ultimately, GP Pak Stars' top run-getter when the squad took the crease.

Low-order batsman, Imran Qureshi, also had what could be termed as a significant contribution, notching 15 runs that comprised two fours.

Afwan Samanke also had a two-digit figure, given the performer chipped in with 11 runs which comprised a four.

Low-order batsman, Wahid Hussain, had a not-out stint, ending one run short of a two-digit figure whilst hitting one four.

The impressive Hirwania led Gymkhana Cricket Club's bowling attack, in which the cricketer notched three wickets and gave away 25 runs in eight overs.

Experienced spinner, Tambwe Rashid, Somani, and Syal piled misery on GP Pak Stars' batting unit, in which they recorded two wickets apiece.

In response, Gymkhana Cricket Club got down to a successful chase with ease, notching 119 runs whilst losing three wickets in mere 10.1 overs.

Top-order cricketer Abdullah Jabiri was in scintillating form at the crease, leading the chase with 29 runs not out.

Opener Syal had Gymkhana Cricket Club beginning the chase confidently, nailing the 27 runs which consisted of three boundaries and a six.

Fellow opener Amit Raghuvanshi chipped in well with his 19 runs, cracking three fours in 16-ball innings.

Gurvinder Singh got Gymkhana Cricket Club within reach of a successful chase after nailing 16 runs that comprised three fours.

Mohammed Yunus saw to it that the side garners the win, recording eight runs not out whilst cracking one boundary.

Qureshi took two wickets in his two-over stint, his efforts though could not change the course of the tie for GP Pak Stars.

Gymkhana Cricket Club, for that matter, ended the round-robin spell with victory in four ties and loss in one.

The second-placed club notched a 1,357 net run, posting 846 runs and giving away 761 runs.

League leaders Strikers that overcame Annadil Burhani last weekend ended with victory in the five outings, turning out to be the only competitor that had not conceded a loss in the tournament's round-robin stage.

Strikers registered a 1,386 net run rate, amassing 895 runs and giving away 651 runs.

Simba SC leadership cites age, lack of desire as reasons for poor performance

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

SIMBA SC Registration Committee's Chairman Kassim Dewji has revealed reasons for the squad's failure to defend the 2021/22 NBC Premier League title and the Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) trophy.

Dewji, a senior leader at Simba SC, revealed the truth in an exclusive interview that took place in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday.

The leader said the age of some players and the lack of desire for more success at the Simba SC squad is the source of the outfit's below-par showing this season.

"It has come at a time when the players we have do not have the desire to fight for the title, they have won the Premier League and ASFC more than once, so they felt there is nothing new to them," the leader noted.

"In the African club tournaments, our players showed resilience and we congratulate them for that, but, if they reached the continental showpiece's quarterfinals, they have done so more than once, so in my opinion, their potential ended there," Dewji pointed out.

Simba SC has surrendered the Premier League title for the first time in four years, it has also lost the ASFC title for the first time in two years.

The side was knocked out of this season's ASFC last four's stage by an age-old rival, Yanga, losing 1-0 to the latter in the clash which took place in Mwanza last weekend.

In another development, Simba SC players have been given a two-week break after returning from Mwanza where they took on Yanga in this season's ASFC last four's match.

Simba SC Information and Communication Manager Ahmed Ally said the outfit's technical bench recommended the break to give players time to return to their families and rest.

Ally said after two weeks, Simba SC players will return to camp to prepare for the remaining 2021/22 Premier League matches.

The official pointed out: "After returning from Mwanza the players



Simba SC attacker, Kibu Dennis (L), shoots past Yanga midfielder, Yannick Bangala, during the 2021/22 Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) last four's duel which took place in Mwanza last weekend. Yanga won 1-0. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

who have not been called up to their respective countries national teams were given a two-week break, the technical bench has seen the need for players to be at rest during this season as the national teams prepare for the AFCON 2023 qualifiers."

"When they return, they will be tasked with

making sure they fight to win the remaining games in the Premier League to complete the season, notching three points per game," Ally noted.

Ally further pointed out the club will opt for a restructure of the side in the 2022/23 registration window with several players expected to be released.

El Moutaraji double gives Wydad African Champions League title

CASABLANCA

WYDAD Casablanca winger Zouhair El Moutaraji scored both goals as they claimed African Champions League glory with a 2-0 victory over holders Al Ahly in the final at a raucous Stade Mohammed V on Monday.

Wydad celebrated a third continental crown after triumphs in 1992 and 2017 as they denied Ahly a record third straight title after El Moutaraji scored his first with a thunderous long-range strike and grabbed a second from close range.

The goals sent the home fans into raptures, with the final controversially staged at Wydad's stadium after the Confederation of African Football said Morocco was the only bidder, Senegal having withdrawn their application.

Ahly failed in a bid to have the match postponed and moved to a neutral territory after their appeal to the Swiss-based Court of Arbitration for Sport was turned down last week.

Ahly's loss is more disappointment for Egyptian football in 2022 after the country were beaten by Senegal in the Africa Cup of Nations final in Cameroon and then lost to the same team in the playoffs for a place at

this year's World Cup in Qatar.

Wydad gave an early warning to the visitors when striker Guy Mbenza struck the bar with a powerful shot from the edge of the box.

They then took the lead after 15 minutes as El Moutaraji picked up the ball 30 meters from goal and unleashed a superb strike into the top corner that gave Ahly goalkeeper Mohamed El Shenawy no chance.

The Egyptians were rushed in their passing and coughed up possession too easily but looked dangerous from set-pieces and should have equalized when defender Yasser Ibrahim headed wide from a corner.

That might have turned the contest in their favor, but Wydad doubled their advantage three minutes into the second half when El Moutaraji stole in ahead of ball-watching Ahly defender Mohamed Hany at the back post.

His initial shot was saved but he lashed home the rebound.

Ahly tried to claw their way back into the game and forced a number of saves from Wydad keeper Reda Tagnaouti, but their night ended in disappointment despite the fact they dominated possession and looked the more enterprising of the two teams.

After winning Madrid another Champions League, Courtois deserves respect

By Graham Hunter, ESPN Spain writer

IN the end, the Champions League final between Liverpool and Real Madrid was all about Sergio Ramos – again. And he'll love that.

Liverpool's second shot at Los Blancos in the ultimate club final in the space of four years was supposed to be about what Mohamed Salah craved: revenge. It would be payback for the moment in 2018's final in Kyiv when Ramos hauled him down to prevent a breakaway that threatened to give Jurgen Klopp's team the lead, a decision that ended in the Egypt striker dislocating his shoulder and being led, tearfully, from the pitch in the 30th minute of what became a 3-1 defeat.

In the end, 2022's final in Paris was actually all about what Real Madrid goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois wanted: not simply victory, but for his iconic moment in a Champions League final to date – a full-length left-to-right dive that failed to stop Ramos' brilliant added-time header from sneaking into the postage-stamp space between his fingertips and the right post of Atletico Madrid's goal in the 2014 final in Lisbon – to be erased from memory. That night, Los Rojiblancos went from 1-0 up with seconds remaining to a 4-1 thrashing in extra-time. Courtois couldn't live with that image defining him.

Both men wanted to shake Ramos from their Champions League final pain. Salah couldn't; Courtois could – and did. The Belgium goalkeeper produced a majestic evening in the umpteenth match this season, across all the competitions in which Madrid competed, when a rival left the pitch thinking: "Why didn't we win that? How does Courtois do those things?"

After the match on Saturday night, Courtois told Spanish media in the mixed zone: "Desire is what really makes the difference in a big final like this. The key is having repeated to myself, 'Today is my day. This is what I've worked for. Today I'm going to win this trophy. I will not lose another final.' So to make that happen is a fantastic feeling."

The strange thing is that, if you asked dedicated Real Madrid fans whether this was Courtois' best game, either since joining from Chelsea in 2018 or even over the past two seasons, many would stop, ponder and name days when he has been more crucial to Los Blancos' winning. But beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and many others will claim that the occasion, pressure, rival and trophy at the end means Saturday's performance was his zenith.

However, Courtois thinks he has been at his best level for the past two seasons. Earlier this term he admitted, ruefully, that it seemed his own evaluation didn't seem to count for much, that Madrid finishing trophyless in 2020-21 had obscured how superbly he'd played every week.

Rueful then, angry later when U.K. football magazine FourFourTwo – usually considered intelligent and reliable – published their ranking of goalkeepers around the world and, ludicrously, didn't place Courtois in the top 10. For anyone who knows anything about football, it was a complete aberration from the word "go." Nevertheless, a small seed for the magic Courtois produced to deny Liverpool in Paris on Saturday was planted.

Not long after the issue was published in March, Madrid's keeper gave an interview to Miguel Serrano TV and, when asked about it, said: "These people only show themselves up. Everyone is entitled to their opinion, and I'm not claiming that I'm first, second or third, but if neither I nor [Gianluigi] Donnarumma are in this top 10, then something's gone wrong. What happens is that, later, you find that it's people like this often get a vote in football's individual prizes, and it's then they confirm that they've really got no idea at all."

NFL legend Tom Brady – maybe you've heard of him – held a totally different view and launched a cross-Atlantic barb of his own. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback, inarguably one of the great sportsmen of



all time, in any sport, sent Courtois a signed shirt with the inscription: "Thibaut – the best goalkeeper in the world!"

That's the context required to understand why Madrid's man of the match, in his first on-pitch interview after beating Liverpool 1-0, said: "Today, I needed to win a final – for my career, for all the hard work, to put respect on my name because I don't think I have enough respect, especially in England. I saw a lot of criticism that I was not good enough or whatever."

Later, he added: "I said at the press conference on Friday that when Madrid play in finals, they win. I then saw a lot of tweets saying I would get humbled. It was the other way round. Liverpool were very strong today. I think I played a great game, and that was the difference."

In FourFourTwo's ranking, Aaron Ramsdale (Arsenal), Jose Sa (Wolverhampton Wanderers), Unai Simion (Athletic Club), Yassin Bounou (Sevilla), Jan Oblak (Atletico Madrid) all were named ahead of the man who has won 15 major trophies; played for Atletico, Chelsea and Madrid; and finished third at the 2018 World Cup. Are you surprised it stung him? That he stored it and used it as motivation?

And then those who curate the list of candidates for the Yashin Trophy, the Ballon d'Or for keepers, didn't include Courtois either. In the voting for the 2021 award, he came in eighth, unbelievably enough, behind such luminaries as Aston Villa's Emiliano Martinez, Leicester's Kasper Schmeichel and Oblak – the Atleti keeper notoriously going through the worst form he has shown since moving to Spain eight years ago.

If you haven't been watching Madrid this term, then let the statistics guide you. Courtois needed to make 59 saves (more than anyone else) to win the Champions League and pulled off about 100 more than that in order to hand Madrid the LaLiga title. Remember, this is only the second time Los Blancos have managed to become champions of Spain and Europe at the same time since 1958.

Forwards Karim Benzema and Vinicius Junior, with more than 100 goals and assists between them this season, have caught the eye more. Midfielder Luka Modric has a tendency to do very special things on big occasions, too, but Courtois has been Madrid's

close-combat bodyguard across the past two seasons. His middle names are Nicolas Marc, but if there were any justice in the world, they should be Notoriously Magnificent.

When he eventually looks back at his exploits at the Stade de France, I'll wager you that he rates the first-half save from Sadio Mane, with the scores level at 0-0, as his best technically. Against a raging drive, Courtois' fingertips did what they couldn't quite do in Lisbon eight years ago and tipped the ball onto the post. He quickly followed that up by leaping to his feet and pouncing on a loose ball in the 6-yard box before Salah could touch it into the gaping net.

Then, I'd guess, he'll say that the second-half save from Salah was the most vital. There were nine minutes of normal time remaining, he'd already thwarted the Egyptian (twice) and Diogo Jota, but a goal at that stage, and Klopp's "mentally monsters" would not simply gain scoreboard parity, they'd have crucial momentum to go with their relentless attacking.

Salah made good on his threat with a cannon of a shot that erupted off his right boot. How Courtois deflected it wide when the ball hit the top edge of his right arm, rather than getting a solid hand on it, we can only marvel at. Not only did it keep Madrid ahead, and effectively seal their 14th Champions League win, it caused two iconic images that, now, can erase that of Courtois' despairing and futile full-length dive as Ramos scored past him in 2014 with Atletico smelling the trophy.

Salah, on seeing the ball ricochet violently off to the right and out for a corner kick, sank to his knees in disbelief and despair. David Alaba, already a double Champions League winner with Bayern Munich, showed just what the split-second brilliance meant to him by leaping, like a child with his dad, fully into Courtois' arms and wrapping his legs around the Belgian's torso. Disbelief from Salah; utter, rampant relief from Alaba. Magic.

What competed with Courtois' nerve, physical size, mentality, decision-making and will to win in Paris on Saturday was his agility. For most of his important saves, he was throwing himself left or right to defend efforts destined for the lower corners, a feat that's vastly difficult for a 30-year-old who is 6-foot-7 – or at least it should be.

Earlier this season, this phenome-

nal competitor, whose parents were both top-level volleyball players and who was himself tempted to dump football for the sport of his mum and dad, explained: "I played volleyball every summer, beach volleyball with my parents. In terms of reflexes, even at a young age I loved to jump and dive on the floor. I think that a volleyball player who is two metres tall has to drop to the ground very quickly, he has to have a good spring, he has to follow the trajectory of the ball well when the setter passes to him. I'm fast for someone who is two metres tall. Maybe it's my parents' genes, but it might also come from volleyball."

Real Madrid fans can be grateful for those formative years. Grateful, too, for the patient his mum happened to be treating when Courtois was an impressionable kid.

"My mum is a physio, and she was treating someone who would travel to watch Madrid play two or three times every season. He was a massive fan," Courtois told UEFA. "I already admired and followed Iker Casillas at that time, but this guy brought me back a Real Madrid flag, one of Casillas' shirts, too – stuff like that. My mother wasn't really a football fan but since I was with my mum at work quite a lot, I heard lots of stories about Real Madrid and so I liked Los Blancos more and more thanks to that coincidence."

That's how it started way, way back, but this is how it started at the beginning of this Champions League season: Madrid went to San Siro on Matchday One against Simone Inzaghi's Inter Milan. The reigning Italian champions were fitter, faster and feeding off the home crowd's rabid desire to teach Carlo Ancelotti's team – remember, he's an AC Milan legend – a lesson. Madrid were under pressure. Edin Dzeko threatened to score time and time again, but Courtois masterfully denied all the Nerazzurri players before Rodrigo popped up with a goal to make it 1-0.

"We faced a keeper that it's really very difficult to score against," Inzaghi said that night. On Saturday night, Klopp justifiably said: "Courtois made three world-class saves."

Praise, appreciation and a Champions League trophy lift, at last, for a keeper who isn't simply the best at his job anywhere in the world right now – and has been on and off throughout his entire career – but is, arguably, among the best three or four footballers, at any position, anywhere in football. Let the Ballon d'Or awards this year match the reality of the situation for Belgium's big, bold, brash and utterly brilliant Spanish and European champion. Benzema is the clear winner, but Courtois should be second. Time to put things right there as well.

UEFA commissions inquiry into UCL final fiasco

PARIS

UEFA has commissioned an independent inquiry into the events which led to the delayed kickoff at the Champions League final between Liverpool and Real Madrid in Paris, including supporters being sprayed with tear gas by riot police outside the Stade de France.

Senior French politicians said on Monday that between "30,000-40,000 fake tickets" were a central factor in the disorder outside the stadium, which led to thousands of Liverpool fans being held in large crowds while waiting to enter via the turnstiles.

UEFA also claimed on Saturday that the late arrival of supporters was another contributory factor to the delayed kickoff – an allegation rejected by Liverpool, who demanded an inquiry over the weekend.

Many supporters and others present at the game have contested the claims by the French authorities and UEFA, with the UK government backing Liverpool's call for an inquiry.

And UEFA has now confirmed that Dr. Tiago Brandão Rodrigues, a Portuguese politician, will compile an independent report that will spell out what happened in Paris and why.

In a statement, UEFA said: "UEFA has today announced it has commissioned an independent report into the events surrounding the UEFA Champions League final in Paris on Saturday 28 May. The comprehensive review will examine decision making, responsibility and behaviours of all entities involved in the final."

"The report will be independently compiled and Dr. Tiago Brandão Rodrigues from Portugal will lead the production of this re-

view.

"Dr. Tiago Brandão Rodrigues (born in Braga, Portugal in 1977) is a Member of the Portuguese Parliament and the President of the Parliamentary Committee of Environment and Energy. He was the Portuguese Minister of Education (also in charge of Sports and Youth) between 2015 and 2022, a member of the World Antidoping Agency Foundation Board (2019-2021) and was the Portuguese Olympic attaché during the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

"In order to guarantee his independent status in the process, Dr. Brandão Rodrigues agreed to execute this task on a pro bono basis.

"Evidence will be gathered from all relevant parties and the findings of the independent report will be made public once completed and upon receipt of the findings, UEFA will evaluate the next steps."

Also on Monday, Liverpool CEO Billy Hogan responded to questions about the videos and images showing treatment of fans in Paris on gameday.

Hogan said on the club's website: "Like everyone, I've been sent a number of them and I've also seen a number of them across social media. The videos and the photographs tell a consistent story: the unacceptable treatment of men, women and children which was, again, completely unacceptable.

"Also, to say our fans didn't turn up on time is crazy. My colleagues across the club, our ownership and I, we all saw it with our own eyes; we were outside the ground, on the ground, in those crowds and from everything I saw, our fans arrived early and they were queuing as directed by authorities.

Real Madrid beat Liverpool to claim the club's 14th European Cup trophy with a second-half goal from Vinicius Junior.

Messi: 'No doubt' that Benzema deserves to win Ballon d'Or

BUENOS AIRES

ACCORDING to Lionel Messi, there is "no doubt" that Real Madrid striker Karim Benzema deserves to win his first Ballon d'Or award this year.

Messi has won a record seven Ballon d'Or awards as the world's best player, but saw his new club Paris Saint-Germain eliminated by Madrid in the round of 16 of the Champions League this year – after Benzema scored a hat trick in the second half of the return leg.

Benzema netted another four goals against Chelsea in the quarterfinals and three against Manchester City in the semifinals – including the decisive penalty in extra time of the second leg – before Madrid defeated Liverpool 1-0 in the final on Saturday. Benzema was also the top scorer in the Spanish league as Madrid won the title in dominant fashion.

"There's no doubt, it's very clear that Benzema had a spectacular year," Messi said in an interview to Argentine TV channel TyC Sports when asked if Benzema should get the prestigious award. "I think there is no doubt this year."

In total, Benzema scored 44 goals in 46 matches with his club this season, and equaled Madrid great Raúl González as the club's second-highest scorer with 323 goals. Cristiano Ronaldo leads that tally with 451.

While Madrid knocked out a quartet of European giants on their way to the Champions League title, Messi wasn't overly impressed with the team's style of play. Madrid needed big comebacks against both PSG and Man City and had Benzema to thank both times.

"Out of the blue they score against you, and the match changes automatically," Messi said about this Madrid team. "Madrid was not the best team in this Champions League, there were better teams."

The 34-year-old Messi is training with Argentina in Bilbao for the "Finalissima" – a friendly between the Copa America winners and European champion Italy on Wednesday.

Messi could find himself going up against Benzema again at the World Cup in Qatar this year – both Argentina and France are among the main contenders – but insisted that defending champion France should be considered the favorite.

"France is an impressive team, (four years) ago we said they could be candidates and they ended as winners. I believe the hit they took at the Euros (being eliminated by Switzerland) made them stronger," Messi said.

"(Argentina) can fight anyone and will make it hard for any rival. That doesn't mean we are the favorites to be world champions or any of that. It means we will fight against anyone."

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



SPORT

After winning Madrid another Champions League, Courtois deserves respect

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Pablo Franco Martin. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

Simba SC announces coach Pablo Franco Martin's departure

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

PABLO Franco Martin is out as Simba SC's head coach after just six months in charge, the outfit announced in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday.

Simba SC and Martin have mutually agreed to part ways, per the team's release.

Martin was appointed as Simba SC head coach on November 6, 2021, taking over from French coach, Didier Gomes da Rosa, who was sacked alongside his assistants following the outfit's shocking CAF Champions League first preliminary round exit in the hands of an unfancied Botswana side, Jwaneng Galaxy FC.

The expectations were high for the former Real Madrid assistant coach who joined Simba SC from Kuwait side, Qadasia SC, last year.

However, Simba SC is poised to finish second in the NBC Premier League this season, trailing age-old rival Yanga by 13 points with five games to go.

Simba SC advanced from their 2021/22 CAF Confederation Cup which contained eventual winners, Morocco's RS Berkane, and ASEC Mimosas of Ivory Coast but failed to go past South Africa's Orlando Pirates in the quarterfinal stage.

Following a day dominated by speculation around his future, the 41-year-old's fate has been confirmed.

In a club statement signed by the Chief Executive Officer Barbara Gonzalez, Simba SC confirmed parting ways with the Spaniard and fitness coach Daniel De Castro Reyes.

Assistant coach Suleiman Matola will be the caretaker coach until the end of the season.

The side revealed in the release: "Simba Sports Club has reached an agreement to mutually part ways with our head coach, Pablo Franco Martin."

The release noted: "We thank coach Pablo for the success achieved during his tenure with the club as he won the Mapinduzi Cup, and reached the quarterfinal of the CAF Confederation Cup."

"In his absence, the team will now be under coach Matola until the end of the season."

"Furthermore, the club has reached a mutual agreement to part ways with our fitness coach Daniel De Castro Reyes."

This comes after Simba SC conceded a 1-0 loss to the age-old rival, Yanga, in this season's Azam Sports Federation Cup semi-final match which took place in Mwanza last weekend.

The results prompted club honorary president and investor, Mohamed Dewji, to declare this is their worst campaign in five years.

"This has been the worst season for Simba SC in the last five years, the board needs to make tough decisions on the way forward," Dewji tweeted on Saturday after the derby loss.

"We need to overhaul our team and strategy and go back to the drawing board. We lacked motivation, passion, and hunger to win trophies this year."

Dewji revealed: "Overall the last five years have been a success for Simba SC, our budget has increased five times, we have won many trophies locally and have made a mark in the continent reaching three quarterfinals in Africa competitions... I can proudly say we are among the top 12 African clubs."

CHANETA new leadership targets netball promotion

By Correspondent Adam Fungamwango

THE Tanzania National Netball Association (CHANETA) has promised to revive the sport and restore its popularity as was the case in the past.

The association's leaders stated during their visit to The Guardian Limited newspapers' offices in Dar es Salaam yesterday that they now have a lot of work to do to get the game back on the charts.

The leaders revealed they will get their project underway by launching various netball competitions in streets, schools, institutions, and colleges to scout for new talents which will benefit the country.

The CHANETA leaders who visited are Chairperson Devotha Marwa, Vice-Chairperson Shyrose Bhanji, and Executive Committee member Shukururu Kiwege.

The leaders were on an introductory visit after the association's election was held recently to fill some of the body's remaining positions.

Devotha disclosed: "We have a lot to do, we have to first introduce the association because it is almost like it was lost, netball has also plunged into oblivion."

The official said: "We want to see to it there is good cooperation with the media, stakeholders and various institutions, players, and even parents, to regain the game's dignity."

Devotha revealed: "We want to set up street leagues, as well as tournaments for schools and institutions to bring the game back to where it was in the past."

Apart from developing talent and bringing the game back on the charts, the official said that upgrading and repairing netball infrastructure is CHANETA's other strategy.

Devotha stated: "We will construct netball courts in areas which lack the facilities and repair the existing courts, the goal is to have a netball court in at least every region."

The official disclosed: "We moreover plan to build a modern office for CHANETA because the current one does not have the status befitting the body."

Devotha stated: "We also plan to build a hostel that will, apart from accommodating the national team's players, serve as our association's investment."

"In addition to seeking sponsors, we need to have a property that will earn us an income by renting it whenever other people want to use it," the official noted.

President Samia eyes Tanzania's bid for hosting 2027 AFCON tourney



President Samia Suluhu Hassan holds the World Cup trophy, which will be contested by national soccer squads that will participate in the 2022 World Cup in Qatar from November 21 to December 18, during a ceremony held at the State House in Dar es Salaam yesterday. PHOTO: STATE HOUSE

By Correspondent Saada Akida

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has said she will be at the forefront of ensuring that Tanzania meets the criteria for having six stadiums that will qualify for hosting the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations tournament.

The President made the statement at the State House in Dar es Salaam yesterday at a ceremony for the World Cup trophy tour.

Samia said to host the AFCON tournament, Tanzania must have six stadiums with the country already having three.

She said so far Tanzania has three stadiums, namely Benjamin Mkapa and Uhuru located in Dar es Salaam, and Aman Stadium located in Zanzibar.

"To host the AFCON tournament, we must have six qualified stadiums, so far we have three, and we need to get three more so, in that case, I will cooperate with the Ministry of Culture, Arts, and Sports to ensure we get other stadiums," she said.

"So far we have been assured of having one stadium after two companies, including Coca-Cola and another, to support the process of getting a fourth stadium, but we also need to get hotels and infrastructure to host the 2027 AFCON tournament," President Samia said.

The President said she commended the Ministry of Culture, Arts, and Sports for fighting to ensure that the country gets a chance to host the CAF Ordinary General Assembly, to be held in Arusha in August.

She asked the ministry to use the opportunity to promote the country and trade by feeding visitors Tanzanian food.

"I would like to attend the assembly that will bring together football officials for CAF, FIFA, and other football bodies, we should pray that I do not have other responsibilities during those dates," President Samia stated.

She said the arrival of the World Cup in Tanzania should be a catalyst for players and football stakeholders to do better in the game of football.

She stated: "This is a special day to host the World Cup tour, I'm glad to see Juliano Belletti, who has won the World Cup, I'm

happy that the World Cup has arrived here ahead of its trip to Qatar."

"The women's and youths teams have been doing well in sports, this trophy should encourage us to prepare our youngsters to do well," she said.

"We are happy to receive the trophy and I urge the youths to come out in large numbers to watch it and take pictures with it," President Samia stated.

Coca-Cola Kwanza Company Director, Unguu Suley, said that the firm would like to thank President Samia Suluhu Hassan for hosting the World Cup.

"This is an important history for us, eight years have passed since the World Cup came to this country, and you are the first female President to receive this trophy, in the one year of your leadership there has been a lot of success in the game of football," Suley noted.



Netball Association of Tanzania (CHANETA) Chairperson, Devotha Marwa (L), listens to information on newspapers production from Nipashe Newspaper's Managing Editor, Beatrice Bandawe (2nd L), during the former's visit to the head office of The Guardian Ltd (TGL), publishers of The Guardian and Nipashe newspapers, at Mikochei Light Industrial area in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Looking on (L-R) are CHANETA's Vice-Chairperson Shyrose Bhanji, Nipashe Sports Editor Isaac Kijoti, and the association's Executive Committee member, Shukururu Kiwege. PHOTO: JOHN BADI

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