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This is a scene from the 'segment' of the National Assembly debating chamber in Dodoma city officially reserved for opposition MPs, as captured yesterday. Most seats lie unoccupied following earlier yesterday's decision by Chadema to strip 19 people of its membership for their having been controversially sworn in sometime in November 2020 as Special Seats MPs representing the opposition party. F

Ex-Ukraine students

By Songa wa Songa, Dodoma

TANZANIAN students who came back home due to the ongoing conflict in eastern Europe have tough choices to make, including changing courses or starting afresh, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa has declared.

He told the National Assembly yesterday that the students are required to report to the Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU)

TCU has set standards for advising the students on the next course of action

and present details of their foreign universities for perusal and advice on the way forward.

The learners are supposed to submit their assessed performance-if they have such documents-to TCU to enable the agency to map out how they can continue with their studies here, he said.

One requirement is that the foreign universities they were enrolled be recognized by TCU and if the courses they were pursuing are offered by public universities here, he said.

If those institutions are not recognized, their standards are below the threshold for TUC recognition, the students will have to consider applying afresh in various courses to start afresh, the PM said.

"TCU has set standards for advising the

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Ministry set for 100bn/less in new fiscal year

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

UP to the end of last month, the Ministry of Water had received 95per cent of its approved budget for the current financial, year, standing at 778.9bn/-, minister Jumaa Aweso told the National Assembly yesterday.

He made this observation in the background of 709.3bn/-estimates for the next financial year, reflecting a diminution of assured expectations of funding sources for numerous development projects being undertaken by national institutions and regional water agencies all over the country.

The minister said that the government had submitted proposals to the Global Water Partnership (GWP) seeking to secure an annual USD 30 billion (over 69.7trn/-) to enable the government to meet the clean and safe water for all target by 3030.

He said the request reflects the need to implement a number of projects meant to meet global Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) number six on the provision of "clean water and sanitation for all."

"The Water ministry has submitted write-ups on a number of strategic water projects seeking to secure funds through the Global Water Partnership agenda," he said.

GWP is an international network created to foster an integrated approach to water resources management and provide practical advice for the sustainable management of water resources.

It operates as a network open to all organisations, including institutions, UN agencies, bi- and multi-lateral development banks, professional associations, research institutions, NGOs and the private

The minister said Tanzania's water resource status shows that water is in abundance both on the surface and underground, but faces challenges relating to investment in the infrastructure needed to take it to consumers.

He said Tanzania receives 126bn cubic meters of water annually, "with 105bn cubic meters being readily available on the ground and the remainder lying underground."

"As of April 2022, annual water demand in the country was 47bn cubic meters - equivalent to 37.37 per cent of the total available resources,"

he said, noting that the demand is projected to increase to 80bn cubic meters annually by 2030. Available water per capita annually stood at 2,250 cubic meters by 2019 (when the country's

population was estimated at 55.9m), while TURN TO PAGE 2

African states seeking to curb child violence

ADDIS ABABA

SENIOR government officials and civil society leaders from over 30 African countries have been meeting here since Wednesday in an effort to tackle rising levels of violence against children.

African children and young people continue to suffer widespread physical, psychological and sexual abuse, while armed conflict, violent extremism and the Covid-19 pandemic have created a perfect storm for violence against children to flourish.

'Pathfinding' and 'aspiring' countries from across the continent joined the three-day meeting to renew commitment, encourage each other to step up and to explore home-

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Works and Transport minister Prof Makame Mbarawa (R) has a quick word in Dodoma city yesterday with GF Trucks & Equipment Ltd director Salman Karmal on the sidelines of a meeting organised by the Contractors Registration Board. Looking on is CRB chairperson Consolata

14,254 qualifying students skipped in Form V selection

By Guardian Reporter

DUE to limited spaces 14,254 students including 3,901 girls were not selected to join high school and college training despite being eligible, with 12,876 having the qualifications to join form five, the government said yesterday.

Innocent Bashungwa, the Minister of State in the President Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments) said at a press conference in Dar es Salaam yesterday that this was due to an increase in the number of students who are supposed to join A level, while a total of 153,219 students have been selected to join high schools, teaching colleges and vocational training centres.

Out of those selected 67,541 are girls and 85,678 are boys, while 90,825 students of whom 43,104 are girls have been selected to join form five in 499 secondary schools. These include 22 newly constructed public schools, he said

Those selected include 481 physically challenged students, where 204 are girls and 277 are boys, he elaborated, noting further that those joining form five are 41,404 whereupon 17,390 will register for science subjects with a mathematics combination.

A total of 49,133 students including 25,508 girls will enroll for arts subjects, also involving language and commerce subjects, meanwhile as 1,880 students including 757 girls join the Dar es

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universal minimum demand is pegged at 1,700 cubic meters, where anything below that level induces "water stress" on wide sections of the population.

"Therefore, Tanzania is not among countries facing water stress," the minister noted, urging water users to do more to protect water sources, construct infrastructure for storage and supply, mitigate climate change and improve efficiency in water use.

water sources available in the country, Region, he added.

Tanzania boasts transboundary water sources such as lakes Victoria, Tanganyika, Nyasa, Natron, Chala and Jipe as well as Kagera, Mara, Malagarasi, Momba, Mwiruzi, Umba, Ruvuma and

"This number makes Tanzania one among African countries most blessed with transboundary water sources," he

The management and development of these sources is a collaborative effort involving Tanzania and other Alongside its numerous surface countries within the Great Lakes

African states seeking to curb child violence

grown African solutions to prevent violence against children.

These countries have committed to raising awareness, mobilising leadership, galvanizing action and establishing national standards to end

"African governments must do more to tackle social and cultural attitudes, gender discrimination and poverty which drive violence against children," said Dr Joan Nyanyuki, Executive Director of ACPF (African Child Policy Forum) who chairs the executive council of APEVAC (the African Partnership to End Violence Against Children).

"Emerging challenges including armed conflict, displacement, violent extremism and the Covid-19 pandemic have only added to the problem," she

"Thirty years after the African Children's Charter was adopted, many African governments have failed to adequately protect their children," noted Dr Nyanyuki.

"Though some progress has been made in violence prevention, the gains made in recent years are in danger of being reversed because these complex social and political problems have been made worse by economic crises and reduced investments in social and child protection programmes," she declared.

Machel, chairing the International Board of Trustees of ACPF, meanwhile said that commitment and decisive action at the highest level of governments can bring significant change in the lives of children and young people in Africa, as well as globally.

"If leaders put preventing violence against children at the centre of their political and development agenda - be it in the laws they enforce, the programmes they design or the services they provide - change will come, and will come more quickly," the former first lady stated.

Despite better laws and policies to tackle violence against children, Africa still has some of the highest rates of the flaw. ACPF's research shows that in some African regions, more than 80 percent of children aged one to 14 experience violent discipline and four continent.

in ten girls suffer sexual violence.

It is deeply troubling that three million girls are at risk of female genital mutilation every year. Data also show that child trafficking in sub-Saharan Africa is the highest globally.

Faced with these disturbing findings, and with seemingly little prospect of improvement, APEVAC is hosting a pan-African Learning Symposium on Violence Prevention aimed at renewing action to prevent violence against children.

The symposium brings together government representatives from over 30 African 'Pathfinding' and 'aspiring' countries, with child rights actors and researchers from across the continent and leading voices on child rights from across the globe.

Twelve countries in Africa are designated as 'Pathfinding' countries by the global partnership, a UN initiative launched in July 2016.

These are Tanzania, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Guinea, Kenya, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The Pathfinding Initiative is expected to galvanize political commitment and

"It is particularly frustrating that we have good practices and homegrown African solutions and strategies which have been proven to work but which are largely ignored in policy and programming," said Dr Nyanyuki.

"Africa's efforts to tackle violence against children must acknowledge traditional indigenous systems of child protection, moving to promote and replicate them across the continent," she emphasized

ACPF is an independent, non-profit pan-African centre of policy research and advocacy on the African child. It was established in 2003 out of concern about the situation of the African child and the need for Africans to recognise their responsibility to collectively ensure the full realisation of the rights of children.

APEVAC is meanwhile an African umbrella coalition and collective platform established in September 2016 to bring together like-minded national, regional and international organisations for collective action to ending violence against children in the

Ex-Ukraine students facing tough choices

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students on the next course of action,"

Observers noted that the premier didn't dwell on sponsorship for the returnees, many of whom were on government scholarship, while a substantial number were fully sponsored by foreign governments.

As Russia and Ukraine were among top sponsors of Tanzanian students owing to historic affinities, the conflict is touching a number of students whose full scholarships now hang in

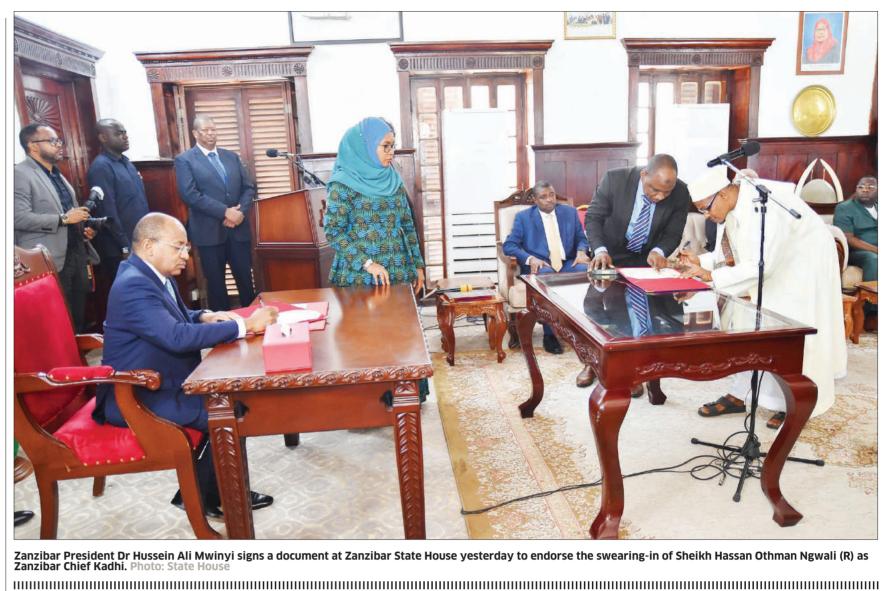
the balance. This poses a challenge to the students and their families, now facing the reality of lost education opportunities and the pain of mobilizing financial resources for a new beginning, they said, noting also that as the conflict goes on, it jeopardizes chances of such scholarships being availed in the near

The premier was responding to

Saasisha Mafuwe (Hai) in premier's question and answer hour, seeking to know what the government was doing in relation to students who returned home due to the Russia-Ukraine conflict in particular.

Ambassador Liberata Mulamula, the minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, said early March that most Tanzanian students stranded by the conflict had safely left Ukraine and crossed into Poland, Romania and Hungary.

A total of 71 students mainly from the Kyiv capital region entered Hungary and 38 made it to Poland, while other reports said a number of students were looking at other options and not fly back home. There were also students who were stranded in Sumy, northeastern Ukraine, who were directed by diplomatic offices to for Sudja where Russian combat units were to take them to an embassy office at Belgorod, close to the border with



'14,254 qualifying students skipped in Form V selection

Salaam Institute of Technology (DIT), the Arusha Technical College and the Water Development and Management Institute (WDMI) for various courses, he stated.

A total of 2,294 students including 1,127 girls have been selected to join health colleges for degree courses and

2,627 students, of whom 1,366 are girls, Medium learning, he pointed out, colleges this year to 7,555 but even then join teaching colleges for a diploma in science, mathematics and information communication technology (ICT) subjects, he affirmed.

A total of 6,457 students including 3,168 girls join special teaching colleges teaching courses including English

noting that 49,089 students including 18,089 girls begin various courses in colleges under the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (NACTVET) programme.

for a certificate in special education number of girls selected to join vocational, secondary and teaching

the number is still small as the number of boys selected is vastly higher, he stated.

All selected students must report at the respective institutions starting There is also an increase in the from June13 to 30, as those failing to do so will be replaced by others, the minister cautioned.



Tanga regional commissioner Adam Malima (C) holds talks in Tanga city yesterday with National Population and Housing Census commissioner Anne Makinda (L) on preparations for the upcoming (August 23) event. They are with acting Tanga regional administrative secretary Sebastian Masanja. Photo: Corresponder

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government plans to provide mobile courts in all district councils in the country in effort to reduce the ever piling cases in courts, it has been revealed.

Prime Minister, Kassim Majaliwa made the revelations in the Parliament yesterday, adding that the government acknowledges the challenge of delay in case ruling on cases, especially in rural

He made the statement during the impromptu question and answers to the prime minister session, noting that the plan is to make it easier for those in marginalized areas to be reached.

The premier was responding to a question raised by the Special Seats MP, Zuena Athuman (CCM) who had wanted to know what the government was doing to help reduce piling of cases and delay to make ruling in courts across the country.

"Does the government have plans to increase the number of mobile courts in the country to help reduce if not end at the Julius Nyerere International

case delays in courts?" she asked.

In response, the PM explained that the judiciary has made in place plans to increase the number of mobile courts in the country in the 2022/2023 financial as outlined in the Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs ministerial budget yet to be tabled in the Parliament.

"Use of mobile courts has proven to be one of the best ways of reducing cases in courts, and the government has resorted to expand the service," said the PM, adding that this must be in the 2022/2023 ministerial budget.

The government unveiled the first two mobile courts worth over Sh470 million in February, 2019 and scheduled to operate in Dar es Salaam and Mwanza regions.

Financed by World Bank, the mobile courts were launched in Dar es Salaam

Conference Centre during the climax of the Law Day, 2019.

Govt turns to mobile courts in effort

to reduce ever-piling cases in courts

The new mobile courts were to be utilized to receive and preside over several cases at the primary level, noting that 177,614 cases were filed at primary courts all over the country in the previous year.

The number was equivalent to 68 per cent. Even the mobile courts will also be used in operations against illegal fishing and delivering education

to the public. "The court that is equipped with modern equipment will start operations in Dar es Salaam and Mwanza, which have many cases due to rapid economic development and an inadequate number of primary courts," Eva Nkya, director of cases

management at the Judiciary said. According to her, Dar es Salaam and Mwanza have been chosen due to the

population, augmented economic activities and the inadequate number of primary courts in the regions.

Speaking during the launch, Chief Justice Prof Ibrahim Juma said the just launched mobile courts will operate in Dar es Salaam and Mwanza

"The vehicle will provide judicial services especially in fishing zone where illegal fishing is alarming," he

For more than one year now, the ministry has been conducting crackdown operations against illegal fishing by arresting those engaged in the prohibited practices.

The operation has been carried out in the Indian Ocean, Lake Victoria, Lake Tanganyika, Mtwara Dam as well as Nyumba ya Mungu dam, where different suspects were arrested including 11 councillors.





Industry, Trade and Investment minister Dr Ashatu Kijaji (L) has an audience with representatives of visiting investors from Malaysia, Hong Kong and the United Arab Emirates at the Tanzania Investment Centre headquarters in Dar es Salaam yesterday. They are Perfect Hexagon Ltd CEO Sim Tze Jye (R) and Link Value Lamar Resources Ltd director Shurk Albarik. The talks revolved chiefly around mining, oil, gas, trade development and other investment opportunities in the country. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

'Climate change, wastage choke water supply'

By Songa wa Songa, Dodoma

toll on water supply system in Tanzania with levels of key sources decreasing alarmingly, the National Assembly heard yesterday.

Water Minister Jumaa Aweso said in 2021/22 financial year, the country saw extreme weather conditions including prolonged drought and floods attributable to climate

While some sources decreases and others dried up completely due to drought on one hand, a number of water infrastructures were destroyed by floods on the other, prompting

"For instance, water level in Ruvu River decreased to the point of prompting us to take emergency measures to supply water to Dar

"The impact of climate change has necessitated water rationing, decline in hydropower production capacity and massive

Tanzanians to be engaged in climate change adaptation and mitigation efforts such as reduction of carbon dioxide emissions and planting as many trees as possible.

Aweso name non-revenue as one of the biggest challenges with a whopping 36.2 per cent of water lost along the way before reaching final consumers.

The percentage of wastage is higher than the international average of 20 per cent, he

"The wastage is mainly due to leakages caused by dilapidated water supply infrastructure, vandalism of infrastructure as well as theft of water through illegal

To change the situation, Aweso said the government is set to change laws to issue sterner punishment to water thieves and vandals of distribution infrastructure.

"We are also working on installation of pre-paid meters, bulk water meters as well as Unified Billing System which requires the ascertain the actual amount of water used," he said.

He added that the government is in the initial stages of introducing Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System (SCADA) which identifies water leakages for early

to 32.45 per cent budget for other charges.

Some 34,761,735,000/- equivalent to

A total of 657,899,338,000/- is earmarked for development budget out of which 407,064,860,000/- equivalent to 61.87 per cent will come from internal sources and 250,834,478,000/- (38.13 per cent) from development partners.

Kijaji urges Malaysian financiers to invest in edible oil production

By Guardian Reporter

INVESTMENT, Industry and Trade minister Dr Ashatu Kijaji yesterday invited Malaysian investors to invest in Tanzania's edible oil sub-sector, saying Tanzania wants to end its heavy dependence on edible oil imports.

She told a group of 10 investors at the headquarters of the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) here that Tanzania has a huge local market of edible oil but at the moment it hugely depends on imports.

"Malaysia is renowned for its local edible oil production. We want to benefit from your valuable experience. Therefore, I am asking Malaysian investors to invest in edible oil in Tanzania," the minister told

a delegation of prospective investors from Malaysia, Hong Kong, United Arab Emirates, Poland and Seychelles. Eight prospective investors came from Malaysia and were accompanied by Tanzanian Ambassador to Malaysia, Dr Ramadhani K. Dau.

Dr Dau said the embassy was talking with Access Logistics Company to explore ways of investing in Tanzania. "We are in the last stages of our talks," he said.

Dr Kijaji also asked investors to consider investing in Tanzania's ports, especially the nascent Bagamoyo port, saying the government would want to see the port developed to lessen the workload on Dar es Salaam. She also asked investors to consider investing in Tanga and

Shukri Albraik of Link-Value Lamar Resources Limited from Seychelles said their company wants to invest in oil, gas and minerals. He also said Tanzania has an elaborate system of dealing with investors, the government has developed an investor-friendly environment and that Dar es Salaam is well placed to serve as gateway for this part of Africa. "We would want to use Dar es Salaam to reach markets in inland, landlocked eastern and central African countries and the rest of the world," he said.

Currently the government is focusing on inviting financiers to invest in agriculture, construction, commercial buildings, mining, oil and gas, logistics and transportation.

Mtwara region is in the spotlight in the oil and gas negotiations with prospective investors.

THE impact of climate change is taking a

Tabling budget estimates for 2022/23 here, change which affected water sector.

water rationing, said the minister.

es Salaam Region," he said.

death of livestock in various parts of the

To reverse the situation, the minister urged

connections," he said.

reader to physically go to the consumer and

repairs.

The minister asked the National Assembly to approve a total of 709,361,607,000/- for his ministry's 2022/23 financial year. Out of the amount, 51,462,269,000/- is for recurrent expenditure with 16,700,534,000 equivalents

67.55 per cent is budgeted for salaries for the ministry staff as well as those of the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA) as well as Water Institute.

Tanzania has huge volumes of important records on German occupation - minister

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By Guardian Reporter

JENISTA Mhagama, Minister of State in the President's Office (Public Service and Good Governance has said the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) recognises that Tanzania, through its National Archives, has huge volumes of records of the German colonial occupation that cannot be obtained anywhere in the world.

The minister made the remarks in Dar es Salaam during his visit to the National archives for the eastern zone where she viewed the records including UNESCO's statement that recognizes Tanzania as being home to the important records

from the German occupation. She said UNESCO recognition of this fact makes Tanzania as a nation proud as the Tanzania National Archives has been able to keep the records that give the country a big respect for its excellent keeping of historical

records.

"Now it is the right time and a rare opportunity to publish these records from the German occupation that have received UNESCO's recognition, to enable tourists to come and view them," she added.

She added that President Samia Suluhu Hassan has done a great job in advertising tourist attractions through the "Royal Tour" documentary; hence Tanzania National Archives should support her to also advertise this heritage.

For his part, the Director of Tanzania National Archives, Firimin Msiangi said the historical records from the former German East Africa (that incorporated Tanganyika, Zanzibar, Burundi and Rwanda) whose administrative capital was Dar es Salaam were entered in UNESCO's register in 1997 and officially recognized as Memory of the World.

In regard to the process of getting further records for the National Archives, Msiangi said the law requires his department to review records from various ministries, departments and other independent public institutions for keeping as the department has experts and equipment for record keeping.

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

MORE than 60,000 farmers from northern, southern and western parts of the country are expected to benefit from OCP School Lab campaign which includes training on good agricultural practices.

The campaign will by the end of this year run through 600 villages, reaching over 60,000 farmers.

Speaking recently in Songea, Ruvuma Region during the launch of the third phase of the programme, Mshindo Msolla, OCP Country Manager said they are implementing it in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Regional Administration and Local Government and other partners like Tanzania Agriculture Research Institute (TARI).

He said the project will also provide fertiliser recommendations to 12, 000, farmers who will represent others. He said farmers will be assisted and trained on how to use the latest soil analysis and technology which uses simple infrared scanning that produces same day soil test results.

In each village, over 100 farmers

Over 60,000 farmers due to benefit from free soil testing

production of crops per acreage, he said, adding a minimum of 10,000 farmers will benefit from the initiative.

"Together with the government we have created a regional drive to measure soil quality in over 100 villages in Ruvuma Region. We aim to support farmers with the knowledge on soil quality at no cost," said Msolla.

Results will be shared with extension officers from the Tanzania Agriculture Research Institute (TARI) advising them on what to do to ensure they get enough yields. OCP Tanzania is capitalizing from the previous Songwe, Rukwa, Iranga and Morogoro.

He said the Soil analysis results in

will be educated and empowered with which have been addressed for many best agricultural practices to increase years, potassium, Sulphur, Boron and Zinc were also limiting.

> They suggested that for a farmer to get the expected yield, they need to use fertilisers which will supply the deficient nutrients. Furthermore, most soils were acidic, this calling for the use of agriculture lime.

> After Ruvuma, the campaign will be launched in Katavi, Kigoma, Manyara, Arusha and Kilimanjaro regions. It will be implemented in partnership with experts from the Ministry of Agriculture, Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (Uyole Center).

Msolla said OCP Tanzania provides experiences of the first and second roll farmers with one on one advice on out of OCP School Lab in 2019 and 2021 interventions and crop nutrition which was done in regions of Njombe, recommendations for maize, rice, potatoes, soya beans, sugarcane, wheat, common beans, coffee, sesame these regions revealed that, apart from and sunflower crop to improve their phosphorus and nitrogen deficiencies farming practices and enhance yields.

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JICA officials visit The Guardian Limited



Hideki Watanabe (2nd-L), a senior representative with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), listens to The Guardian Limited (TGL) commercial director Ajay Goyal (R) at The Guardian Limited offices during a familiarisation visit to the newspaper publishing firm in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Looking on are JICA Tanzania advisor Raymond Msoffe (L) and TGL mechanical engineer Christian Ngwapaula (2nd-R). Photos: Carlos Banda and Correspondent Sabato Kasika



Engineer Ngwapaula (C) shows the JICA officials around the TGL printing press.



JICA's Hideki Watanabe (L) and Raymond Msoffe (R) view a poster bearing the photos of TGL journalists who emerged as Excellence in Journalism Awards Tanzania (EJAT) finalists for 2020.



TGL supplements manager Angel Navuri (R) briefs the JICA guests on TGL newsroom operations.



Engineer Ngwapaula (R) briefs the JICA guests on how the TGL printing press works.



TGL commercial director Ajay Goyal (R) takes the JICA officials around the company's premises.



Hideki Watanabe (L) seeks clarification from TGL digital journalist Mary Kadoke (R).



Hideki Watanabe (2nd-R) is introduced to The Guardian business editor Mnaku Mbani (L).





Hakim Kachetel, a senior advisor with Paris-based CS-Group, makes a presentation to Livestock and Fisheries ministry officials in Dar es Salaam yesterday on how the technologies available at the firm help in protecting marine resources. Seated right is the ministry's Permanent Secretary, Dr Rashid Tamatamah. Photo:

RC unhappy with construction pace of Msomera village infrastructure

By Guardian Correspondent, Handeni

TANGA Regional Commissioner, Adam Malima has said he is not impressed by the pace in the construction of various infrastructures in areas to be occupied by Maasai pastoralists in Msomera Village, Handeni District, and added that he fears those tasked to do the job will not complete it in time.

Pastoralists who are being moved to Msomera Village, Misima Ward are those who have voluntarily registered to shift from Ngorongoro Conservation Authority Area (NCAA).

Malima registered his worry yesterday during his visit to the area to inspect the progress of the infrastructure building of Msomera primary and secondary schools to enroll children from the pastoralists.

"In the circumstances, I am giving Handeni district officials three weeks to make sure the building of the two schools are completed and ready to be used by children of the families being moved to Msomera," he said.

He added: "I would not like to hear excuses regarding weather or rains, create an environment for working day and night to complete the buildings. After that time, I will make sure to take stern measures to all those who contribute in sabotaging the projects.

"Don't ever think of profiting from these projects, as many eyes are directed towards Msomera.'

Earlier in his report of the project, Handeni District Primary Education Officer, Rafael Nyoka said the President's Office - Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG) provided them with 400m/- for initial works in the construction of the two schools.

He added that in regard to the primary school, they are building four classrooms, pit latrines whose work will cost 131m/- while the secondary school is expected to spend 224.5m/- for 12 classrooms, a laboratory and pit latrines.

Asked why the work was sluggish, the chief builder for the Msomera Primary School, Paul Allen said the unfriendly weather was inconveniencing them, but, he added, in the coming eight days they will reach the roofing stage

Government auctions 170 barrels of ethanol illegally imported to the country

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE Government Chemist Laboratory Authority (GCLA) has auctioned 170 barrels of ethanol each with 250 litres that were imported in the country contrary to regulations.

GCLA Senior Legal Officer, Gilbert Ndeoruo said recently in Arusha that auctioning of the consignment followed a court order, after a failed lawsuit by the importers.

"The government confiscated the consignment following an inspection conducted by our chemical inspectors in northern zone. They imported the chemicals without permits from the authority," he said, adding the barrels were smuggled in August 2020 through the Tarakea border.

The legal officer noted that GCLA auctioned the chemicals after permission from the court when all procedures including confiscation of the properties were over.

GCLA was mandated to auction the chemicals on behalf of the government as per law governing chemicals.

He urged the business community dealing with chemicals to ensure they are registered by relevant authorities in order to know how to run their businesses as per country regulations. "I call upon all businesspersons dealing with unregistered chemicals to stop smuggling the products and make sure they are registered and conduct their business in accordance with the laws," he said.

Rastontygan Enterprises Director General, Joyce Mugendi who procured the chemicals, commended the authority for conducting an open auction. She said the chemicals will be sold to manufacturers of alcoholic drinks.

GCLA was established under Government Chemist Laboratory Authority Act No. 8 of 2016.

The GCLA Act established the authority as the supreme and referral laboratory on all matters related to forensic science and DNA services, product quality and chemicals management.

It has gone through several transformations from being a department in the ministry, an aAgency in between 1999-2017 and an authority from April 2017 to date.

Village leaders have duty to read revenue, expenditure reports to public, states DC

By Guardian Correspondent, Shinyanga

SHINYANGA district commissioner, Jacinta Mboneko has instructed all local government chairpersons from village to ward level to read to their people revenue and expenditure summaries.

The DC issued the instructions Wednesday this week at the Shinyanga Municipal's Councillors Meeting.

She said the local government chairmen often do not read the district's income and expenditure summaries thereby causing many complaints in regard to how their money was being used.

"I have already given directives, within two months, all village and ward chairmen should have read the income and expenditure summaries to their people to enable them know how much money was collected and how it has been used," she said.

money, why do you find it hard to work.

tell your people how the money was spent, I want this to be done and the directors should supervise the exercise to remove complaints."

In another development, DC Mboneko called on Councillors to work together with government officials as teamwork aimed at spurring development.

She further said in regard to government officials who perform poorly in their areas, she has instructed the Council Director to take stern measures against them.

The DC also spoke about sluggish contractors implementing projects, saying she had already sat with all contractors and issued directives to them that by the end of this month, all road projects should be finalised.

Earlier, at the sitting the councillors aired their complaints against contractors in Shinyanga She added: "You have collected the Municipality for dilly dallying in their

TATEPA TATEPA PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY **RESULTS FOR THE THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021** STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION STATEMENTS OF PROFIT OR LOSS ACCOUNTS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE 5,244,891 (3,272,632) (6,215,342 1.598.30 23,175,327 5,783,27 2,730,819 (1,713,99 Diluted earnings per share STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY GROUP 30-Sep-20 30-Sep-21 30-Sep-20 30-Sep-21 Tzs' 000 Tzs' 000 Tzs' 000' (10,704,097) (1,585,058) 3,945,939 4,078,997 705,532 320,566 19,998 250,345 246,572 (5,087,32 5,259,764 259,610 (1,512,128) (1,713,323) (11,275,29 (34,240) 4,048,462 (14,659,030) (246,572) (21,202) (524,979 39,259 (11,778) (524,979) 4,048,462 (17,890,719) (2,667,808) (15,488,946) Total 2,956 (7,915,718) 23,674 (1,735,20 (1,585,058 (1,585,05 (3,320,263 PA Jeremiah Paschal Mhoja Apr-22

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New project set to promote inclusive digital economy

By Guardian Reporter

SAHARA Ventures has partnered with various firms to launch a new project targeting financial technology (FinTech) start-ups dubbed: 'PesaTech Accelerator' to promote inclusive digital economy in the country.

The project to be implemented in partnership with Hindsight Ventures and Enea Advisor under the support of the Embassy of Sweden and UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF Tanzania) was recently launched in Dar es Salaam with the aim of identifying and fostering the growth of local start-ups.

Ventures Chief Sahara Executive Officer, Jumanne Mtambalike, said during the launch that the accelerator programme offers opportunities to FinTech startups that need help to move on to the next stage of developing their business models and progress from the idea stage to viable businesses.

"The programme also aims to facilitate linkages between start-up founders and industry experts, coaches, and mentors willing to offer their expertise in different domains that can help start-ups in their venturebuilding journeys. Beyond individual mentors and coaches, the programme aims to partner with organisations interested in adding value to the founders and start-ups in the Tanzania FinTech ecosystem," he added.

He noted that the idea is to support a small number of start-ups but give them the best support in terms of quality by addressing the systematic challenges they face which include lack of exposure both regional and global, mentorship and a strong pipeline for eligible ones, conducting

"The concept of start-ups in general is relatively new in the country and as such we do not have many successful founders to share their experience and offer appropriate guidance," he

Tanzania Commission for Technology (COSTECH) Director General, Dr Amos Nungu, acknowledged that the accelerator is one of the areas where the country can create a pipeline for making investorready start-ups.

"We are still learning but the government is ready to provide an enabling environment because we welcome new technologies," he said.

Financial Sector Deepening Trust (FSDT) State of the Financial Sector (2017) indicates that despite notable growth, actual uptake of financial products and services has not grown relative to the growth in the number of products launched in the market.

The report notes that there is no linear relationship between supply and demand side growths, but that a solid consumer base can significantly boost uptake of newly introduced products within the market. UNCDF Tanzania Policy

Advisor (inclusive Digital Economies), Aneth Kasebele, said that the fund promotes inclusive digital economies through innovative technologies and a market systems development approach. "Supporting the innovation ecosystem in Tanzania is in line with UNCDF's digital strategy of "Leaving No One Behind in the Digital Era". We will leverage the existing infrastructure in the ecosystem to support start-ups on multiple fronts, including competitively identifying

assessments, providing technical assistance, performance-based financing. UNCDF prioritizes women and youth-owned FinTech start-ups to promote equality in this sector," she observed.

Ajay Ramasubramaniam, Co-Founder & CEO, Hindsight implementing Ventures, partners of the project, weighed in on the programme, saying that their experience is implementing multiple FinTech accelerator programmes will come in handy to assist local startups gain expertise.

"FinTech innovations are at the core of several industries. While East Africa is the birthplace of mobile money; it is now a 20-year-old innovation that needs to be built on.

"PesaTech Accelerator could not have been more timely, our experience in setting up multiple accelerators and innovation programmes in international markets will come in handy for this accelerator cohort participants. look forward to opening up our network of enterprises, investors, programmes, and successful founders to the cohort," he said.

On the other hand, Enea Advisors as the partners expressed their excitement about being part of this journey as a technical lead for business development services.

For her part, Catherine Misigaro, Managing Director of Enea Advisors, noted that FinTech startups in East Africa have an incredible opportunity to redefine and expand financial inclusion post-mobile money success.

"We plan to equip founders in the PesaTech accelerator with the right strategy and financial management tools to launch and scale their innovations to the global stage. We are excited to be part of the journey of promising young entrepreneurs in Tanzania," she added.



Jenista Mhagama (2nd-R), Minister of State in the President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance), visits the government's Records and Archives Management Department in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent James Mwanamyoto

Majaliwa directs leaders to take stern measures against perpetrators of GBV

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE Prime Minister, Kassim Majaliwa has called upon leaders at various levels to take stern measures against people accused of committing gender-based violence acts.

At the same, he said there is need to continue providing public education on gender based violence and related killings in the country.

Majaliwa made the statement during a question and answer session yesterday while responding to a question asked by the Mtwara Urban MP, Hassan Mtenga, who had wanted to know what the government was doing to end gender violence in the country.

been widespread in the country, what is Tanzania.

the government doing to end the vice?" he asked.

In response, the prime minister said the government has strengthened public education on the matter and has put up gender desks in schools, police stations, colleges and universities where victims can report the cases.

"In addition to the steps taken I call upon the authorities to take serious measures on those practicing gender violence for they violate human rights," said Majaliwa.

Experts argue that violence against women and girls is now like the new Malaria problem after we managed to make significant progress "Gender-based violence and killings have in our ongoing efforts to eliminate Malaria in

The latest national statistics by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) show that 41,000 cases of violence were reported and out of those 13,000 were against children.

The Demographic Health Survey of 2015/16 show that spousal abuse, of both sexual and physical nature, are high at 44 per cent among married women than those in other categories.

When we look at Malaria, which was a major headache a decade ago, we have managed to halve the cases from 14 per cent to seven per cent in 2015/16.

Although Malaria related deaths have gone down, it is sad that we are now losing people, particularly women, as a result of genderbased violence.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: MARKET SURVEY FOR PROVISION OF LIFTING EQUIPMENT INSPECTION SERVICE **REFFERENCE NO: EACOP -LEIS 1**

East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Limited invites experienced and reputable organizations to express their interest in Provision of Lifting Equipment Inspection Service along the pipeline route to the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project.

The EACOP project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

- Compliant to Tanzania OSHA Act 2003, including a Certificate of compliant from OSHA. Compliant to Tanzania OSHA ACT (CAP.297) 2015 Lifting Appliances and Gears
- Membership in International Recognized Associations (e.g., The Lifting Equipment Engineers Association)
- Accreditation by International Accreditation Forum, Certified in accordance with ISO 9001 as Lifting Equipment Inspection Company,
- Certified in accordance with ISO/IEC 17020:2012

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Companies or organizations expressing their interest are required to submit documentation of their

- Proof of registration as Lifting Equipment Inspection service provider as required under Tanzanian Law. Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year
- Brief description of experience in Lifting Equipment Inspection services.
- Appropriate licensing from relevant in-country authorities for the provision of the services. Certificate of Incorporation (attach copy). Financial capacity to deliver the services required including submission of financial accounts for the year.
- Lifting Equipment Inspection capacity to deliver the service in Tanzania and Uganda Statement of experience with at least three (3) similar undertakings.
- Evidence of organization HSE Management Systems & policy, procedure, and process in compliance with applicable Local and Industry standards for similar works
- A list of the top five (5) clients including services rendered to the clients.
- Profile of key contact personnel (Lifting Equipment Inspectors) including the level of qualifications to be involved
- Proof of registration/application for registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP)
- database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended. Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
- Energy Regulatory Commission practicing license.

Companies which have the ability, capacity and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated in the above section through an email to procurement.tz@eacop.com (max. email size 20Mb) on or before 16:00 hours East African Time (EAT), 27th May 2022, Email address should be EACOP -LEIS C1

Note: The EACOP project will review and assess the documents provided by the interested companies to derive a list of prequalified companies. Only prequalified companies will receive, subject to signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), invitation to submit bids in furtherance of the call for tender process. All Expression of Interests should be submitted in English Language

Buy pesticides from Kibaha-based plant, PM orders hospitals

THE Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa has directed all regional hospitals and district executive officers (DEDs) to purchase parricidal from the Kibahabased Malaria Biological Pesticides Plant.

He said by so doing they will help the antimosquito pesticides factory get ready market for the products as well as help reduce malaria cases at the local government authorities.

The factory which is being operated by Tanzania Biotech Product Limited (TBPL) is currently producing biolarvicides for control of Malaria.

The solution from the Kibaha factory is a form of biological control or "biocontrol", which is the use of bacteria to kill vector larvae without generating adverse ecological impact.

"As we are struggling to reduce malaria cases in the country, I direct all regional hospitals and district executive directors to buy pesticides from the plant in Kibaha" said PM.

Majaliwa made the statement yesterday during his impromptu question and answer session in the Parliament while responding to a question asked by the Special Seats MP, Rose Tweve (CCM).

In her question, the lawmaker had wanted to know why hospitals at the local government authorities were not buying pesticide from the Kibaha-based plant and if there was any binding agreement for the purpose.

"The plant in Kibaha is like a white elephant but hospitals in the country need pesticides in the fight against malaria, what are the efforts to ensure they buy from this plant?" she asked.

In his response, the PM explained that Ministry of State, President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government), has signed contract with the factory to buy pesticides and distribute to hospitals, schools, among others in control of

The plant built in support of the government of Cuba has a capacity to produce at least six million litres of biolarvicide per year.

As biological product, biolarvicide is not harmful to human beings, wildlife or marine life. It is actually, even beneficial to predatory insects and the environment because it really is, in very loose terms, the combination of two bacteria strands.

As such it can also be applied in areas where traditional chemical parricides had stopped working because the pests or antibodies had developed resistance or where the chemicals proved to be hazardous to non-target species such as fish and where there was risk of contamination.



Zanzibar Lands and Housing Development minister Rahma Kassim Ali (L) and her Social Welfare, Gender, the Elderly and Children counterpart, Riziki Juma Pembe, browse through a report on a tablet in the Zanzibar House of Representatives yesterday.

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French communication firm willing to assist Tanzania in efforts to end illegal fishing

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

LIVESTOCK and Fisheries Permanent Secretary Dr Rashid Tamatamah has met and held discussions with the senior Advisor of CS-Group from Paris, France, Hakim Kachentel to see how the government can work together with the company in regard to the protection of fish resources in Tanzania's coastal areas.

In the meeting, held yesterday here in the PS office, Kachentel had the opportunity to explain his firm's activities, including the creation of safe communication systems that can be used to protect fish resources against illegal fishing.

Dr Tamatamah said the firm's coming to the country is the outcome of President Samia Suluhu Hassan's recent visit to France during which one of the areas they agreed to collaborate with France is the blue economy sector, especially in regard to the protection of used in the country.

fish resources.

He explained that the country's eastern coast is a huge - 223,000 square metres approximately hence it is difficult to protect it fully, but via the firm's technology, the area's administration would be simple.

"If this technology entailing modern communication is installed in the areas bordering the sea, it will enable us to 'see' all coastal areas and ensure for its safety and therefore we are ready to work together with the firm," said Dr Tamatamah.

He said if illegal fishermen realise that protection has been strengthened, they will abandon their illegal activities and will start looking for licences, the situation that will stand to increase government

revenues. CS-Group deals in creating communications system for safe protection and has come to the country to advertise the technology to enable it to be

Seek to curb severe shortage of nurses to attain UHC, Dr Moeti calls upon African governments

By Guardian Reporter

AFRICAN governments have been tasked to put in place practical measures to address severe shortage of nurses who play a critical role in achieving the Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

World Health Organisation (WHO) Regional Director for Africa, Dr Matshidiso Moeti made the call on this year's International Nurses Day themed: 'Nurses: A Voice to Lead -Invest in Nursing and Respect Rights to Secure Global Health, could not be more appropriate.'

It's celebrated annually on May 12, in memory of the birth of the founder of modern nursing, Florence Nightingale, but also to honour nurses as an invaluable resource, and raise awareness of the challenges they face.

"The WHO African Region has long grappled with a severe shortage of nurses which, if left unaddressed, poses a significant threat to our progress towards Universal Health Coverage," Dr Moeti said.

According to the latest estimates, there are 1.6 million nurses and midwives across our 47 member states. A total of 66 percent of nurses

are concentrated in six countries - Algeria, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Nigeria, and South Africa. Nigeria has the highest share of the headcount of nurses at 21 percent, followed by South Africa at 18 percent.

The world needs 9 million more nurses and midwives to realise the health-related global Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. WHO in Africa's analysis has identified a threshold of about 60 nurses and

midwives per 10 000 people as a Community of Practice virtual network, critical point for attaining at least 70 a forum for nurses and midwives percent of the Universal Health service around the world to collaborate with coverage index. Currently, most one another, with WHO, and with other countries have fewer than 20, with the key stakeholders," she added. number dropping way below even that for many across the continent.

Dr Moeti said that nurses have a Care delivery, often being the first and only - health professional a patient will see. They contribute to research, disease prevention, treating the injured, administering palliative care, and more. They are the true unsung heroes on the front lines of disease prevention and care.

"It's common cause that investing in nurses and midwives is good value for money. According to the UN High Level Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth, investments in education and job creation in the health and social sectors result in a threefold return in terms of improved health outcomes, global health security, and inclusive economic growth," she said.

Emphasizing the true value of our nurses, and the central role they have to play in influencing change, can transform the future of health care in Africa.

"As WHO in Africa, we are supporting Member States to strengthen nursing and midwifery through the implementation of the Global Strategic Directions for Nursing and Midwifery (SDNM) 2021-2025, and an inter-related set of policy priorities to guide the contributions of nurses and midwives to achieve Universal Health Coverage, and other population health goals.

In our continuing efforts to give nurses a voice, WHO established the Nursing and Midwifery Global

"On International Nurses' Day, I want to take this opportunity to call on African governments to commit the critical role to play in Primary Health necessary investment to help improve the attractiveness of the nursing profession. This will require proper equipment, better working conditions, appropriate education, up skilling opportunities, and job creation," Dr

> Nursing leadership also needs to be optimized, with chief nursing and midwifery officers mandated to drive the nursing agenda across education, employment, policy and practice.

> Around 80 per cent of primary health care can be delivered by nurses, and the COVID-19 pandemic has certainly served as an important platform to reiterate how integral nurses are to the maintenance of routine health care delivery, while also responding to a global crisis.

> The case for investing in nursing education, jobs and leadership is clear, and it's time to commit to action.

> She however said that throughout the pandemic, nurses have made great sacrifices, acted courageously and recommitted daily to tackle a global health threat that is unprecedented in modern times, serving as an indispensable pillar supporting African health care systems through some very challenging times.

> "We most sincerely appreciate and celebrate all nurses in the African Region, and thank them for their unwavering dedication in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic."



Tigo Pesa chief officer Angelica Pesha (R) exchanges greetings with Azania Bank senior manager (Treasury and Capital Markets) Rukwaro Senkoro in Dar es Salaam yesterday. This was shortly after the joint launch of an overdraft service dubbed 'Bustisha' meant to enable Tigo Pesa customers to complete their transactions even when they do not have suf-

Telecom, Azania Bank join forces to improve mobile money transactions

By Guardian Reporter

TIGO Tanzania has partnered with Azania Bank to launch an overdraft product dubbed; 'Bustisha' which will enable Tigo Pesa customers to complete their transactions even if they have insufficient funds.

Active Tigo Pesa customers will be eligible to access this product but will have to first subscribe and consent via the Tigo Pesa menu or Tigo Pesa

Customers are expected to repay the overdraft extended to them upon depositing or receiving money in their Tigo Pesa wallets.

Tigo Chief Officer for Mobile Financial Services (Tigo Pesa), Angelica Pesha said: "We're excited to bring to life our innovative digital financial product in partnership with Azania Bank to provide our active Tigo Pesa customers with the ease of transacting

beyond their Tigo Pesa wallet balance. We believe that, this service will give our customers the convenience to transact seamlessly during times of need."

repay the overdraft extended to them including applicable fees and interest automatically upon depositing or receiving money in their Tigo Pesa wallets. The customer can pay at their convenience through the Tigo Pesa menu or Tigo Pesa App, after which, an auto deduction in Tigo Pesa wallet will be done to recover the outstanding balance," Pesha added.

On behalf of Azania Bank, the bank's Senior Manager -Treasury & Capital Markets, Rukwaro Senkoro, articulated that the bank's strategic partnership with Tigo for the introduction of overdraft product will further step up the competition in the digital lending

According to him, the bank will provide an active TigoPesa customer with a credit facility that will be charged an access fee of the amount borrowed, and a daily interest on the "The customer is expected to outstanding balance based on their credit scores derived using normal financial behavior of their Tigo Pesa

"The moment you have an easy and safe payment solution, financial inclusion follows. Through our partnership with Tigo, the bank is able to further deliver its goal of supporting financial inclusion and empowering Tanzanians by delivering on increased access and usage of financial services," Senkoro affirmed.

"Bustisha comes into the market as an innovative and easily accessible digital lending service making credit easily accessible to over 9 million TigoPesa active users."



INVITATION TO BID

RFP Title: Supply of business start-up kits for caregivers of CLHIV Number: 2022-PACT/02/05

Date of Solicitation: 13th May 2022

Closing Date and Time: 27th May 2022, 11:00 am (Dar es Salaam, Tanzania)

Questions and Clarifications: Due by 26th May 2022

submission which should include the requirements listed below.

Introduction to Pact and ACHIEVE Project:

Pact is an international nonprofit that works in nearly 40 countries building solutions for human development that are evidence-based, data-driven, and owned by the communities we serve. Founded in 1971, Pact works with partners to build resilience, improve accountability, and strengthen knowledge and skills for sustainable social impact. Visit us at www.pactworld.org.

ACHIEVE is a five-year, USAID-funded global cooperative agreement with the objective of attaining and sustaining HIV epidemic control among at-risk and hard to reach pregnant and breastfeeding (PBF) women, infants, children, and youth, as well as mitigating the impact of HIV/ AIDS and prevent HIV transmission among these populations.

Objective of the Assignment

The main objective of this assignment is to procure and distribute business start-up kits to 491 caregivers of CLHIV aged 0-5years across councils of ACHIEVE Project implementation. Distribution will be to the respective LIPs offices of the councils listed below. LIPs will then be responsible for the distribution of the kits to beneficiaries.

Pact Tanzania now I business start-up kits to 491 caregivers of CLHIV aged 0-5years across councils invites guotes from eligible. registered companies to supply startup kits for OVCs in targeted councils. Below is a list of lots to be supplied and distributed;

Vendors can apply to one or more lots listed below. Please note, that an application to more than one lot requires a separate and complete

Product/kits specification

LOT 1:

Type of Kit	Contents in each kit	Number of kits needed	Place of distribution for the kits
Tailoring and Dressmaking kit	Accessible in the ToR	38	Accessible in the ToR

LOT 2:

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١	Type of Kit	Content per kit	Number of kits needed	Place of distribution for the
١				kits
	Catering and food vending kits	Accessible in the ToR	244	Accessible in the ToR

LOT 3:

Type of Kit	Content per kit	Number of kits needed	Place of distribution for the kits
Poultry	Accessible in the ToR	7	Accessible in the ToR
Gardening (Agric/ Horticulture)	Accessible in the ToR	74	Accessible in the ToR
Agriculture	Bicycle hard work type (Phoenix),1 pair Plastic Gumboot	44	Accessible in the ToR
	Water pump	5	Accessible in the ToR
	Plough - Ox Driven Plough	52	Accessible in the ToR

LOT 4:

Type of Kit	Content per kit	Number of kits needed	Place of distribution for the kits
Soap Making	Accessible in the ToR	3	Accessible in the ToR
Hair Dressing and Beauty/ Saloon	Accessible in the ToR	17	Accessible in the ToR
LOT 5:			

Type of Kit	Content per kit	Number of kits needed	Place of distribution for the kits
Masonry & Bricklaying	Accessible in the ToR	2	Accessible in the ToR
Welding	Accessible in the ToR	2	Accessible in the ToR
Solar Panel	Accessible in the ToR	2	Accessible in the ToR

SCOPE OF WORK

The specific scope of work includes but not be limited to the 1. Submit sample kits to pact's procurement department when

- required. 2. Timely delivery of quality kit items as per list and
- specification provided by Pact. 3. Use the distribution list provided by Pact for effective
- 4. Do an inventory with the Pact Technical ES team to match
- the start-up kits procured with the specifications provided before the procurement process.
- 5. Submit to Pact a report on the distribution of the business start-up kits and signed delivery forms per council, highlighting the number of kits delivered by type.

Interested vendors should request the full Terms of Reference (ToR) through email with the subject line "TOR for procurement and distribution of business start-up kits for caregivers of CLHIV" to ProcurementTZ@pactworld.org before 25th May

All questions and requests for clarification should be directed ProcurementTZ@pactworld.org_with the subject line "Request for Clarification: for procurement and distribution of business start-up kits for caregivers of CLHIV" before COB 26th May 2022.

To be considered for the award, vendors must currently be legally operating in Tanzania, and the quotation must include all of the following information:

- · Ability to meet or exceed the requirements/technical specifications.
- · Ability to deliver the items/services specified in Terms of reference no later than the date(s) required.
- · Legally registered in Tanzania.

Evaluation Criteria:

- Price
- · Financial capability
- Experience
- Quality of items to be supplied (Shortlisted applicants)

- will be required to submit samples).
- · Warranty considerations. Delivery

Submission Instructions

Interested suppliers must submit the following information to Pact Tanzania:

- Draft report detailing the methodology for supplying and distribution of business start-up kits to caregivers with OVC of 0-5 years, including tentative work plan, for review and approval by Pact.
- Quote, valid for at least 90 days Current company profile
- · Copies of the registration certificate and address of their registered office, valid business license, VAT, TIN certificates, and Tax clearance certificate
- · Items specifications are fully addressed in the quotation. · Current Audited financial statements for two consecutive
- Delivery time must be specified.
- Payment terms 100% after delivery
- Evidence of similar assignments, and at least two (2) names
- and addresses of clients served. Vendors who wish to answer this RFP should send their

proposals in sealed envelopes to Pact Tanzania Head Office by 27th May 2022, 11:00 am. All sealed envelopes need to be marked as: "Tender for procurement of business start-up kits for caregivers of CLHIV"

Office Address: The Tender Committee **Pact Tanzania** 74 Uporoto Street, Victoria P. O. Box 6348, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

PACT will open all bids on 27th May 2022 at 11.30 am in the presence of Bidder's representatives who choose to attend.

Quotes must be in Tanzania shillings and include taxes

- Proposals submitted through emails will not be considered.
- Ouotations received after that time or at a different address may not be accepted.



Taking A New Look At The News **ESTABLISHED IN 1995**

Samia is right: Trade barriers on Uganda must be scrapped

between Uganda and Tanzania was in the past decades hardly ever being heard to be contentious.

News media were at most used to differences at policy or commercial levels with Kenya, starting with the collapse of the first-phase East African Community.

The contention shifted to tourism in recent decades, amid suggestions that even the filming of 'The Royal Tour' in a way had to do with the perennial effort to correct mistaken impressions on the location of Mount Kilimaniaro, or where to view the mighty annual wildlife migration involving Tanzania and Kenya when major seasons change.

Differences of opinion relating to trade with Uganda could be safely described as a late addition to this itinerary - and hardly of much consequence.

The leaders of the two countries have met relatively frequently in the past year, which will have done much to boost and improve their bilateral trade and other relations.

Unlike trade with Kenya, where a series of entry points from the Indian Ocean all the way to Lake Victoria, trade with Uganda is a one-stop conveyance where the two sides meet - notably the Mutukula border post.

Everything being equal, activity will be growing by leaps and bounds in the coming years. Slowly, most barriers are being rolled back.

Looking at what has been happening in our legislature helps. Indeed, it may have added to reasons for President Samia Suluhu Hassan to visit Uganda once again to pore over trade restrictions and discuss new areas of cooperation including the delivery of antiretroviral drugs (ARVs).

For one thing, we see that trade barriers aren't just a regulatory issue - as the legislature sets law such as in the form of the annual Finance Act.

cooperation perennial like other laws

After our lawmakers have set the legal framework and related provisions, the sector ministers routinely publish the respective regulations.

Such regulations are expected to be in consonance with the relevant pieces of legislation, and when the spirit of legislation is for instance to become self-sufficient in sugar and stop importation, that is what the regulations will stipulate.

At that point, agreements at the apex between Heads of State on removing trade barriers hindering the two countries' trade flows become a dead letter - that is, until the law is changed alongside the regulations with whose particularities the law is observed or enforced.

The leadership attends to policy directives of removing trade barriers with Uganda, while the legal prerogative is self-sufficiency and therefore considering whether to ban this or that import.

When it comes to issues of this sort, one would traditionally hear that the professionals or technocrats in the government who stipulate the rules.

But that refrain should not be meant to ignore the fact that it is the president who is entrusted with the necessary overall goodwill constituted in the

country's prosperity and destiny. There is just no way this can be hindered by the self-interest dogma of self-sufficiency or the banning of imports.

Local producers will always want to sell their goods at prices they prefer, thus impoverishing the people by lowering their purchasing power, and corrupting politics by bribing election seekers to remain quiet about those

No government or leadership would want to tolerate this, and hence the need to fight constantly and relentlessly to keep the situation under control. We can see this in the various efforts whose decisions have to be amended the president and her lieutenants are in a future budgetary event, or become making to make this happen.

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Plastic waste crisis: S.Africa conference all set to demand a pan-African response

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DDRESSING Africa's growing plastic pollution problem requires an Lurgent and comprehensive systems response by governments, businesses, sustainability experts, and civil society if countries are to avoid drowning in a sea of plastic waste, while also unlocking the economic benefits of proper waste management.

This is the goal of the pan-African "Towards Zero Plastics to the Seas of Africa" conference scheduled for May 23 to 27, which is set to bring together top decision-makers across the plastics value chain, public and private sectors to formulate concrete action plans for Africa's 54 continental and island

Hosted by the Sustainable Seas Trust's (SST) African Marine Waste Network (AMWN) in Nelson Mandela Bay, South Africa, the conference is an outcomes-oriented event, where delegates will have the opportunity to contribute to a clear decision-making framework for the management of plastics.

The framework, to be entitled "Guide to the Development of National and Regional Action Plans", is intended for publication by October this year.

This pan-African conference comes in the wake of a resolution by the UN Environmental Assembly (UNEA) on the need to develop a legally binding global treaty on plastic waste by 2024.

"With Africa the second-most polluted continent, it's important for us to take proactive steps and find uniquely African solutions for our own challenges," said Dr Tony Ribbink, founding trustee and current CEO of SST and director of its AMWN programme.

No single-solution strategy

"Strategies that work in other parts of the world don't necessarily apply to Africa," Ribbink said.

He elaborated: "The draft decisionmaking framework also recognises that all African countries are not the same and that, for example, investing in recycling plants may not make economic sense for some island states or smaller, landlocked countries.

"The developing guidebook spells out the alternatives and actions that need to be taken at every step of the value chain."

Ribbink said delegates would have the opportunity to examine specific chapters of the draft guidebook in detail and contribute facts and proofof-concept case studies from their



region or country, as well as make

Prof Linda Godfrey, principal scientist with the Pretoria-based Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and one of the conference's keynote speakers, agreed single-solution strategy would solve the problem. The council is South Africa's central and premier scientific research and development organisation.

"It's going to require everything from upstream interventions by brand owners and retailers to downstream solutions by municipalities and businesses to drive improved waste management and recycling," said the professor, adding: "For this reason, we must have all stakeholders pulling in the same direction if we want to solve the waste problem in Africa."

Dire outlook for Africa

As lead author of the CSIR and UN Environment Programme's (UNEP) Africa Waste Management Outlook, Prof Godfrey described Africa's current approach as dire.

She said the continental and island states could not continue with their business-as-usual outlook towards development and waste management challenges.

The professor further argued: "With most 'landfills' in Africa simply uncontrolled or controlled dumpsites, with an average waste collection rate of only 55 per cent and an estimated recycling rate of only 4 per cent, significant quantities of waste are being burnt or are leaking into our environment. This has serious

economic, social and environmental impacts. The cost of inaction for Africa will be significant."

"Our current waste management systems cannot cope with the types and tonnages of waste currently being generated. We have poor waste collection and disposal, and, increasingly, uncontrolled dumping and open burning of waste," she said.

In addition, with Africa's population of 1.3 billion expected to double by 2050, rapid urbanisation and increasing consumption by a growing middle class, Prof Godfrey said Africa was likely to experience a significant growth in waste generation on the back of a broken system.

"All of this results in the leakage of waste, and the pollution of our land, water and air. We cannot continue with business-as-usual," she said.

Time's up on talking

Ribbink said many previous attempts to formulate a response to the plastic waste problem had been superficial or theoretical at best as well as lacking in concrete action plans and practical

Prof Godfrey noted: "We no longer have the luxury, or time, of just talking. Conferences such as this must be directed to finding practical, appropriate solutions for addressing waste, especially plastic waste, in Africa.

"This conference also provides an opportunity to present the latest thinking on various solutions, from regulatory, to technology,

education and awareness." She said all role-players in the

plastics value chain, local and national government, academics and other stakeholders had an important part to play in making sure these issues could be addressed.

"We need people to come together to solve these problems: Decisionmakers who can practically implement solutions; researchers who are critical to providing evidence-based solutions; civil society groups who are at the coalface of addressing these issues in communities," she declared.

As a focused opportunity, the conference is widely expected to provide an accelerated mechanism for Africa to meet UNEA and UNEP goals, which, through the action plans, will further support countries in meeting the 2030 agenda for sustainable development and the 17 global Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

In addition, representatives of UNEP will be in attendance to promote the Global Commitment, which has united more than 500 organisations behind a common vision of building a circular economy for plastics.

Led by the Ellen MacArthur Foundation, in collaboration with UNEP, the initiative has seen businesses governments worldwide committing to tackling the problem of plastic pollution at its source, with ambitious targets to be achieved by 2025.

Measures include eliminating unnecessary plastics and redesigning those that are needed so that they can be safely reused, recycled or composted.

Agencies

World Women in Mathematics Day: High school results, expositions show girls able

AY 12 is International Women in Mathematics It singles out particular aspect of science learning, as another international day is set for science generally.

The difference between the two events is that science is essentially tied to observing nature meticulously, or science for that matter, and making out what one is observing and significantly making such observation a profession - a calling in life.

This mathematics event is more abstract, as it targets girls' ability to be immersed in the subject and be fully encouraged to do so, or finding company in so doing, instead of being reminded of so-called feminine occupations.

There is no question that these issues still pose challenges around the world, more of a general nature on women's participation in education, science and abstract sciences as well starting with little girls feeling their way into science

or thinking. Still, we have a lot to be happy about here in Tanzania. At midweek, for instance, there was heated parliamentary debate on the teaching profession and how it is faring.

There weren't many complaints about girls, after some contentious strategic issues of policy such as discipline were resolved. The issues about curricula and syllabus touch all, without disadvantage.

The issues discussed by legislators were general, across the board, evidence that, on the whole, girls are being treated fairly, or they have equal opportunities, barring hiccups such as relate to school location that expose

them to trials. This aspect does not relate to science learning or mathematics as such, but it is strangely as well as mathematical problem, as to projecting pass rates of girl students, even the rate of completing studies, with these limitations.

What the Day thus helps is that an activist quite mindful of science and in particular mathematics might just chip in and improve boarding facilities to help girls perform better.

Much the same could be said when it comes to other campaigns relating to women and girls, that 'removing the bucket from a woman's head helps mothers, and in turn relieves girl pupils of the burden of helping their mothers fetch water where that is inescapable.

This relief adds to the mental comfort girls need to study abstract things, as a tired mind can only think of vocational occupations to lessen the pain of living, not to think about success in this or that field of

There are also issues like sanitary pads about which continuous talk is cramped by culture, while the issue surely contributes to boosting the selfconfidence a girl needs to think more rewardingly.

As to mathematics proper, it is clear that with the use of online technologies among the youth fast spreading, it can only be expected that girls will be as innovative as boys.

School exam results and school science expositions show they aren't far behind. Civic organisations and other stakeholders are definitely keen on the honing or grooming of such talent. And that is as it should be.



TPA's liaison office ready to go operational

THE Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA)'s liaison office in Kampala, Uganda, is expected to go operational soon with Director General Mr Eric Hamissi, stating that Uganda has huge potential for Tanzania's economy through provision of port services.

"Efforts are being undertaken to improve consignments destined to and from Uganda through ports in Tanzania," Mr Hamisi said yesterday during on the sideline of President Samia Suluhu Hassan's tour of Uganda.

For her side, President Samia stressed Tanzania's keenness to cooperate with private sector players from the neighbouring East African nation in boosting trade between the two countries.

The Tanzanian leader made the assurance while visiting Roofing Group industry which is located within the Namanve Industrial Park on the outskirts of Kampala, and invited the company to come and invest in Tanzania.

Speaking during the President's visit, the Executive Chairman of Roofing Group, Dr Sikandar Lalani, thanked Tanzania for enabling the company to import raw materials and export finished products through Mwanza, Tanga and Dar es Salaam ports.

Dr Lalani particularly expressed appreciation to TPA, Tanzania Railway Cooperation (TRC) and Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA), among other institutions.

TPA's presence in Kampala is envisaged to fast track the transportation of goods and services for the new crude oil pipeline and also ease the cost of doing business between the two East African countries.

"With our new office in Kampala we're further streamlining our port operations and enhancing customer's support to our stakeholders in Uganda," TPA's Acting Marketing and Public Relations Director, Nicodemus Mushi remarked yesterday, noting that everything was in place for the Kampala office to go operational, including the appointment of a Country Manager.

He added: "We already have liaison



Kampala was reached during Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni's three-day State Visit to Tanzania last year. During the tour, the Ugandan leader also toured the Port of Dar es Salaam.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan and the

visiting President Museveni concurred that the Kampala office would be vital in clearing equipment for building the East African crude oil pipeline from the Port of Dar es Salaam.

Mr Mushi said the Dar es Salaam port is a very important point of entry and exit for goods to and from Uganda, adding that the new office will see the TPA strengthening its commitment in one of its key markets in the East African region.

In recent years, Tanzania and Ugandan governments have made huge efforts to improve infrastructure along the central corridor to expedite haulage of exports and imports from and to Uganda through Dar es Salaam Port, Mwanza and Port Bell across Lake Victoria.

As part of the deliberate measures to exploit Lake Victoria potential, TPA has invested in the rehabilitation of Mwanza South, specialized to serve cargo ships and Mwanza North ports, dedicated to passenger operations.

Consequently, there have been significant improvements at Mwanza

Ports in streamlining the Dar es Salaam and Uganda Corridor, facilitating the trade between Tanzania, Uganda, and South Sudan.

Such improvements have led to the cargo transportation from Dar es Salaam to Uganda shifting from truck to rail, thus reducing the cost of doing business among traders.

The rehabilitation of Mwanza South Port involved the reviving of the linkspan to enable containerised cargo to be transported to Port Bell in Uganda and other destinations in the region by ferry wagons.

The North Port terminal has liquid/oil reception facility and is well connected with road and railway enhanced by linkspan that enables train wagons to be easily ferried or loaded to a ship.

The Dar es Salaam Port-Mwanza - Port Bell is the most reliable and low-cost route.

Mr Mushi says the TPA is working closely with the Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC) to lay proper infrastructure for transporting goods and services to and from Uganda.

"The sixth phase government's emphasis is that we should increase the traffic of Uganda's cargo passing through our ports of Dar es Salaam, Tanga and Mwanza and we are implementing the government's directives and ensuring we tap into the Ugandan market and promote mutual economic growth," touted the TPA Marketing and Public Relations Director, Mushi

Uganda's cargo through the Dar es Salaam port increased to 191,282 metric tonnes in the year 2020/2021, up from 140,269 metric tonnes recorded in the preceding year.

The positive trend is expected to continue with the effects of the Covid-19 waning across the globe, while economies steadily recovering.

TPA statistics show that the Uganda cargo volume via the Dar es Salaam port was 239,953 metric tonnes in 2016/2017. The traffic dropped to 215,878 tonnes and 167,270 in 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 respectively.



headquarters in Kampala Uganda recently.

TPA Director General Eric Hamissi

offices in Kigali (Rwanda), Bujumbura (Burundi), Lubumbashi (DRC), and Lusaka (Zambia), and we're working closely with our embassies in those countries to promote economic diplomacy,"

"Most of our ambassadors' activities are linked to port operations and logistics. While our envoys abroad are pursuing economic diplomacy, the TPA plays the role of transport, logistics and trade facilitation," he stated, revealing that the next liaison office will be set up in Malawi.

The decision to set up the TPA's offices in



Dar es Salaam Port is an important point of entry and exit for goods to and from Uganda





Mwanza Port Tanga Port



JAMHURI YA MUUNGANO WA TANZANIA WIZARA YA MAJI



HOTUBA YA WAZIRI WA MAJI MHE. JUMAA AWESO (MB) KUHUSU MAKADIRIO YA MAPATO NA MATUMIZI YA WIZARA YA MAJI KWA MWAKA WA FEDHA 2022/23





HOTUBA YA WAZIRI WA MAJI MHE. JUMAA HAMIDU AWESO (MB), AKIWASILISHA BUNGENI MAKADIRIO YA MAPATO NA MATUMIZI YA FEDHA YA WIZARA YA MAJI KWA MWAKA WA FEDHA 2022/23

Siku va Alhamisi tarehe 12 Mei, 2022. Waziri wa Maii. Mhe, Jumaa Hamidu Aweso (Mb), aliwasilisha Hotuba va Baieti va Wizara va Maii kwa Mwaka 2022/2023. Hotuba hii ina maeneo makuu manne, ambayo ni Hali ya Sekta ya Maji nchini; Mapitio ya Utekelezaji wa Bajeti ya mwaka wa fedha 2021/22 na Mpango na Bajeti ya Sekta kwa mwaka 2022/23; pamoja na Changamoto na Hatua zilizochukuliwa. Hapa chini ni muhtasari wa hotuba hiyo. Hotuba kamili inapatikana katika tovuti ya wizara www.maji.go.tz.

1.0 HALI YA SEKTA YA MAJI NCHINI

1.1 Rasilimali za Maii

- 1. Rasilimali za maji zilizopo nchini zinakadiriwa kuwa mita za ujazo bilioni 126 kwa mwaka ambapo rasilimali za maji juu ya ardhi ni mita za ujazo bilioni 105 na zilizopo ardhini ni mita za ujazo bilioni 21. Hadi Aprili 2022, mahitaji ya maji kwa matumizi mbalimbali nchini yanakadiriwa kuwa ni takribani mita za ujazo bilioni 47 kwa mwaka sawa na asilimia 37.37 ya maji yaliyopo nchini. Mahitaji ya maji yanatarajiwa kuongezeka hadi wastani wa mita za ujazo bilioni 80 kwa mwaka ifikapo mwaka 2035
- 2. Kiwango cha maji kilichopo kwa kila mtu kwa mwaka ni takribani wastani wa mita za ujazo 2,250 kwa kuzingatia makadirio ya idadi ya watu milioni 55.9 kwa mwaka 2019. Kiwango cha chini cha mahitaji ya maji kwa mtu kwa mwaka kinachokubalika kimataifa ni wastani wa mita za ujazo 1,700 ambapo chini ya hapo nchi inahesabika kuwa na uhaba wa maji (Water Stress). Hivyo, kiasi cha maji kilichopo nchini kinaonesha kuwa nchi yetu haina uhaba wa maji.

1.2 Ubora wa Maii

- 3. Wizara kupitia maabara 17 za ubora wa maji nchini imeendelea kuhakiki na kufuatilia ubora wa maji katika vyanzo vya maji na mitandao ya kusambaza maji mijini na vijijini kwa lengo la kutoa maamuzi juu ya matumizi yaliyokusudiwa.
- Maji yanayosambazwa kwa jamii kupitia mifumo ya usambazaji maji mijini na vijijini yameendelea kukidhi viwango vya ubora wa maji ya kunywa vya kitaifa katika maeneo mengi nchini. Hata hivyo changamoto iliyopo ni uwepo wa madini ya chumvichumvi katika maeneo ya Pwani na Ukanda wa Kati; na uwepo wa madini ya Fluoride katika maeneo yaliyopo kwenye ukanda unaopitiwa na Bonde la Ufa. Kukabiliana na changamoto za ubora wa maji, Wizara kwa kushirikiana na wadau mbalimbali imeendelea kuwekeza katika teknolojia mbalimbali za kusafisha na kutibu maji.

1.3 Upatikanaji wa Huduma ya Maji Vijijini

5. Hadi kufikia Aprili 2022, upatikanaji wa huduma ya maji vijijini imefikia wastani wa asilimia 74.5 ikilinganishwa na wastani wa asilimia 72.3 mwezi Machi, 2021. Kiwango hicho kinatokana na kukamilika kwa ujenzi wa miradi mipya, ukarabati na upanuzi wa miradi 301 ambayo imeanza kutoa huduma kwa zaidi ya wananchi 1,336,860.

1.4 Upatikanaji wa Huduma va Majisafi na Usafi wa Mazingira Mijini

- 6. Hadi kufikia Aprili, 2022 hali ya upatikanaji wa huduma ya maji mijini ni wastani wa asilimia 86.5 ikilinganishwa na asilimia 86 va Machi 2021. Ongezeko hilo linatokana na kukamilika kwa ujenzi wa miradi 40 iliyohusisha ukarabati, upanuzi na ujenzi wa miradi mipya.
- Hali ya upatikanaji wa huduma ya maji inatarajiwa kuongezeka ifikapo mwezi Desemba 2022 kutokana na miradi mikubwa ya maji inayotarajiwa kukamilika ndani ya kipindi hicho ikiwemo mradi wa kuboresha huduma ya Majisafi na Usafi wa Mazingira katika Jiji la Arusha; Mradi wa Maji wa Mugango-Kiabakari- Butiama; Mradi wa kupeleka maji kwenda Miji ya Tinde - Shelui; Mradi wa maji Kigamboni; Bunda; Chalinze; Kyaka-Bunazi; Namanga; Bagamoyo; pamoja na miradi 218 inayotekelezwa kwa fedha za Mpango wa Maendeleo kwa Ustawi wa Taifa na Mapambano Dhidi ya UVIKO-19 maeneo ya vijijini na mijini.

2.0 UTEKELEZAJI WA BAJETI KWA MWAKA 2021/22

- 8. Mwaka 2021/2022, Wizara ya Maji liliidhinishiwa jumla ya Shilingi bilioni 680.39 na kati ya fedha hizo Shilingi bilioni 33.76 zilikuwa ni fedha za matumizi ya kawaida na Shilingi bilioni 646.63 zilikuwa ni fedha za maendeleo. Aidha, wakati bajeti inaendelea kutekelezwa, Wizara ilipata Shilingi bilioni 139.35 kupitia Mpango wa Maendeleo kwa Ustawi wa Taifa na Mapambano Dhidi ya UVIKO - 19 ili kuhakikisha wananchi wanapata majisafi, salama na yenye kutosheleza karibu na makazi yao na kuwezesha kupambana na UVIKO-19. Hatua hivo, imewezesha bajeti ya maendeleo kuongezeka na kuwa Shilingi bilioni 785.98 na jumla ya bajeti yote kwa mwaka 2021/2022 kufikia Shilingi bilioni 819.74.
- 9. Hadi Aprili 2022, Wizara imepokea jumla ya Shilingi bilioni 778.91 sawa na asilimia 95 ya bajeti iliyoidhinishwa. Kati ya fedha zilizopokelewa, Shilingi bilioni 743.76 ni za kutekeleza miradi ya maendeleo sawa na asilimia 94.6 ya bajeti ya fedha za maendeleo. Kwa upande wa fedha za Matumizi ya Kawaida, jumla ya Shilingi bilioni 35.15 zilipokelewa sawa na asilimia 104 ya bajeti ya fedha za Matumizi ya Kawaida. Kati ya fedha hizo, Shilingi bilioni 22.61 ni fedha za mishahara (PE) na Shilingi bilioni 12.54 ni fedha za matumizi mengineyo (OC). 2.2 Programu na Miradi Mbalimbali Iliyotekelezwa katika mwaka 2021/22
- 10. Hatua zilizofikiwa katika utekelezaji wa baadhi ya miradi na mafanikio yaliyopatikana ni kama ifuatavyo:-

3.2.1 Usimamizi na Uendelezaji wa Rasilimali za Maji

11. Hadi Aprili 2022, jumla ya vituo 178 vya kufuatilia mwenendo wa rasilimali za maji vimejengwa na kukarabatiwa; vimetolewa vibali vipya 451 vya matumizi ya maji; vibali 649 vya kuchimba visima vya maji; pamoja na kuweka mipaka vyanzo vya maji 48 kama hatua ya awali ya uhifadhi

3.2.2 Huduma za Ubora wa Maii

12. Katika mwaka 2021/22, kupitia Maabara za Ubora wa Maji Wizara imeendelea kusimamia na kufuatilia ubora wa maji kwa kukusanya na kuchunguza sampuli kutoka katika mifumo ya usambazaji maji kwa matumizi ya majumbani, maji katika vyanzo na maji kwa matumizi mengine ikiwa ni pamoja na viwanda, umwagiliaji, ujenzi, utafiti na ufugaji wa samaki. Vilevile, Wizara imeendelea kuhakiki na kufuatilia ubora wa madawa ya kusafisha na kutibu maji pamoja na kuhakiki ubora wa majitaka yanayorudishwa kwenye mazingira. Aidha, katika kulinda afya za wananchi katika mikoa iliyoathirika zaidi na madini ya Fluoride, Wizara imeendelea kutekeleza Mkakati wa Uondoaji wa Madini hayo kwenye maji ya kunywa na kupikia.

3.2.3 Huduma za Usambazaji Majisafi na Usafi wa Mazingira Vijijini

13. Katika mwaka 2021/22, Serikali kupitia Wakala wa Maji na Usafi wa Mazingira Vijijini (RUWASA) ilipanga kujenga, kukarabati na kufanya upanuzi wa miundombinu ya maji katika miradi 1,176. Hadi Aprili 2022, ujenzi na ukarabati wa miradi 301 umekamilika na kuanza kutoa huduma ya majisafi na salama. Ujenzi na ukarabati wa miradi 52 unatarajiwa kukamilika mwezi Juni 2022 na utekelezaji wa miradi 823 utaendelea katika mwaka 2022/23.

Utekelezaji wa Miradi yenye Changamoto za Muda Mrefu

14. Wizara kupitia RUWASA imeendelea kukwamua miradi yenye changamoto za muda mrefu ambapo katika mwaka 2021/22, jumla ya miradi 42 imekamilishwa na kuanza kutoa huduma kwa wananchi na hivyo kufikisha miradi 127 kati ya miradi 177.

Uimarishaji wa Vyombo vya Watoa Huduma ya Maji Ngazi ya Jamii

15. Kwa muda mrefu miradi ya maji vijijini iliyokamilika katika baadhi ya maeneo imekuwa ikikabiliwa na changamoto ya kutokuwa endelevu. Serikali kupitia Sheria Na. 5 ya Huduma za Majisafi na Usafi wa Mazingira ya mwaka 2019 ilifanya maboresho ya muundo wa Vyombo vya Watoa Huduma ya Maji Ngazi ya Jamii (CBWSOs) ambapo muundo wa sasa unajumuisha wataalam wakiwemo Mafundi Sanifu wanaosimamia matengenezo ya miundombinu na Wahasibu wanaosimamia masuala ya fedha. Aidha, CBWSOs 2,466 zimeundwa na kuhuishwa hadi sasa. Vilevile, CBWSOs zimeajiri jumla ya wataalam 1,746 kwa mikataba ambapo kati yao Mafundi Sanifu ni 940 na

3.2.4 Huduma za Usambazaji wa Majisafi na Usafi wa Mazingira Mijini

16. Katika mwaka wa fedha 2021/22, jumla ya miradi 114 ilipangwa kutekelezwa katika maeneo ya mijini ambapo hadi Aprili 2022, jumla ya miradi 40 imekamilika na kuanza kutoa huduma. Aidha, utekelezaji wa miradi mingine unaendelea ikiwemo:

Miradi ya Kuboresha Huduma ya Maji katika Jiji la Dodoma

- 17. Serikali imeendelea kuboresha hali ya upatikanaji wa huduma ya maji katika Jiji la Dodoma ambapo Wizara imekamilisha utekelezaji wa miradi va kutoa maji katika visima vya Ihumwa kwenda tanki la Njedengwa; mradi wa kuboresha hali ya upatikanaji wa majisafi Chamwino - Ikulu. Aidha, Wizara inaendelea na utekelezaji wa mradi wa kuchimba visima vipya na kukarabati visima vya zamani.
- 18. Katika jitihada za kukabiliana na uhaba wa huduma ya maji katika jiji la Dodoma, Serikali imepata mkopo wa Dola za Marekani milioni 125.3 kutoka Benki ya Maendeleo Afrika (AfDB) kwa ajili ya kuanza ujenzi wa Bwawa la Farkwa na mtambo wa kutibu maji ambapo ujenzi unatarajiwa kuanza katika mwaka wa fedha 2022/23.

Miradi ya Kuboresha Huduma ya Majisafi katika Mkoa wa Dar es Salaam na baadhi ya Maeneo ya Mkoa wa Pwani

19. Serikali imekamilisha utekelezaji wa mradi wa kuboresha huduma ya maji wa Mlandizi - Chalinze - Mboga kwa gharama ya Shilingi bilioni 18. Mradi huo ulizinduliwa na Mheshimiwa Samia Suluhu Hassan, Rais wa Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania tarehe 22 Machi 2022. Aidha, Serikali kwa kushirikiana na Benki ya Dunia inaendelea na ukarabati na upanuzi wa mfumo wa usambazaji majisafi kutoka kwenye tanki la Chuo Kikuu cha Ardhi kwenda Bagamoyo ambapo utekelezaji umefikia asilimia 61. Vilevile, Serikali inaendelea kutekeleza mradi wa kusambaza maji katika maeneo ya Mbezi-Makabe ambapo utekelezaji umefikia asilimia 70.

Mradi wa Maji Mugango - Kiabakari - Butiama

20. Serikali kwa kushirikiana na Benki ya Kiarabu kwa Maendeleo ya Afrika (BADEA) na Mfuko wa Maendeleo wa Saudia (Saudi Fund for Development - SFD) inaendelea na utekelezaji wa mradi wa maji wa Mugango, Kiabakari na Butiama ambao umefikia asilimia 54.

Mradi wa maji Tinde - Shelui

21. Serikali kwa kushirikiana na Serikali ya India kupitia Benki ya Exim-India inatekeleza mradi wa kuboresha huduma ya maji katika miji ya Tinde na Shelui ambao umefikia asilimia 60.7.

Mradi wa Kuboresha Huduma ya Maji katika Miji 28

22. Serikali ya Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania kwa kushirikiana na Serikali ya India kupitia Benki ya Exim - India inategemea kuanza ujenzi wa mradi wa kuboresha huduma ya maji katika miji 28 ya Tanzania Bara na mji mmoja visiwani Zanzibar kwa gharama ya Dola za Marekani milioni 500. Hadi Aprili 2022, taratibu za kuwapata wakandarasi wa ujenzi katika miji 24 zimekamilika ambapo ujenzi wa miradi katika miji hiyo itatumia fedha za mkopo wa India na miji minne (4) ya Mafinga, Makonde, Songea na Tarime-Ryorya utekelezaji wake utafanywa kwa kutumia fedha za ndani. Mikataba ya ujenzi kwa miji 24 inatarajiwa kusainiwa kabla ya kumalizika kwa mwaka wa fedha 2021/22.

Miradi ya Maji katika Maziwa Makuu ya Victoria, Tanganyika na Nyasa

23. Serikali imeamua kutumia vyanzo vya uhakika vikiwemo maziwa makuu ya Victoria, Tanganyika na Nyasa kupeleka maji katika mikoa ya Mwanza, Geita, Simiyu, Kagera, Mara, Katavi, Kigoma na Rukwa, Ruvuma na Njombe.

Miradi Mingine Inayotekelezwa

24. Miradi mingine inavoendelea na utekelezaji ni pamoja na mradi wa kuboresha huduma ya majisafi na usafi wa mazingira Arusha; Mradi wa Maiisafi na Usafi wa Mazingira katika Mji wa Kigoma; Mradi wa Majisafi na Usafi wa Mazingira katika Mji wa Lindi; Mradi wa Kuboresha Huduma ya Majisafi na Usafi wa Mazingira katika Mji wa Morogoro; mradi wa maji kutoka Mto Kiwira hadi Jiji la Mbeya; mradi wa kuboresha huduma ya majisafi katika Jiji la Tanga; mradi wa maji Dareda-Singu-Sigino-Bagara; mradi wa majisafi wa Kyaka - Bunazi; Mradi wa Maji Same - Mwanga - Korogwe; Mradi wa Kukabiliana na Athari za Mabadiliko ya Tabianchi katika Mkoa wa Simiyu; pamoja na miradi inavotekelezwa kwa kutumia fedha za Mpango wa Maendeleo kwa Ustawi wa Taifa na Mapambano Dhidi ya UVIKO-19

3.2.5 Miradi va Usafi wa Mazingira

- 25. Serikali imeendelea kuboresha huduma ya usafi wa mazingira kwa kujenga, kupanua na kukarabati miundombinu ya majitaka katika maeneo mbalimbali ya mijini. Hadi Aprili 2022, hali ya uondoshaji majitaka imefikia asilimia 13.5. Lengo ni kufikia asilimia 30 mwaka 2025.
- 26. Upande wa vijijini, Serikali imeendelea kutekeleza Kampeni ya Usafi wa Mazingira kwa lengo la kuboresha huduma ya usafi wa mazingira katika maeneo ya vijijini. Kupitia Kampeni hiyo, Wizara imekamilisha miradi 137 ya usafi wa mazingira katika vituo vya kutolea huduma za afya na shule na inaendelea na utekelezaji wa miradi 276.

3.0 MAFANIKIO YALIYOPATIKANA

- 27. Katika kipindi cha Julai, 2021 hadi Machi 2022, Sekta ya Maji imeendelea kufanya maboresho ya kiutendaji na kitaasisi ambayo yameleta ufanisi katika utekelezaji wa majukumu ya Wizara na miradi mbalimbali. Kuimarika kwa ufanisi huo katika Sekta ya Maji kumeleta
- Kuongezeka kwa upatikanaji wa fedha za bajeti za kutekeleza miradi ya maji vijijini na mijini kutoka shilingi bilioni 396.77 sawa na asilimia 54.1 mwezi Aprili 2021 hadi shilingi bilioni 778.92 sawa na asilimia 95 mwezi Aprili 2022:
- Kukamilika na kuanza kutoa huduma kwa miradi 127 kati ya 177 iliyokuwa na changamoto za muda mrefu;
- Kununuliwa kwa seti 25 za mitambo ya kuchimba visima, seti 5 za ujenzi wa mabwawa na seti 4 za vifaa vya utafiti wa maji chini ya
- Miradi kukamilika kwa wakati baada ya kuchukuliwa hatua stahiki kwa wakandarasi na wataalam wasiowaiibika: Kuongezeka kwa kiwango cha upatikanaji wa huduma za maji nchini kutoka asilimia 72.3 vijijini na 86 mijini mwaka 2020/21 hadi
- asilimia 74.5 viiiiini na 86.5 miiiini: Kukamilika kwa jumla ya miradi 341 ya maji, kati ya hiyo ya vijijini ni miradi 301 na mijini miradi 40. Baadhi ya miradi hiyo ni pamoja na
- Misungwi (Mwanza), Orkesumet (Simanjiro), Chalinze-Mboga (Pwani) na Longido (Arusha); Kukamilika na kuanza kutumika kwa mfumo wa taarifa za miradi na huduma ya maji ambao utakuwa ukipatikana kupitia simu za
- kiganjani unaojulikana kwa jina la Maji Mobile Application (Maji_App). Mfumo huo umerahisisha upatikanaji wa taarifa mbalimbali za miradi ya maji pamoja na hali ya huduma ya maji nchini:
- (viii). Kukamilika na kuanza kutumika mfumo wa pamoja wa Uandaaji wa Ankara za Malipo ya Maji (Unified Billing System) unaosaidia kupunguza malalamiko ya ankara za maji kwa wateja: na
- Kuimarika kwa usimamizi wa rasilimali za maji kwa kuendelea kutambua, kuweka mipaka na kuhifadhi vyanzo 178 vya maji pamoja na kuandaliwa kwa mipango ya utunzaji wa maeneo ya vidakio vya maji katika mabonde yote nchini.

4.0 CHANGAMOTO ZILIZOJITOKEZA NA HATUA ZINAZOCHUKULIWA

28. Katika utekelezaji wa bajeti ya mwaka 2021/22, Wizara imekabiliwa na changamoto mbalimbali zikiwemo mahitaji makubwa ya fedha kwa aiili ya uwekezaji wa miradi mikubwa ya maji; uchelewaji wa upatikanaji wa misamaha ya kodi kunakosabisha kuchelewa kukamilika kwa miradi ya maji; upungufu wa watalaam katika Sekta ya maji; na mabadiliko ya tabianchi yanayosababisha mafuriko na ukame katika vyanzo vya maji kwa mfano mwaka 2021, katika kipindi cha kiangazi Mto Ruvu ulipungua kina na kuathiri upatikanaji wa maji katika Mkoa wa Dar es Salaam na hivyo kulazima hatua za dharura kuchukuliwa na Serikali.

29. Hatua mbalimbali zimeendelea kuchukuliwa kukabiliana na changamoto, ikiwemo kuendelea kutafuta vyanzo vya fedha ikiwa ni pamoja na kutumia fedha za ndani kutekeleza miradi mikubwa; kutoa elimu kwa wananchi kulinda miundombinu ya maji pamoja na kutoa adhabu kali kwa wezi wa maji na wahujumu wa miundombinu ya maji; kuongeza kasi ya ufuatiliaji wa misamaha ya kodi; kutenga na kuajiri watalaam wa kutosha; pamoja na kutekeleza mkakati wa kukabiliana na mabadiliko ya tabianchi na kutekeleza miradi ya maji ambayo itatumia vyanzo vya maji vya uhakika kama vile mito mikubwa na maziwa

5.0 VIPAUMBELE NA MPANGO WA UTEKELEZAJI KWA MWAKA 2022/23

5.1 Vipumbele vya mwaka 2022/23

30. Vipaumbele vya Wizara kwa mwaka 2022/23 ni pamoja na;

- Kukamilisha ujenzi, ukarabati na upanuzi wa miradi inayoendelea kutekelezwa;
- Kuanza ujenzi wa mabwawa ya kimkakati ya Kidunda na Farkwa; Kuanza ujenzi wa miradi ya maji mipya ikiwemo miradi ya maji katika miji 28;
- Kuendelea na shughuli za utunzaji wa vyanzo vya maji ikihusisha kutambua, kuweka mipaka na kutangaza kwenye Gazeti la Serikali ili vvanzo hivvo vilindwe kisheria:
- Kutekeleza miradi ya maji kwa kutumia vyanzo vya uhakika ikiwemo maziwa makuu na mito mikubwa:

5.2 Mpango wa Utekelezaji kwa Mwaka 2022/23

5.2.1 Usimamizi na Uendelezaii wa Rasilimali za maii Vyanzo vya maji vina mchango mkubwa katika uwepo wa rasilimali za maji na usalama wa maji kwa ujumla. Katika mwaka 2022/23, Wizara imepanga kutambua, kuweka mipaka na kutangaza vyanzo 44 kwenye Gazeti la Serikali kwa lengo la kuhifadhi na kuvilinda vyanzo hivyo kisheria; na kutekeleza Mipango ya Utunzaji wa Vidakio vya Maji iliyoandaliwa katika mabonde yote tisa nchini

5.2.2 Ujenzi wa Mabwawa

32. Mradi wa bwawa la Kidunda limechukua muda mrefu kuanza ujenzi. Kutokana na azma ya Serikali ya Awamu ya Sita chini ya Mheshimiwa Samia Suluhu Hassan, Rais wa Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania ametoa kibali cha kuanza ujenzi wa bwawa hilo katika mwaka 2022/23. Aidha, Serikali itaanza ujenzi wa bwawa la Farkwa na mtambo wa kutibu maji baada ya kupata fedha za mkopo kiasi cha dola za kimarekani milioni 125.3 kutoka Benki ya Maendeleo ya Afrika (AfDB). Hii inaonesha nia njema ya Mheshimiwa Rais ya kumtua mama ndoo kichwani.

5.2.3 Usimamizi wa Huduma ya Ubora wa Maji

33. Wizara itaendelea kuimarisha uhakiki na ufuatiliaii wa ubora wa maii katika vyanzo na mifumo ya usambazaii kwa kukusanya na kuchunguza sampuli za maji na majitaka: kuhakiki ubora wa madawa ya kutibu maji kabla ya manunuzi na wakati wa matumizi: na kuendelea kuimarisha maabara za ubora wa maji kwa kuzipatia vitendea kazi, kujenga na kukarabati majengo; pamoja na kuziwezesha maabara nne (4) kupata ithibati.

5.2.4 Huduma ya Majisafi na usafi wa Mazingira Vijijini

34. Wizara imepanga kutekeleza jumla ya miradi 1108 ya maji vijijini ambapo miradi 672 ni miradi inayoendelea kutekelezwa na miradi 436 ni mipya. Aidha, katika kuimarisha uendelevu wa huduma za maji na usafi wa mazingira katika maeneo ya vijijini, Serikali imepanga kuzijengea uwezo CBWSOs 2,466 zilizopo na kusajili CBWSOs mpya 704.

5.2.5 Mpango wa Matumizi ya Maji ya Maziwa Makuu

35. Katika kuhakikisha wananchi wanapata huduma ya majisafi, salama na ya kutosheleza kwa kutumia maziwa makuu, Serikali itaanza ujenzi wa mradi wa kukabiliana na mabadiliko ya tabianchi katika Mkoa wa Simiyu utakaotumia maji ya Ziwa Victoria. Aidha, Serikali itaendelea kuongeza chanzo cha Butimba ili kiweze kuhudumia maeneo mengi zaidi ya Jiji la Mwanza.

5.2.6 Miradi ya Majisafi na Usafi wa Mazingira Mijini

- 36. Katika kuhakikisha malengo ya Kisekta ya kuwapatia wananchi wa mijini huduma ya maji ya kutosha, Serikali itatumia vyanzo vya uhakika vikiwemo maziwa makuu, mito mikubwa na mabwawa. Wizara imepanga kutekeleza jumla ya miradi 175 ya maji mijini
- 37. Serikali inatarajia kufanya upembuzi yakinifu na usanifu wa kina wa mradi wa kutoa maji Mto Ruvuma kupeleka Manispaa ya Mtwara -Mikindani pamoja na vijiji na vitongoji vilivyopo ndani ya kilomita 12 ya bomba kuu; mradi wa kutoa maji mto Kiwira kupeleka Jiji la Mbeya; mradi wa kutoa maji mto Rufiji kupeleka Jiji la Dar es Salaam na maeneo ya Pwani. Utekelezaji wa miradi hiyo utasaidia upatikanaji wa maji ya uhakika na ya kutosheleza kwa maeneo ya mijini.

5.2.7 Mpango wa Kuboresha Huduma ya Majisafi katika Jiji la Dodoma

- 38. Serikali inatambua changamoto ya huduma ya upatikanaji wa huduma ya maji kwa wananchi wa Jiji la Dodoma kutokana na ongezeko kubwa la watu baada ya makao makuu ya Serikali kuhamia Dodoma na ongezeko la shughuli za kiuchumi na kijamii. Mahitaji ya majisafi katika Jiji la Dodoma kwa sasa yanakadiriwa kuwa ni lita milioni 133.8 kwa siku ambapo uzalishaji katika yyanzo vyote vya maji ni lita milioni 66.7 kwa siku. Hivyo kuna upungufu wa maji katika jiji la Dodoma wa takribani lita milioni 67.1 kwa siku sawa na asilimia 50.2.
- 39. Katika jitihada za kutatua changamoto hiyo, Serikali ya Awamu ya Sita ya Mheshimiwa Samia Suluhu Hassan, Rais wa Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania imepata mkopo wa Dola za Marekani milioni 125.3 kutoka Benki ya Maendeleo ya Afrika (AfDB) kwa ajili ya kuanza uienzi wa Bwawa la Farkwa na mtambo wa kusafisha na kutibu maii ambapo ujenzi wake utaanza mwaka wa fedha 2022/23.
- 40. Katika kutatua changamoto ya upatikanaji wa huduma ya maji katika Jiji la Dodoma, Serikali inatarajia kutoa maji Ziwa Victoria na kuyafikisha katika Jiji la Dodoma kupitia mji wa Singida. Serikali inaendelea kutafuta fedha vyanzo mbalimbali ili mradi huo uweze

5.2.8 Mpango wa Kuimarisha Huduma ya Uondoshaji Majitaka

- 41. Wizara imepanga kuendelea kuboresha huduma ya usafi wa mazingira nchini. Miradi itakayotekelezwa ni pamoja na miradi ya usafi wa $mazingira\,katika\,miji\,mikuu\,10\,ya\,Vwawa,\,Kigoma,\,Lindi,\,Sumbawanga,\,Singida,\,Njombe,\,Mtwara,\,Katavi,\,Tabora\,na\,Geita\,na\,miji\,midogo\,15$ ya Chalinze, Kisarawe, Bagamoyo, Kibaigwa, Igunga, Nzega, Chato, Muleba, Bunda, Mafinga, Ilula, Makambako, Korogwe, Manyoni na Rujewa. Aidha, Serikali itaendelea na utekelezaji wa miradi ya usafi wa mazingira katika miji ya Babati, Dodoma, Mbeya, Iringa na Dar es
- 42. Katika kukifanya Chuo cha Maji kuwa bora zaidi na kuweza kutoa wataalam wa maji watakaotumika katika usimamizi na uendeshaji wa miradi ya maji hususan ya vijijini pamoja na kufanya tafiti za kutatua changamoto mbalimbali katika Sekta ya Maji, Serikali imepanga kujenga na kukarabati majengo na miundombinu katika kampasi za Dar es Salaam na Singida; na kununua magari mawili ya uondoshaji majitaka na mafunzo katika fani ya uhandisi wa majitaka. Vile vile wizara itanunua basi kubwa la abiria 65 kwa ajili matumizi ya wanafunzi kuwapeleka katika mafunzo ya vitendo, magari mawili na gari moja kwa ajili shughuli za uendeshaji na usimamizi wa Ofisi za Tawi la Chuo Singida. Pia, serikali imepanga kuboresha kuboresha kituo cha utafiti wa ubora wa maji cha Ngurdoto-Arusha (Ngurdoto Defluoridation Centre).

6.0 MAOMBI YA FEDHA KWA MWAKA 2022/2023

43. Ninaomba sasa kutoa hoja kwamba Bunge lako Tukufu liidhinishe jumla ya Shilingi bilioni mia saba na tisa milioni mia tatu sitini na moja mia sita na saba elfu (709,361,607,000) kwa ajili ya matumizi ya Wizara ya Maji kwa mwaka 2022/23. Kati ya fedha hizo, Matumizi ya Kawaida ni Shilingi bilioni hamsini na moja milioni mia nne sitini na mbili mia mbili sitini na tisa elfu (51,462,269,000) ambapo Shilingi bilioni kumi na sita milioni mia saba mia tano thelathini na nne elfu (16,700,534,000) ni kwa ajili ya kugharamia Matumizi Mengineyo (0C) na Shilingi bilioni thelathini na nne milioni mia saba sitini na moja mia saba thelathini na tano elfu (34,761,735,000) ni kwa ajili ya kulipa mishahara (PE) ya watumishi wa Wizara, RUWASA na Chuo cha Maji. Jumla ya bajeti ya maendeleo ni Shilingi bilioni mia sita hamsini na saba milioni mia nane tisini na tisa mia tatu thelathini na nane elfu (657,899,338,000) ambapo kati ya fedha hizo, Shilingi bilioni mia nne na saba milioni sitini na nne mia nane na sitini elfu (407,064,860,000) ni fedha za ndani na Shilingi bilioni mia mbili hamsini milioni mia nane thelathini na nne mia nne sabini na nane elfu (250,834,478,000) ni fedha za nje.

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Trust is an essential ingredient in keeping climate action on the boil. For over a century, the global North has whetted a gargantuan appetite for fossil fuels that fed economic growth, purloining more than their fair share of the carbon budget in the process.

Today, these emissions are perceived as a burden that will continue to "roast" the planet if we don't keep the global average temperature increase down to 1.5C.

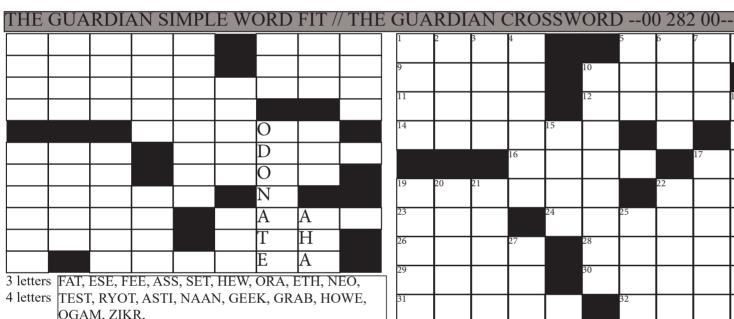
But there are also development consequences to temperature guardrails, especially for the global South, which is left to "clean up" the effects of an emissions overshoot that is far beyond its capacity.

Let's keep an eye on trust for a moment - or rather, the absence of it.

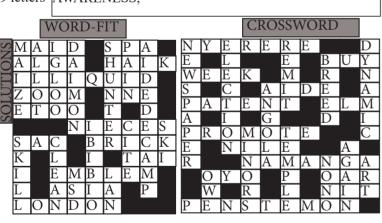
A lack of trust in the climate debate erodes action. Action is critical if we want to whisk off harmful emissions that continue to disable livelihood structures and leave vulnerable popu-

To win climate action in Africa, add trust and stir





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- elasticated top and stays in position without the need for suspenders 22 man's jacket 23.less than average height 24.people occupying rented land 26.method for coloring fabric in patterns by resist dyeing 28.fish of SE Asia 29.fifth highest mountain in Africa 30.correct and revise 31.foe 32.Irish Gaelic language
- 2. unfasten 3. Christmas without difficulty 5. impair . a headband worn by Bedouin Arab men to keep the keffiyeh in place a Polynesian garland of flowers
- 8. a donkey 10.to rush wildly in a group 13. a worm of the large phylum Nematoda, having a slender, unsegment
 - ed, cylindrical body 15.attempt to sell typically by a direct approach 17. wandering Samurai who had no lord
 - 8.Student Tracking System 19.mire, mud 20.gesture to indicate something 21.informed 22.someone who beat with a cane 25.to specify 27. a person's stomach

lations steeped in the toxic mix of vulnerability and ex-

Eight out of the ten countries most at risk of climate change impacts are in Africa. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's sixth assessment report provides statistics of worsening impacts in some major hotspots, notably the Sahel in West Africa, where water shortages, reduced food production and shrinking biodiversity will result in losses and put fragile economies into disrepair.

Through its philosophy of keeping governments and organisations responsible for commitments, the Climate Crisis Advisory Group ture, recalibrate its econo-(CCAG) places high value on three actions that are central to climate action: reducing current emissions, removing emissions already emitted and repairing the climate.

The rationale behind the 3Rs - "reduce, remove and repair" - may appear hollow to the cynic when it comes to Africa -- after all, what is there to reduce in a continent with a carbon footprint of less than 3.8% of the global total?

Africa is a region that ur-

gently requires stable and secure growth -- not only for the sake of global planetary health, but also for its own survival. Grounds exist to

claim that the CCAG's "re-

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strategy is compatible with

Africa's climate action approach. Firstly, reducing emissions in sensitive climate sectors can become a pre-emptive strike which provides good returns on investment - and repair can be less onerous if executed with foresight and careful planning.

Secondly, as it strives for climate-resilient development, Africa does not have to reconfigure its infrastrucmies, or revamp its technologies to embark on a green development pathway. It has a vast space to rehearse how to get energy efficiency right, especially given that more than 600 million Africans lack access to modern energy.

Reducing, removing, and repairing in Africa has implications for the mitigation ambitions of the global North.

Rich countries may remain oblivious, but emissions are immune to boundaries. Fugitive emissions

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from Africa in the latter's attempt to exercise its right to development might have implications for the mitigation potential of the global North.

For example, the EU's Green Deal mitigation efforts might lose steam if Africa is excluded from the bloc's list of trading partners because it supplies goods from carbon-intensive industries. Blocking Africa also leaves equity high and

Africa needs to trust that wealthier nations will lead on urgent mitigation. Not doing so will be short-sighted and leave Africa ill-prepared for a crisis that is both long and costly.

A carbon budget is about redistribution and equity. Poorer nations are not "victims" in this race -- they have bold ambitions to slash emissions for good! It is important to build trust and act decisively on many of the transitional levers for mitigation and adaptation.

The Russia-Ukraine war is creating new forms of energy crisis - the rise in energy demand and costs coinciding with new narratives of climate justice.

African countries have argued that natural gas offers a transitional safety net to enable industrialisation and structural transformation. Due to the new urgency of keeping fossil fuels in the ground, fossil fuel-dependent countries may need to postpone gas exploration or investments.

More than 40% of global gas discoveries between 2011 and 2018 were in Africa, vet the continent accounts for only 6% of global gas production.

Africa has a chequered history with its fossil fuel industry, and critics would argue that oil and gas prosperity has only benefited a narrow elite. This said, achieving a net zero pathway will not be net zero if the transition runs on low

A fair transition cannot be achieved by celebrating green development while sacrificing justice in the same breath. Climate action is not all about managing emissions control but recalibrating the debate to bring trust back to centre ground.

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TRADERS BASED IN DR CONGO PLEAD FOR UK estate **BETTERING OF SERVICES AT KIGOMA PORT**

Adela Madyane- Kigoma

of cargo movement, with Congolese traders threatening to look for an alternative route due to rampant bureaucracy by officials at the Kigoma Port.

Large volumes of cargo imports from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) are currently passing through Kigoma port, but the reported challenges may cause the loss of such economic advantage to Tanzania.

Speaking during the Tanganyika Business Summit held here last week, some of the business people from DRC said they are facing a lot of challenges when transacting their cargo through Kigoma port,

losses. Jules Mulya, the President of Tanganyika business community from DRC claimed officials operating at the Kigoma port have bad customer relations relationship between ourselves.

languages to them.

He said there have been anzania might lose the share number of reports from DCR traders claiming that they are being harassed by port officials at Kigoma port, including throwing their cargo during searching or verification.

"If we are going to experience movements, both exports to and these challenges, we can therefore thinking of finding an alternative route somewhere. This act also is tarnishing the good image of Tanzania," he said.

> Mulya claimed that apart from abusive languages, there have been cases of bribe soliciting from some of port officials and this may tarnish the image of corporate governance of the port.

"Historically there has been a good relationship between Congo of which is causing delays and and Tanzania that is why you see the majority of Congolese traders using Kigoma Port as the main entrance for their trade movements," he explained.

"We need to hour this and sometimes they use abusive So, there is no need for us to stop



An aerial view of Kigoma Port. DRC traders are concerned about rampant bureaucracy and bribes at the port PHOTO/FILE

intimidating each other because this will Dodoma first before crossing the border. affect our historical brotherhood."

Claude Kaziri another businessman from DRC mentioned officials of Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) as another barrier when it comes into issuing permit as they are directed to go

"A good example is transporting wheat flour to DRC where we are being asked for a permit at the Kigoma port. I case you issue a permit; they will always delay to release you until you provide a bribe," he said.

Kilaumba Kivumo, a another trader said bureaucracy is almost in every stream of TPA and asked the government to work on curbing corruption because it was adding business costs and relationship between two countries.

"There are some young people at the port who are using abusive languages against us and they feel like they own the world. This should be dealt with because we are tax payers and we contribute to the development of this country," he said during the summit.

Director of Tanzania Trade Authority (Tantrade) Latifa Khamis said there have been meetings conducted to create harmony and common understanding between traders and institutions responsible for facilitating movement of goods between the two countries.

TPA official at Kigoma Port Boniphace Shija said accountability is one of the main drives of the port performances.

agents s inflation market

LONDON

UK estate agents are preparing for the cost of living crisis and Bank of England rate increases to take some of the heat out of the housing market, according to the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyor (RICS).

The warning came in a survey that found activity remained buoyant in April, with house prices continuing to rise across the country amid a shortage of homes for sale that shows no signs of abating.

Forward-looking indicators softened, however, RICS said. On balance, agents expect sales to fall over the coming year and predict prices will rise less strongly than anticipated in February.

Mortgage lenders are following the Bank of England by raising interest rates from historic lows, adding to the pressure on household budgets inflicted by the worst bout of inflation since the 1980s.

The risks to the outlook were underlined by a gloomy report this week from the

We expect to see single digit rather than double digit annual [price] growth by the end of the year as both stock levels and mortgage rates increase," he said

National Institute of Economic and Social Research, which forecast the economy sliding into recession and unemployment rising. The BOE expects inflation to exceed 10 per cent in

With housing stock levels so low, RICS said the loss of momentum in the housing market is likely to be modest.

ast, even though there is a lot of caution about the future economic landscape, it seems that limited supply available on the market, coupled with steady demand growth, are still the overriding drivers of house prices," said

RICS Economist Tarrant Parsons. In a bad sign for future supply, RICS said that the number of appraisals being undertaken by prospective sellers is little changed compared with 12 months ago.

Tom Bill, head of residential research at estate agent Knight Frank, said buyer demand is now "robust rather than fierce" but that would-be sellers are staying put because they are unable to find somewhere to buy.

"We expect to see single digit rather than double digit annual [price] growth by the end of the year as both stock levels and mortgage rates increase," he said. "While the cost-ofliving squeeze will also intensify, we are not factoring in a recession."

Global wall coverings market to reach \$37.5 Rn hy 2026

By Guardian Reporter

Global wall coverings market is projected to register moderate growth over the near-to-long term to reach \$37.5 Billion by 2026 at a compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of 4.5 per cent from estimated at \$28.9 Billion in 2020, the report by Mordor Intelligence, the market intelligence firm has reported.

According to the report, Europe represents the largest regional market for Wall Coverings, accounting for an estimated 28.1 percent share of the global total in 2020.

The European market was estimated at \$8.1 Billion in

2020 is projected to reach \$9.8 Billion by 2026. Within Europe, Germany is forecast to grow at approximately 3.4

largest economy, is forecast to reach a projected market size of \$7 Billion by the year

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to spearhead growth and emerge as the fastest growing regional market with a CAGR of 6.2 percent over the analysis period.

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"The market is expected to progress steadily to market for Wall Coverings,



A technician fixes wall coverings on a newly constructed home. PHOTO/AGENCIES

growth, the report savs.

The Wall Coverings market in the U.S. is estimated at \$4.7 Billion in the year 2021.

Among the other noteworthy geographic markets are Japan and Canada, each forecast to grow at 2.8 percent and 3

percent respectively over the 2020-2027period.

Meanwhile, in the global Wall Tiles segment, USA, Canada, Japan, China and Europe will drive the 5 percent CAGR estimated for this segment.

These regional markets ac-

counting for a combined market size of \$3 Billion in the year 2020 will reach a projected size of \$4.2 Billion by the close of

China will remain among the fastest growing in this cluster of regional markets.

the analysis period.

Led by countries such as Australia, India, and South Korea, the market in Asia-Pacific is forecast to reach \$677 Million by the year 2026, while Latin America will expand at a 6.3 percent CAGR through the analysis period.

Modular construction size to reach \$143bn by 2030 - report

New York

Modular construction market is estimated to grow at a CAGR of 6.55 percent CAGR to reach \$143 billion by 2030, according to a Comprehensive Research Report by Market Research Future (MRFR).

MRFR is a global market research company that takes pride in its services, offering a complete and accurate analysis with regard to diverse markets and consumers worldwide.

The rising investment in infrastructure development is one of the crucial drivers of the market's growth, while the expanding population across the globe has caused a major spike in need for the con-

struction market across the globe. Moreover, the growing number of

MODULAR CONSTRUCTION MARKET

Global Modular Construction Market Size, Global Modular Construction Market Share, By Application, 2018 2018-2026 (USD Billion) \$107.21 Commercial 41.3% Billion Hospitality | Healthcare by 2026 Education & Institutions | Others Asia Pacific Modular Construction Market Size, 2018 (USD Billion) \$19.51 Billion

government initiatives and adoption classrooms, industrial facilities, construction is accountable for over rate of the lean manufacturing technique will likely offer lucrative opportunities to the market players worldwide over the assessment timeframe, says MRFR.

Although several aspects are likely to catalyze the market's growth, the market's growth is likely to be hampered by some of the aspects.

The major capital investment required for offsite manufacturing items is one of the major parameters that impede the market's growth. In addition, the rising rate of urbanization has been putting a lot of pressure on the construction sector worldwide.

Modular construction assists developing permanent or facilities, including temporary

construction camps, and military housing. Furthermore, modular houses

and buildings are widely used in rural locations where conventional construction activities impossible.

Modular construction has vital applications in fast-food restaurants, commercial offices, healthcare facilities, and churches.

In addition, the method is being popular across the globe given its benefits such as enhanced flexibility, ability to function in remote locations, high market acceptance, eco-friendly construction process, high quality, and low waste

generation. According to the studies, modular 30 to 50 percent of the net savings compared to its conventional counterpart.

The global market is set to have fun with the building and construction industry in the coming years, as the growth of the market is mainly credited to the increasing emphasis on productivity, workplace safety, and efficiency.

Furthermore, the factors such as the growing focus on reducing the cost and time, significant adoption rate, renewed interest in improving healthcare infrastructure, the and massive investments in the development of residential housing are also projected to catalyze the market's growth over the assessment timeframe.

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CONSTRUCTION

SOUTH AFRICA'S FIRST HYDROGEN CORRIDOR GENERATES 14000 JOBS

CAPE TOWN

OUTH Africa's first hydrogen corridor now under development has the potential to generate a minimum of 14 000 jobs, \$400-million in gross domestic product and \$900-million in taxes a year by 2050.

In an addition, there is potential to grow platinum group metal (PGM) demand by between 1 percent and 2 percent within the valley.

"That touches on some of the aspects why we as Anglo are interested in hydrogen and see it perfectly aligned with our purpose of reimaging mining to improve people's lives," said Anglo American market development principal Fahmida Smith during a media briefing at the Investing in African Mining Indaba.

Emphasising that the hydrogen economy is being advanced to mitigate against climate change, Minerals Council South Africa CEO Roger Baxter told journalists: "We are sitting here with climate change being probably the single biggest risk that we are facing from the company and country-level perspective and clearly if we do nothing, the results of climate change will end up being catastrophic at a particular point. We all accept the science of climate change and the need for the just energy transition."

The green hydrogen needed is produced by electrolysis using renewable energy sources and the process splits water into hydrogen and oxygen. It doesn't have any greenhouse gas emis-

While at the moment green hydrogen is still costing between \$5/kg and \$6/kg and grey hydrogen from coal between \$1.50/kg and \$2/kg, it is contended that economies of scale and cost focus would bring them down to a much lower level.

"We think that South Africa will be- try a comparative advantage in transition and reducing carbon



come a global player in the game the production of green energy, of green hydrogen. The reason for thinking that is first of all we rank in the top ten sunniest countries in the world, making us very well placed to produce renewable energy from photovoltaics and from wind," said Baxter.

South Africa has a significant resource and reserve base of PGMs, which are used in fuel cell technology and based on this country's experience in using the Fischer-Tropsch technology through Sasol, we possess the know-how.

Already if you look at it on a grey hydrogen basis, South Africa, through Sasol, already produces 2% of global grey hydrogen.

In countries such as Germany, Japan, South Korea and others, the level of solar radiation is considerably lower than what South Africa has, which gives the counwhich can be theoretically translated into the production of green hydrogen.

"We also possess in the mining sector large volumes of water on mine sites at, for example, Kumba Iron Ore in the Northern Cape, and at gold and platinum operations," said Baxter.

"We have access to sufficient water required to do the hydrolysing and we are working hard on the process because the benefits could be quite substantial."

In fact, the Minerals Council commissioned a consulting company, Singular, to do some detailed work which pointed to South Africa's green hydrogen economy sector potentially being 25 times bigger than this country's iron-ore mining industry by 2050.

Going through the just energy

intensity in production were all cited as being critically important components of the hydrogen economy, which would bring a big market for PGMs.

"So, it's really a big area of focus. It has a huge job creation potential as well as significant economic potential from a country-level perspective.

"We estimate that the green hydrogen economy in South Africa could generate something like 20 000 to 40 000 extra jobs as we go forward," said Baxter.

A number of other countries have already embarked on green hydrogen strategies. Australia already has offtake agreements for green hydrogen with South Korea and Japan, as well as a hydrogen road map and a hydrogen strategy in place.

South Africa has the Hydrogen Societal Road Map, which Minerals Council South Africa partici-

pated in developing, and Anglo American's 300 t articulated green hydrogen platinum fuel cell driven dump truck has created global interest.

"We think there are a lot of linkages that could be made. On the big issues, we must drive down the cost of green hydrogen, which is very much related to renewable energy availability, and that's going to require a significant amount of investment in the renewable energy space," said Baxter.

South Africa's mining sector has already started focusing on renewable energy, with 4 GW of additional power anticipated.

Minerals Council South Africa has developed its own hydrogen leadership forum, made up of experts within the various companies, including some CEOs from platinum and the other commodity groupings, looking at the potential for green hydrogen.

"We're looking at how we can unlock a specific road map and we are having discussions on how we unlock specific opportunities, particularly opportunities that enable a critical mass of leadership and industrial focus on taking the right steps from the Minerals Council side.

The Minerals Council is already in discussion with Sasol and looking into appropriate tax incentives for the value chain.

Original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) are being engaged, and the hydrogen corridor is being advanced with Anglo American.

A policy framework conducive to driving the green hydrogen

Duisburg and Rotterdam

ROTTERDAM

THE port authorities of Duisburg and Rotterdam have jointly signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) to renew and expand their cooperation agreements that date back to 2020.

Besides existing agreements relating to the optimisation of logistical connections, the cooperation will be expanded to include initiatives in the area of digitisation and the energy transition. The agreement was signed by Markus Bangen, CEO at duisport, and Allard Castelein, CEO at Port of Rotterdam.

Duisport and the Port of Rotterdam have been trading partners for a long time. For example, each year more than one million TEU of containers are exchanged between the two logistics hubs. Almost a third of them are already shipped by rail.

Digitisation and data sharing could further increase the part played by this sustainable mode of transport. This LOI is aimed at creating the most digital and most sustainable portinland hub connection in the world by linking Duisburg's 'Rail Freight Data Hub' initiative with Rotterdam's 'Rail Connected'.

The LOI also includes agreements on looking into the possibility of linking the port community systems Portbase (Rotterdam) to the RheinPorts Information System (Duisburg) and to learn from each other's initiatives in the area of digital twin

With regard to the energy transition, both ports plan to investigate whether they can jointly take on the development of hydrogen hubs.

Rotterdam as the future 'hydrogen gateway' to Europe and duisport as the hub for Germany. Setting up a physical link between the two is therefore an obvious choice.

'We are facing major challenges that we will overcome together much faster, more efficiently and more intelligently', says Markus Bangen. 'Particularly in the areas of digitalization and the energy transition, it is important to work together and share our knowledge and expertise. I am therefore very pleased that we will continue the trusting partnership between

the ports of Duisburg and Rotterdam.' Allard Castelein is also particularly pleased with the renewal and expansion of the cooperation. 'Digitisation and energy transition are as important to duisport's strategy as they are to our own. We believe in the power of collaboration with likeminded organisations. This LOI represents a positive step in that direction.'

Port of Rotterdam Authority. The aim of the Port of Rotterdam Authority is to strengthen the competitive position of the port of Rotterdam as a logistics hub and a world-class industrial complex in terms of both size and quality.

The Port Authority is able and willing to make an impact and so it is focusing on accelerating sustainability in the port and it is a partner in the digitalisation of the port and logistics chains.

Financing affordable apartments is more critical than ever

By Ann Atkinson

HOUSING affordability in the United States remains a critical issue. The for-sale home marketplace continues to price many would-be buyers out, causing rippling demand in the rental sector in response. However, renters in staggering numbers are unable to afford market-rate apartments.

Current research demonstrates a worrisome trend at the heart of it all: Wage increases lag significantly behind the rapidly escalating costs

Simultaneously, new construction for apartments has trended more toward luxury units in recent years, further deepening supply issues. What has become clear is that finance availability for existing affordable and workforce apartments is more important than ever to the nation's housing

Preserving this type of financing helps ensure the problem isn't exacerbated further.

Even after 10 years of economic expansion and the lowest unemployment rate in decades, the

share of renter households with cost burdens in 2019 was down just 4 percentage points from the 2011 high, according to the the Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies.

Currently, 10 million low-income renter households routinely spend more than half, when they should spend no more than 30 percent, of their income on rent.

While 30 states, the District of Columbia, and numerous counties and municipalities have adopted minimum wages higher than the federal minimum, the average minimum-wage worker must still work nearly 97 hours per week to afford a one-bedroom rental home at fair market rate, the National Low Income Housing Coalition re-

Renters, particularly those with the lowest income, have also taken the brunt of the economic fallout caused by the pandemic. Census Bureau Household Pulse Surveys show more than half of all renters lost income between March 2020 and March 2021.

Seventeen percent were behind on rent early in 2021, including



almost a quarter of those earning less than \$25,000 and a fifth earning between \$25,000 and \$34,999, according to Harvard. In the third quarter of 2021, 15 percent of renter households were in arrears.

In addition to lagging wages, much of the country lacks a sufficient supply of units, particularly for extremely-low-income households. And though rental construction has been on the uptick in recent years, rising costs for materials, labor and land have pushed most new development toward the luxury market.

Finance is a bright spot in the sector. Lenders are bullish on affordable apartments. The commitment of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to providing liquidity for affordable rentals has been further solidified over time.

Both agencies offer small loan programs for existing ap artment properties serving lower-income Americans. These properties tend to be more affordable and concentrated in urban areas near transportation and employment.

Fannie Mae's Multifamily Small Loan program provides loans up to \$6 million nationwide. Freddie Mac's Optigo Small Balance Loans Program offers loans between \$1 million and \$7.5 million for apartments serving the nation's work-

One aspect we are monitoring is the impact of the rising interest rate environment. After a long run of very low rates, the Federal Reserve began initiating a series of increases, the first landing in March, in an effort to combat a recent spike in inflation whose magnitude has not been since the 1980s.

Fannie and Freddie, along with conduit finance providers, have had to adjust and, in all cases, finance rates have increased, though the rates are still low by historical standards.

Notably, Freddie Mac's Small

Balance Loan Program recently announced pricing increases but nevertheless has stayed below the pricing increases exhibited in traditional agency and CMBS spreadbased lending.

Freddie's borrowers also benefit from a 35-business-day rate lock hold at no additional cost. Separately, Fannie Mae's program is delegated to lenders, and they recently introduced some additional discounts, especially for highly affordable properties, to ensure finance activity continues.

Borrowers considering acquiring or refinancing in the near term should reach out to lenders now to understand what financing options are currently available, particularly in this rising interest rate environment. It's important for borrowers to communicate their short- and long-term investment strategies with lenders to obtain proper advice and guidance.

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NAIROBI

THE projected growth of African economy will push up the demand for aircraft with a new report saying the continent will require at least more than 1,000 new planes delivered by 2040 to meet the travel needs.

The 2021 Airbus Global Market Forecast (GMF) report indicates that African airlines will require 1,100 new passenger and freight aircraft deliveries by 2040 in order to meet the growing demand.

The new addition will bring the total fleet to 1,440 from a 2019

fleet baseline of 680 aircraft that growth," says the report. have been in operation.

During this period, the fleet in the region will transition to new generation types such as the A220, A320neo family, A330neo and A350 bringing significant efficiency improvement and a corresponding reduction in carbon emissions per passenger.

"Growth is driven by the forecast 2.8 percent compound annual growth rate (CAGR) increase in GDP between now and 2040. Tourism and intra-regional trade will continue to be key growth sectors for Africa and drive GDP

Airbus forecasts that air traffic in Africa will achieve full recovery to 2019 levels between late 2023 and the beginning of 2025.

Globally, cargo is already operating today at nine percent above pre-crisis levels, and in Africa at 23 percent, according to IATA. The passenger traffic in Africa is set to increase by a factor of 2.3 by 2040 while cargo volumes to and from Africa will rise by 2.5 percent.

"This strong recovery is due to the fundamental drivers of traffic demand remaining unchanged,"

said Airbus.

African airlines recorded impressive growth in passenger numbers in February this year compared to a month earlier as more countries open up their economy after years of Covid-19 restrictions that negatively impacted the aviation sector.

Data from both the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and African Airline Association (AFRAA) indicate that the regional carrier's performance improved by 70 percent in February and 69 percent in March re-



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SOMETHING BIG IS HAPPENING IN THE HOUSING MARKET

NEW YORK

S data trickles in for April, it's becoming clear that the historically hot housing market has flipped trajectories. It's now in cooling mode.

The number of homes listed for sale is rising again. Fewer shoppers are scheduling tours. And Redfin reports 15 PERCENT of home sellers in April cut their asking priceup from 9 percent a year ago.

"The red-hot housing market's days are numbered. While I don't anticipate a collapse á la the Great Recession, rising mortgage rates and inventory are sure to cool what has been an unprecedented time for the U.S. housing market," says Ralph McLaughlin, chief economist at Kukun, a real estate data and analytics

This softening is by design. The Federal Reserve is done watching inflation run away, and has made it a priority to cool down one of its biggest drivers: the housing market.

To do so, over the past few months, the Fed has put upward pressure on mortgage rates. In December, the average 30-year fixed mortgage rate sat at 3.11 percent. As of last week, that

rate is up to 5.27 percent-its highest level since 2009.

As mortgage rates rise, of course, it puts downward pressure on the housing market. If someone took out a \$500,000 mortgage at a 3.11 percent fixed rate, that borrower would owe a monthly principal and interest payment of \$2,138 on a 30-year

However, at a 5.27 percent rate, that payment would jump to \$2,767. Not only are those higher rates pricing out some would-be homebuyers, but it also means some borrowerswho must meet lenders' strict debt-to-income ratios-have lost their mortgage eligibility.

"Homebuyers continue to be squeezed in nearly every way possible, which is causing some to take a step back from the market," wrote Daryl Fairweather, chief economist of Redfin, in a report published last week.

The softening we've seen so far is fairly mild. However, industry insiders tell Fortune the cooling over the past few weeks is just the start.

The lack of inventory over the past two years has created a pileup of would-be buyers. Even as rates price out some of those buyers, there are others waiting to take their place.

Housing economists say it



will take time to work through that pent-up demand. But once we do, the housing market could cool even

"We know the system is logjammed, but we don't know how far back the logjam goes...In my opinion, it will take a couple months for all this to shake out," Devyn Bachman, vice president of research at John Burns Real Estate Consulting, tells Fortune.

As the housing market works through that logjam, home prices in the short term might continue pushing upward. According to Redfin's Fairweather, that's exactly what we're still seeing. "Even though price drops are becoming more common, most homes are still selling above asking price and in record time," she writes.

The economic shock caused by

the odds the housing market could overheat or even move into a price correction.

During much of the pandemic's housing boom, historically low mortgages shielded homebuyers, to a degree, even as home prices shot up 34.4 percent over the past two years.

Now, with mortgage rates back up, buyers have no choice but to feel the spiking mortgage rates also increases full brunt of home price growth.

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Ramanan Krishnamoorti,

chief energy officer at Uni-

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until last week the Krem-

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Bulgaria and demand a new

payment scheme for Euro-

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"The intent is clear - just

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scheme for affordable housing loans

ANKARA

TURKEY President Recep Tayyip Erdo an has announced measures designed to provide cheaper housing loans, saying that steps will be taken to boost the purchasing power of low-income groups.

"Home sales declined due to the higher input costs. We are unveiling financing packages to protect people from the fluctuations in the housing market," Erdo an said on May 9 following a cabinet meeting.

Loans up with a monthly rate of 0.99 percent and a maturity of 10 years will be provided to first-time homebuyers for houses worth up to 2 million Turkish Liras (\$130,000), the president said.

Under a second scheme, dubbed "Broader Housing Financing Package," loans with a monthly interest rate of 0.89 percent and 10 years of maturity will be provided to those who convert their foreign exchange savings to Turkish Lira or sell their gold to the Central Bank to purchase houses worth up to 2 million liras.

"One other purpose of this [second] scheme is to encourage people to convert foreign currencies and gold they hold to lira," Erdo an said.

The president also unveiled that some 20 billion liras have been allocated for the construction industry. This financing will be provided to the companies which have finished 40 percent of their projects, but at least 50 percent of units in those developments were remained unsold as of early May, the president explained.

The companies which pledge not to change the price of units they are selling for a year will be eligible for those loans with up to 36 months of maturity.

Treasury and Finance Minister Nureddin Nebati said on May 10 that the loans for potential homebuyers and first time buyers will be provided by public banks.

Erdo an noted that the Housing Development Administration (TOK) will ramp up efforts to develop houses. "We will provide 30 billion liras of financing to TOK to build houses for low-income groups."

Home sales increased by 21 percent on an annual basis in March to 134,170 units. Mortgage-financed home sales grew by 39 percent to 30,271 units, which corresponded to some 23 percent of all sales.

From January to March, more than 263,000 houses were sold, marking a 21.7 percent increase from a year ago.

Erdo an also said that the government is aware that the purchasing power of the lowincome groups is eroding.

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Russia puts sanctions on Gazprom units in Europe and US

LONDON

MOSCOW has imposed sanctions on the owner of the Polish part of the Yamal pipeline that carries Russian gas to Europe, as well as the former German unit of the Russian gas producer Gazprom, whose subsidiaries service Europe's gas consumption. The implications for gas

supplies to Europe, which buys more than a third of its gas from Russia, were not immediately clear. Eastbound gas flows continued via the Yamal-Europe pipeline from Germany to Poland, data from the Gascade pipeline operator showed.

Energy prices rose on Wednesday as the European Union weighs a possible embargo on Russian crude, while trading firms are set to cut activity with Russia when tighter EU rules on Russian oil sales come into effect on May 15.

Russian President Vladimir Putin decreed on May 3 that no Russian entity would be allowed to make deals with those on the sanctions list, or even fulfil its obligations under existing deals.

The decree explicitly forbids the export of products and raw materials to people and entities on the list.

Russia's Interfax news



Benelux region, the United States, Switzerland, Romania and Singapore.

Gazprom supplies much of its gas to Europe via the Yamal-Europe pipeline, and its various activities across and outside Europe are es-

sential for the European gas market and its supply to industry and households.

Germania operations, based on Russian gas production, cover the entire gas value chain from pipeline transmission to storage and supplies to wholesalers and

Gazprom gave up ownership of the firm last month Germany's energy network regulator to take control of

operations there.

Those operations include Germany's biggest gas storage facility at Rehden in Lower Saxony, with 4 billion cubic metres of capacity.

The German economy ministry said it was examining the Russian announcement on Gazprom Germania but still had no details. The supply of gas is currently without explanation, forcing guaranteed and is being constantly checked, the ministry

and Federal Network Agency, as trustees of Gazprom Germania, are already in the process of taking the necessary precautions and preparing for various scenarios," the spokesperson said in

Putin framed his decree as a response to what he cast as the illegal actions of the United States and its allies meant to deprive "the Russian Federation, citizens

"The German government

a statement.

pean buyers of gas. Gaz-System, the opera-

tor of the Polish section of the Yamal-Europe pipeline, could not immediately be reached for comment. EuRoPol Gaz, jointly

owned by Gazprom and Poland's biggest gas company, PGNiG,, and earns transit fees for Russian gas crossing Poland. PGNiG had no immediate comment.

Why Warren Buffett doesn't buy real estate

NEW YORK

WARREN Buffett's long-term outlook on investments has proven successful over the years, with Berkshire Hathaway (NYSE: BRK-A) outperforming the S&P 500 in total returns by about 84 percent over the past 20 years.

If there's one thing that's made Buffett one of the most successful investors in history, it's his commitment to his strategy.

While several new investment techniques and algorithms have come and gone over the years, Buffett has maintained his fairly simple strategy of picking solid companies and focusing on long-term growth while some-

how ignoring the noise that has most investors constantly second-guessing themselves.

It may seem odd that somebody with such a disciplined long-term approach to investing has no interest in purchasing real estate, especially since it's what vice chairman of Berkshire Hathaway Charles Munger used to build his fortune.

Buffett isn't against investing in real estate. In fact, he has invested in several real estate investment trusts (REITs) over the years. However, he knows it makes little sense for him to get into the business of being a landlord.

Buying and managing real estate is more of a business than it is an invest-

ment, and Buffett knows that his time ing on the management responsibiliis better spent choosing companies to invest in than it is running a real estate

Real estate is a tough business. For most people, it requires scaling the business to comprise several properties in order to build massive wealth. Many individual investors get into real estate with the idea that it's going to be a passive investment, and most of these individuals eventually exit the properties once realizing what they've actually gotten into.

Investing in real estate is a different story. Passive real estate investments allow investors to reap the rewards of this profitable asset class without tak-

The FTSE Nareit All Equity REITs index has outperformed the S&P 500 in total returns during 13 out of the last 20 years, producing an average total annual return of 13.1% versus 11.1% for the S&P 500.

Many investors that have turned to the private markets for passive real estate investments have averaged even greater returns. For instance, the real estate crowdfunding platform Realty-Mogul has produced an average internal rate of return (IRR) of 17.2% for investors on its fully realized deals since inception.



WORLD

Al Jazeera journalist killed during Israeli raid in West Bank

JENIN

A prominent Palestinian-American Al Jazeera reporter was shot dead during an Israeli raid in the occupied West Bank on Wednesday, and Israel said it was launching an investigation to try to determine who killed her.

Veteran journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, 51, was wearing a press vest that clearly marked her as "Press" while reporting in the city of Jenin, the Qatar-based outlet said.

She was covering the latest arrest operation launched by the Israeli military amid deadly Arab attacks in Israel.

The death of a distinguished reporter who has been covering Palestinian affairs and the Middle East for over two decades at the popular news channel watched by millions in the Arab world seemed likely to add fuel to a surging conflict.

In an Al Jazeera video captured in the mo-

heard in the first few seconds before a man yells "Shireen! Ambulance!"

The camera then moves around the corner to show Abu Akleh slumped face-forward on the ground. Other journalists are seen rushing to

Another Palestinian journalist at the scene, Ali Samoodi, was also wounded.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas described Abu Akleh's death as blatant, coldblooded murder by the Israeli military, which said dozens of Palestinian gunmen had confronted troops who arrested a Hamas militant in Jenin.

A Palestinian medical examiner, however, did not echo the accusation, declining to comment on who might have fired the round, after an autopsy was conducted in the West Bank.

Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett said Abments around Abu Akleh's killing, gunfire can be bas was making unfounded allegations, before



People carry the body of Al-Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh in the West Bank city of Ramallah. Al-Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh was killed in the northern occupied West Bank on Wednesday morning. Xinhua

Israel conducted a "thorough investiga-

Bennett said it appeared likely that Palestinians "firing indiscriminately" were responsible for Abu Akleh's death. But Israeli Defence Minister Benny Gantz later was more circumspect.

"Our initial findings from the investigation so far cannot indicate what gunfire was directed at Shireen, and cannot exclude any option under the operational chaos on the ground," Gantz told reporters.

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres was "appalled" by the killing and called on "the relevant authorities to carry out an independent and transparent investigation" to ensure that those responsible are held accountable, deputy UN spokesman Farhan Haq said in a statement.

The journalist Samoodi said Israeli forces "suddenly opened fire" towards Abu Akleh and himself during the Jenin operation. He disputed an Israeli military account that gunmen were nearby when the two were shot.

Jenin has been a main target of Israeli arrest raids in the West Bank that have often sparked clashes and brought the number of Palestinians killed by Israeli forces or armed civilians since the beginning of the year to at least 42. **Agencies**

the Finnish announcement. Baltic countries, which were once ruled from Moscow and are now members of NATO, welcomed Finland's announcement.

HELSINKI

FINLAND must apply to join the NATO military alliance "without delay", Finnish President Sauli Ni-

inisto and Prime Minister Sanna Marin said yesterday, a major policy shift triggered by the Russia-

Finland, which shares a 1,300 km border with Rus-

tions with its eastern neighbour.

Ukraine conflict.

nexed Crimea in 2014.

"Finland decided to join the Alliance. NATO is about to

Finnish leaders: Must apply for

NATO membership 'without delay'

sia, has gradually stepped up its cooperation with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization as a partner since Russia an-

But until the conflict in Ukraine, the Nordic country had

"Finland must apply for NATO membership without de-

"We hope that the national steps still needed to make this decision will be taken rapidly within the next few days."

NATO allies expect Finland and Sweden to apply to join

the alliance in the coming days and will grant membership

quickly, five diplomats and officials told Reuters ahead of

lay," Niinisto and Marin (pictured) said in a joint statement.

refrained from joining in order to maintain friendly rela-

get stronger. Baltics about to get safer," Lithuanian Foreign Minister Gabrielius Landsbergis said.

The view among Finns on NATO has changed rapidly since Russia initiated what it calls a "special operation" in

Finnish public support for joining NATO has risen to record numbers over recent months, with the latest poll by public broadcaster YLE showing 76 percent of Finns in favor and only 12 percent against, while support for membership used to linger at only around 25 percent for years prior to the conflict in Ukraine.

Finland's rapid shift towards NATO is likely to pull along neighboring Sweden.

Sweden's ruling Social Democrats are expected to decide on Sunday whether to overturn decades of opposition to NATO membership, a move that would almost certainly lead to Sweden also asking to join the 30-nation alliance.

Russia has repeatedly warned both countries against joining the alliance. As recently as March 12 its foreign ministry said "there will be serious military and political consequences" if they do.

In March, Finland's government initiated a security policy review and delivered a report for parliament to discuss in April, while also holding discussions with all parliamentary

groups to secure backing for the decision to join the treaty. In parallel with the domestic process, Finland's president and prime minister have toured NATO countries to win

their support for Finland's membership. NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg has previously said it would be possible to allow Finland and Sweden to

join "quite quickly".

Russia accuses Pentagon of inhuman experiments in Ukraine meters of gas per day.

MOSCOW / KIEV

THE Russian military said that it had obtained new information revealing details of "the Pentagon's inhuman experiments on Ukrainian citizens" in a psychiatric hospital in Ukraine's Kharkov region.

"The main category of the experimental subjects was a group of male patients aged 40-60 with a high stage of physical exhaustion," said Igor Kirillov, chief of the Radiation, Chemical and Biological Defense Forces of the Russian Armed Forces, on Wednesday

"In order to conceal their belonging to the United States, the experts who conducted the biological research arrived through the territo-

briefing, adding that the foreign researchers were evacuated in January 2022.

Some large pharmaceutical companies, including those affiliated with the Pentagon, have been involved in the US military biological activities in Ukraine, he said.

Russian specialists carried out work directly in two biological laboratories in Mariupol and found that the United States used the city as a regional center for the collection and certification of the cholera pathogen, Kirillov said.

gas interruption

The gas transmission system operator of Ukraine (GSTOU) has accused Russia of interrupting Russian gas transit through Ukraine to

the consumers in Ukraine and Eu-

Sergiy Makogon, head of the GSTOU, said on Wednesday that Gazprom has stopped transportation of gas from Russia to the gas measuring station Sokhranivka, thus suspending supplies to Ukraine's eastern Donetsk and Lugansk regions.

On Tuesday, the GSTOU said that it was forced to suspend the Russian gas transit to Europe via the territories in eastern Ukraine controlled by Russian forces due to "force majeure".

The gas transit via the Sokhranivka and the border compressor station Novopskov were halted over unauthorized interference in technical processes and withdrawals of

gas, the GSTOU said.

"The actions of the occupiers led to the interruption of gas transit," it

Novopskov is the gas compressor station in the conflict-affected Lugansk region, which pumps up to 32.6 million cubic meters of gas per day via Sokhranivka or a third of Russia's gas transit to Europe. The GSTOU said it is ready to re-

route the gas flows from Sokhranivka to the Sudzha physical interconnection point located in the territory controlled by Ukraine.

A similar transfer of capacity from Sokhranivka to Sudzha took place from Oct 12 to 25, 2020 due to scheduled repairs, the GSTOU said.

According to it, Sudzha has a capacity of pumping 72 million cubic 25 percent from 2020.

On March 31, the GSTOU said

that 44 gas-distributing stations in Ukraine suspended their operations due to the damage caused by shelling in the Russia-Ukraine con-

On March 10, Makogon said that the daily transit of Russian gas via Ukraine almost doubled since the start of the conflict to a contracted maximum of 109 million cubic me-

On April 12, local media reported that Russia's gas transit through Ukraine fell to about 68 percent of the contracted maximum.

In 2021. Ukraine transited some 41.6 billion cubic meters of Russian gas to consumers in Europe, down

Sweden boosts defence ties with UK

STOCKHOLM

SWEDEN strengthened its defense and security ties with Britain with a "political declaration of solidarity" on Wednesday, ahead of the country's historical decision on its NATO membership.

Swedish Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson and her visiting UK counterpart Boris Johnson signed the declaration after discussing the security situation in Europe and bilateral relations.

Under the declaration, the two countries have agreed to "meet challenges in peace, crisis and conflict together.'

"Should either country suffer a disaster or an attack, the United Kingdom and Sweden will, upon request from the affected country, assist each other in a variety of ways, which may include military means," reads the declaration.

"Today, we are taking another step towards strengthening our bilateral defense and security cooperation," Andersson said at Wednesday's press conference.

The bilateral declaration "will allow us to share more intelligence,



joint press conference in Harpsund, Sweden on Wednesday. AP

bolster our military exercises and further our joint development of technology," said Johnson.

Swedish ruling Social Democratic Party's Secretary Tobias Baudin said recently that the party would have an extra meeting on the country's NATO membership decision on May 15.

Several Swedish media have speculated that Sweden and Finland may submit their NATO applications jointly during the NATO summit to be held in Madrid between June 28 and 30.

The United States, Germany and other countries are currently wooing Sweden and Finland to join NATO. However, Russia has repeatedly warned Sweden and Finland not to join NATO, or face consequences.

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Xinhua

Enhancing strategic autonomy serves interests of Europe

THE Russia-Ukraine conflict has broken the peace of Europe, which is a pernicious consequence of the containment strategy implemented by the U.S. and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) toward Russia over the past decades

As a product of the Cold War, NATO should have been dissolved when the Cold War ended. However, in order to maintain its global hegemony, the U.S. has stuck to the Cold War mentality, willfully pursued group politics, and continued to use NATO as a strategic tool for controlling Europe and containing Russia

Europe, caught in the vortex of bloc confrontation, has become one of the main victims of the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

conflict between Russia and

the European economy. In 2008, the U.S.-originated global financial crisis severely impacted Europe, plunging many European countries, especially countries in Southern Europe, nto austerity due to soaring fiscal deficit and

Fourteen years later, the sanctions imposed by the European Union (EU) against Russia and Russia's countersanctions following the outbreak of the Russia-Ukraine conflict have again made a massive impact on the European economy.

Prices have already skyrocketed in many countries in Europe. EU's policies on decoupling from Russia have

Ukraine will exert a serious impact on increased its reliance on more expensive liquefied natural gas from the U.S., significantly elevated production costs of European companies, and weakened the long-term competitiveness of European industry, which will disrupt Europe's energy transition and climate policies and once again raise the levels of fiscal deficit and debt in Europe.

The combined impacts of the Ukraine crisis and other structural factors have rendered the long-term economic prognosis for Europe rather bleak. The gaps between Europe and the U.S. in terms of both economic growth rate and size are

believed to become wider. The Russia-Ukraine conflict will escalate Europe's political and social division. Over the past more than 10 years, Europe has been plagued by increasingly prominent social and political division and polarization besides economic slowdown, which is largely a consequence of unsatisfactory economic conditions and declining living standards.

Europe has lost 10 years to the global financial crisis. Socially and politically, the continent's countries would suffer irreparable harm if the Russia-Ukraine conflict were to drag on for another

Continuation and escalation of the Russia-Ukraine conflict will pose serious risks to the security of Europe. The U.S. and NATO are currently escalating confrontation with Russia. As they significantly increase military spending, the possibility of a new Iron Curtain in Europe goes straight up.

Many European countries are close neighbors of Russia. Hostility, antagonism, and confrontation between them and Russia can easily spiral up and worsen, which is detrimental to Europe's security. This can hinder Europe's development and cause accident and misjudgment that lead to new conflict or even war.

The strategic goal of the U.S. is to maintain its global hegemony. The conflict between Russia and Ukraine has severely damaged Europe's economic and security interests, but served the

strategic intentions of the U.S. If Europe stops getting its energy

from Russia, U.S. energy, which was not competitive before, will be able to quickly take over European markets.

Besides, a large portion of the substantial increase in military expenditure in European countries will flow into the U.S. and help improve the capabilities of U.S. military enterprises to develop and produce new equipment and weapons, which eventually increases Europe's military dependence on the U.S.

With tensions between Europe and Russia mounting, the U.S. can not only use security guarantee as a pretext for further tightening control over Europe, but realize the goal of containing Russia through Europe.

People's Daily

OVER the past two-and-a-half months, the world has not only seen the Russia-Ukraine conflict continue but also Beijing push back hard against Washington's allegations that aim to discredit China's role in the crisis and on other issues.

The information war tactic helps Washington to attempt to shift blame away from itself for stoking the current turmoil, serves its long-term strategy of coercing China, sabotages global unity and further reduces the prospects of the United States and China making joint efforts to handle hot spot issues, officials and scholars said.

One of the most recent cases of Washington smearing China was a US State Department statement on its website on May 2 claiming that Chinese officials and media "convey biased Kremlin talking points to audiences" on the Ukraine issue.

The statement also attacked Beijing's recent criticism of the US for sponsoring biolabs in Ukraine, saying that China is "amplifying" Russia's disinformation.

Jia Qingguo, director of the Institute for Global Cooperation and Understanding of Peking University, said, "During the Trump administration, Washington deliberately launched an information war against Beijing" and China has no choice but to fight back

"Washington has its own share of responsibility for the worsening of the US public's attitude toward China and vice versa, and the negativity that clouds Chi-29. na-US official interactions is unlikely to dissipate in the short term," Jia said.

Singaporean Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong sounded the alarm last month on Washington's recent China narrative regarding the Ukraine crisis, saying that the US-China relationship "is one of the things which will be complicated by Ukraine".

"America asks why China does not stand with it. You have to be very careful not to define the problem with Ukraine in such a way that automatically China is already on the wrong side," Lee said in a dialogue with the Wall Street Journal's editorial board on April 1.

Chinese Vice-Foreign Minister Le Yucheng recently lashed out at voices smearing China, such as those demonizing China-Russia cooperation or accusing China of "standing on the wrong side of history" for not joining US-led sanctions against Russia

During a webinar on Friday, Le noted that in the ongoing Ukraine crisis, some people have ignored China's contribution to international security and have "tried to make China take the blame for their own actions".

By exaggerating the "friendship has no limits" quote from a recent China-Russia joint statement, some political figures accused Beijing of having "prior knowledge" of Moscow's operations in Ukraine, and claimed it should be held accountable for

China is not involved in the conflict, and is still less the one who created it, "so how could China be responsible?" Le asked, adding that China "never sets any limit" on cooperation with various countries.

A major country "only wants to use Ukraine as 'cannon fodder' to wear Russia down and sacrifice Ukrainian lives to achieve its own hegemonic ambition and geostrategic goals", Le added.

The double standards displayed by these disinformation campaigns of the US and some of its allies throughout the Ukraine crisis have drawn criticism and backfired as many observers took a look at Washington's track record in earlier wars and conflicts.

Frank Gardner, the BBC's security correspondent, noted that "there is the accusation, shared by many, especially in Muslim-majority countries, that the West, led by its most powerful nation the US is guilty of hypocrisy and double stan-

"In 2003, the US and UK chose to bypass the UN and much of world opinion by in-rein in the domestic conservative voicvading Iraq on spurious grounds, leading es that seek to heighten confrontation to years of violence," Gardner wrote in an analysis last month.

"Since the outbreak of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, we have seen interests," he said. Washington a warmonger who offered

weaponry and added fuel to the lingering tension increasingly blame China while portraying itself as a guardian of peace," said Xu Yicong, a researcher at the China Foundation for International Studies and a former Chinese ambassador to Cuba.

Washington has spent decades trying to contain Russia and China, and "throughout this conflict, the US is using disinformation tactics to further suppress China, undermine China's security and thus bolster its own hegemony", said Xu.

Handling animosity

A survey published last month by the Pew Research Center shows that over 80 percent of Americans have unfavorable views of China, reaching a record

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian said "the unscrupulous and despicable attack on China by some US politicians is the reason behind this", and some media outlets and think tanks are also following suit and smear-

"We hope you can do more things that are conducive to enhancing China-US relations and refrain from being used as a tool by unscrupulous politicians to denigrate China," Zhao told reporters at a news conference on April

Su Xiaohui, deputy director of the China Institute of International Studies' Department of American Studies, said, "Every country has the right to independently decide its own foreign

"Driven by the Cold War mentality, the US took the opportunity of the Ukraine crisis to smear China, and behind its attacks is the plan to stoke up bloc-based confrontation, boost its clique and create more divisions in the world," Su said.

Faced with groundless allegations and speculation, "China will not back down to any coercion or pressure from outside", and Beijing has repeatedly asked the US to stop shifting the focus and blame and rethink about its role in the Ukraine crisis, Su said.

Reva Goujon, senior manager at Rhodium Group, said in an article published on Foreign Policy magazine's website this month that, "the Biden administration is under growing bipartisan pressure to move beyond a cleanup of the Trump administration's policies to a more comprehensive containment strategy on China."

Last month, Washington confirmed that US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken would release the new US national strategy for China. However, Blinken tested positive for COVID-19 earlier this month and the strategy has yet to be released.

In a recent article published on the Foreign Affairs magazine's website, Yan Xuetong, distinguished professor and dean of the Institute of International Relations at Tsinghua University, said that "the United States would not soften its containment policy against China "even if Beijing changed its position re-

garding the Ukraine crisis. Wu Xinbo, dean of the Institute of International Studies at Fudan University, said, "Washington is now faced with remarkable challenge over the Ukraine crisis, and it also needs China's collaboration on matters such as the Korean Peninsula nuclear issue and the Iran

nuclear issue.' "Since it needs Beijing's help in some cases, it must make some changes to its suppression of China and its confronta-

tion-oriented China policy," Wu said. It remains to be seen whether the Biden administration could influence the US public's opinion of China and with China, Wu said.

"After all, a deadlocked relationship with China does no good to US national

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Xinhua

Experts: Don't use crisis to smear China Post-Brexit woes continue as Britain-EU rift deepens over N. Ireland

MORE than one year after Britain and the European Union finalized their divorce with a hard-fought trade deal, Brexit still bites today. As the two sides were not on the same page with part of the deal, spats continued, sometimes with fresh confrontations.

In the latest escalation of bilateral tensions, Britain this week hinted again at taking unilateral actions on a protocol that grants Northern Ireland a unique status in post-Brexit trade relations between the two sides, which has met strong objections from EU leaders, with some even warning about the possibility of a trade war.

Post-Brexit chaos was also seen in ports where stricter border controls have been introduced since January. Further checks on EU goods have recently been postponed for the fourth time. All came to indicate that while Brexit is over, its repercussions linger.

Tension builds over protocol

The rift has recently deepened between Britain and the EU as rows continue over the Northern Ireland protocol agreement, under the terms of which Northern Ireland is part of Britain's customs territory but is subject to the EU's customs code, VAT (value-added tax) rules and single market rules for goods.

Despite the two sides' agreement in October 2019, the protocol has seen divisions over how to implement some of the rules, particularly for goods moving from Great Britain to Northern Ireland, according to an official report. While British leaders have argued the protocol needs to be amended, the EU has said a renegotiation was off the table.

The urgency for solutions grew even greater after Sinn Fein, the Irish nationalist party, was on Saturday declared winner in elections for the devolved assembly in Northern Ireland and a system of power-sharing was introduced. Second in the elections, the pro-Brexit Democratic Unionist Party has indicated it would not sit in the assembly, citing its opposition to the protocol with a trade border down the Irish Sea.

On Tuesday, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson told his Irish



Container ship Elbcarrier is seen in the Belfast Harbour and docks area in Northern Ireland on Dec 11, 2020. File photo

counterpart, Micheal Martin, that the situation in respect of the protocol was now "very serious," according to an official press release.

The balance of the Belfast Agreement, which underpins Northern Ireland's peace, its constitutional settlement and its institutions, was being undermined and the recent elections had further demonstrated that the protocol was "not sustainable in its current form," Johnson

Despite efforts by the British government, "the European Commission had not taken the steps necessary to help address the economic and political disruption on the ground," said the press release.

Over the past months, Britain left open the possibility that it may unilaterally impose "appropriate safeguard measures" in certain circumstances as the protocol provides in article 16. Reportedly, the country may legislate unilaterally to set aside parts of the protocol.

In response, EU leaders restated their opposition. "No one should unilaterally cancel, break or in any way attack the settlement we have agreed together," noted German Chancellor Olaf Scholz on Tuesday.

In his statement on Tuesday, Eu-Maros Sefcovic said, "Only joint so- Chambers of Commerce.

lutions will work. Unilateral action by the UK would only make our work on possible solutions more difficult."

He stressed that a renegotiation is "not an option" and that the EU "is united in this posi-

Post-Brexit delays, rising costs

Amid the post-Brexit chaos, businesses have already felt the pain. Data published on Wednesday by the Institute of Directors, a British professional organization, showed only 27 percent of businesses which trade internationally expect to see an increase in imports in the next 12 months.

Emma Rowland, policy advisor at the organization, said it reflects uncertainty around global supply chain disruption, and the introduction of post-Brexit import controls. "Firms are burdened by bureaucracy, increased costs and delays at the border between the UK and the EU, and are calling for stability," Rowland added.

Border controls on products from the EU to Britain were tightened from this January, while more checks on EU goods were delayed at the end of April, including physical checks on meat and dairy. An official press release said the change is expected to save British importers at least 1 billion pounds (\$1.2 billion) in annual

This latest move was met with mixed reactions. "Our research has painted a clear picture that customs checks on goods and increased paperwork have damaged our exports to the EU, particularly from smaller businesses," said ropean Commission Vice-President William Bain, head of trade policy at the British

"With food prices rising, the extra costs from new checks on meat, fish, dairy and other products would fuel inflation - hitting the pockets of both businesses and the British public," Bain added.

Some industries, however, found it disappointing. "Businesses need stability, clarity and certainty which constant delays and changes to the nature of future post-Brexit checks do not deliver," said Sarah Laouadi, head of international policy at Logistics UK, a British trade association.

"The government's wavering approach comes at the cost of logistics businesses who have invested time and money preparing for the introduction of checks," Laouadi added.

In January, the British government published a report titled "The Benefits of Brexit: How the UK is taking advantage of leaving the EU," noting that it was taking back control and managing its own money. But Brexit also took an economic toll in one way or another.

Brexit has affected British businesses' production. and the increase in Britain-EU trade barriers has led to a 6-percent increase in food prices in Britain between the end of 2019 and September 2021 in comparison to the years before December 2019, the British research organization "UK in a Changing Europe" said in April.

And since Britain's EU referendum, 44 percent of the largest British financial services firms have announced plans to move some British operations and/or staff to the EU, and the number of Brexit-related staff relocations to the EU was over 7,000 as March 2022 closed, according to consultancy group EY.

Xinhua

Chinese researchers fighting desertification create botanical garden in desert

IN northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region, a barren desert area once plagued by quicksand in the Turpan Basin, is now a botanical garden filled with lush plants, thanks to more than four decades of sustained efforts of Chinese researchers from generation to generation.

More than 500 species of saltand drought-tolerant desert plants flourish in the botanical garden, Turpan Eremophyte Botanical Garden under the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), which is also the world's only botanical garden located below sea level.

In the last century, the site of the botanical garden was a vast expanse of desert where 90,000 mu (6,000 hectares) of areas affected by wind erosion and quicksand were the sandstorm source threatening life and production in the lower margin of the desert.

Sandstorm used to rage in Turpan Basin every spring, causing serious impact on agriculture, according to Pan Borong, a researcher with the Xinjiang Institute of Ecology and Geography, CAS.

"We didn't go to Turpan to set up a botanical garden in the first place. The local government invited us to help with sand control. After achieving success in the endeavor, we began planning to transform the land into a botanical garden," Pan told People's Daily.

After field trips and investigations, researchers started to introduce sand-fixing plants from desert areas in the country's northwestern regions to the Turpan Basin according to the characteristics of its climate, soil and weather conditions.

A total of more than 10 superior species of wind-resistant and drought-tolerant sand-fixing



Tourists visit Turpan Eremophyte Botanical Garden in Turpan Basin, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur

plants, including Calligonum mongolicum, sacsaoul, rose willow, and desert poplar, have been selected and successfully cultivated for the area.

autonomous region. File photo

To better introduce and collect various types of plants from arid deserts and breed and cultivate them in local conditions, researchers began preparations for the building of the Turpan Eremophyte Botanical Garden, the first of its kind in Xinjiang, on a large area of artificial sandfixing shrubbery in 1975.

eas of the botanical garden; and

some residents have also moved

After numerous trials in the harsh environment, more varieties have been finally introduced into the botanical garden imultaneously, sand has been brought under control, and the hitherto uninhabitable desert region has progressively become livable. Grapes have been planted in the surrounding ar-

"These are the results of several decades of unremitting efforts in sand stabilization," said Wang Xiyong, an assistant researcher with the Xinjiang Institute of Ecology and Geography.

According to Wang, the botanical garden has introduced and cultivated more than 500 species of plants so far, including nearly 60 species of rare and endangered plants endemic to

It has also established roomtemperature and low-temperature germplasm banks, where over 3,500 copies of germplasm resources of more than 600 species of desert plants are effectively preserved on a longterm basis, Wang said.

Besides, 12 dedicated gardens (sections) have been built in the botanical garden for characteristic plants, including desert fruit trees grown for profit, wild ornamental plants that grow in desert, and rose willow, he added.

"Turpan Eremophyte Botanical Garden has the most desert plant resources under ex-situ conservation in China. In addition to sand-fixing plants, it also has medicinal plants. Since we have developed artificial breeding techniques, we don't need to dig wild plants, thus reducing desertification caused by medicinal herb digging," Wang

Since the preparations for its construction, the botanical garden has embarked on a development path highlighting the role of scientific research.

Several hundred species of desert plants have been brought to the botanical garden for breeding research and then sent to the front line of the prevention and control of desertification in northern China after selection and breeding.

In China's largest desert, the Taklimakan Desert, in Xinjiang,

sand-fixing plants, including rose willow, sacsaoul, and Calligonum mongolicum, grow along a highway that runs through the desert, effectively preventing sandstorms from damaging the road.

In 2005, the construction of a 436-kilometer-long green belt along the highway was completed, injecting vitality into the desert. All the plants used to green the highway, which is the world's longest desert-crossing highway, were selected from the Turpan Eremophyte Botanical Garden.

By developing resources of desert plants successfully introduced and cultivated, the botanical Garden has provided more than one million seedlings and over 50 tons of seeds of desert plants for the Three-North (i.e., Northeast China, North China and Northwest China) Shelterbelt Forest Program, sand prevention and control project, program for turning marginal farmland into forests and grasslands, as well as programs for shelterbelts along desert highways and construction of urban green space in arid regions, making active contributions to desertification control and the development of sand industry.

Researchers have also been engaged in gene research. "We can extract the genes for drought and salt tolerance of desert plants and use them in the cultivation of agricultural crops through gene-editing. We have already achieved success in this regard in research into cotton cultivation and have well applied relevant techniques in our experimental field," said Zhang Daoyuan, director of Turpan Eremophyte Botanical Garden.

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Mischa Ngoshani of FK Blue Marlins Swimming Club battles it out in the past event, which took

2022's FK Blue Marlins **Swimming Championships** set to involve 15 outfits

By Guardian Correspondent

FIFTEEN clubs will take part in the maiden FK Blue Marlins Swimming Club invitational gala scheduled for tomorrow and Sunday at the FK International Schools' swimming pool, Bahari Beach in Dar es Salaam.

The swimmers are representing clubs namely Dar es Salaam Swimming Club, Mwanza Swimming Club, Bluefins Club, Taliss-IST, Lake Swim Club, Champion Rise Club, and Arusha Swim Club.

Wahoo Zanzibar, MIS Piranhas, Braeburn Sharks, Pigec Swimming Club, Train 2 Gain Club, Milestone Swim Club, St Constantine International, and hosts, FK Blue Marlins, are other clubs.

Opalina Nanyaro, FK Blue Marlins team manager, said preparations for the event have reached culmination and swimmers will compete in 125 disciplines in the event.

The gala has been sponsored by and Medley). Shoppers Kahawa Cafe, Cool Blue, EFM, Doctors Plaza Polyclinic, PRO Fixers Tanzania, FK International Schools, Viscar Integrated Consulting (TZ) Limited, Coca Cola and GardaWorld.

swimmers are well as gauge the skills of others ahead of international competitions," Opalina disclosed.

She said the showdown will use world swimming governing body (FINA) rules and swimmers will contest according to

their age groups.

Opalina said there will be a Masters category for adult swimmers aged 25 and above.

She said medals will be handed over to the top three swimmers, whereby a gold medal will be awarded to the winner, a silver medal to the runner-up, and a bronze to the third-placed swimmer.

The official added that trophies will be presented to winners of various age groups, except for Masters' age group.

Medals will moreover be handed over to winning teams in relay events, but with no points to be given as all categories will be on heat-declared

According to Opalina, each swimmer can enter a maximum of six individual events and two relays and each club or school will field a maximum of two swimmers per event and there will be only one relay team per event (Freestyle

She said the swimmers will battle it out for medals in five styles, namely Backstroke, Butterfly, Breaststroke, and Individual Medley.

The swimmers will also compete in "The event aim to scout new talented the relay. The event will see the country's top-ranked swimmers facing challengers from other clubs in the country.

Opalina said the clubs are now in intensive training ahead of the event to be staged to promote the game in the

Dar tennis team finishes third in ITF/ **CAT East African** junior tournament

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA's national junior tennis team has ended third in the just ended ITF/CAT East African Junior Teams Championship which took place in

Twelve players who battled it out in U-12 and U-16 categories represented Tanzania in the showdown.

The national junior tennis team head coach, Salum Mwamvita, said he has been impressed with the performance of his players at the tournament which was held at IPRC Kigali and attracted seven countries from Zone 4.

The countries which competed in the event are Comoros, Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya, Burundi, Tanzania, and hosts

Rwanda was the tournament overall

winner while Kenya was runner-up. The players who represented Tanzania are Ally Hamis, Japhet Pancras, Hillary

Ndosi, Alice Kazomba, Irene Munishi, Rachael Ben, Nashe Singo, Ramadhan Waliwali, Rashid Ramadhan, Hassan Mfaume, Naitoti Singo and Aurellia

Mwamvita revealed: "So far so good... the two teams are looking sharp and all we need to do is to build on the performances they put in Kigali."

"We have young players who are very talented and I'm sure the future is very bright," he said.

Meanwhile, Mwamvita said four female players will represent Tanzania at the Tennis Third Cup which is scheduled for next month in Honduras.

He mentioned the quartet as Naitoti, Aurellia, Barbara Mollel, and Edna John while Rehema Athuman will serve as leader of the delegation and head coach.

The coach said the four are currently attending individual training at their respective clubs.

Will Iddi tolerate mischievous behaviour shown by players?

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimb

AST month former midfielder man Idd, popularly known as 'Chuji', was awarded a CAF Diploma D coaching certificate by the Tanzania Football Federation after he graduated the course, most people that had attended the ceremony smiled.

Life comes at you fast, Idd has today become a coach, life is moving fast. In the past few years, Iddi was on the pitch playing football. Now he has become a coach.

What kind of coach will he be? I do not know. The last memory of Iddi comes to mind when I remember the story of his verbal spat with his coach, Marcio Maximo, at the senior national team, 'Taifa Stars'.

There was an old picture showing Iddi talking to Maximo while they were on the 'Taifa Stars' bus at the airport in Ivory Coast, once the squad had battled it out in the 2009 African Nations Championship finals.

Iddi and fellow midfielder, Haruna Moshi 'Boban', separated themselves from the team after coach Maximo was outraged by their misconduct.

All the way they were isolated and hurled harsh words at the coach.

When they arrived at Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere International Airport in Dar es Salaam, Iddi and Moshi were the first to disembark and leave without following the procedure observed by other players. It was the beginning of Iddi's end in the Maximo squad.

In any case, Idd had clashed with Maximo over discipline, the latter was a strong coach in terms of discipline.

It is the same with many successful coaches in the world, discipline is the very first thing in a team.

It starts with the discipline



of the coach, then comes the discipline of all players and staff in the team.

This is where soccer lovers wait to see Iddi, finding out what kind of coach will he be in developing local football.

Before he gets on the football pitch and starts coaching, he ought to regret every act of indiscipline he had ever showcased as a player.

Even the Maximo incident ought to be re-evaluated and Iddi ought to tell football lovers if he was right or not.

Will he feel safe if some of his players do the same to him this time?

But will he also tolerate players with serious misconduct? Iddi was a midfield maestro, I think one can be a good player but he or she cannot be a good coach.

This is where soccer enthusiasts wait to see if he will change that sentiment.

Apart from coaching and disciplinary matters, there is something else that makes me happy.

When an individual gets older he or she tends to find new challenges because he or she is tired of doing the same thing for a long time. Life is moving fast and we should not fail to go with it in parallel.

The majority saw England forward Wayne Rooney take the pitch at the age of 16. It was his outfit Everton FC's clash against Arsenal. He scored

and he turned into the talk

of the town.

He later landed at Manchester United. He became one of the greatest stars, he later went to Everton FC, and went to the United States but is now a coach.

No wonder I will continue to be a football fan when his son, Kay, starts playing in the English Premier League. Time is moving fast for footballers.

And right here I remember Iddi again. Just yesterday he was a national squad star, today he is a coach.

It is a lesson for Simba's midfielder Jonas Mkude that football life is moving fast and footballers have to

They need to plan for earning more money so that they do not become victims of hopelessness in the future. There are some former

ventured into coaching, not by choice.

It is a source of livelihood because the streets should ask themselves, have been difficult.

for Iddi and several soccer old players are on the times.

players with similar traits because right now I think they are the ones who can reflect more on the opportunities they wasted while being great performers.

For example, one can hardly believe that this time Iddi decides to become a coach, while he never played professional football outside Tanzania.

Of all the current ingredients in the country's football no one has reached Iddi's class, foreign football players though might have reached his class.

None of the active local soccer players has reached Iddi's class, he knew how to hold the ball, dribble, and pass correctly, but more so his long passes, as well as the short passes, were well-executed.

A player like Iddi finished his football at the then National Stadium, now known as Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, in Dar es Salaam.

No one has ever seen him try his luck outside Tanzania. This is where the soccer star came to an end.

At least midfielder Novatus Dismas, now turning out for Israel's Beitar TA, is trying not to repeat the

Sometimes when one thinks of Iddi now trying his coaching job, he or she must remember how Iddi left football early, he is 34 years old according to the Wikipedia network.

He is already perceived as a former player but soccer followers should remember that in Februplayers I know who have ary this year Portuguese striker, Cristiano Ronaldo, turned 37.

> Football supporters how old is Zlatan Ibrahi-

Even though Ibrahimovic might have cheated by mentioning his age, there are still many players on the African continent that are issuing false details about their age but are playing for a long time.

I still believe that maybe Iddi would have been on the pitch for a long time if he had had good discipline off the pitch.

I believe that if he had left the country he would have played football for a long time.

In Europe and America, teams maintain the player's life. The sides value good grounds, good health, perfect exercises, as well as a good environ-

ment in general. I believe Mbwana Samatta can play football even when he turns 38, he has advanced his football days by going abroad.

He can leave Belgium for Saudi Arabia, then return to Africa to at least play for Black Leopards of South Africa.

He could probably return to Tanzania and join Mtibwa Sugar, that is what African players do.

Iddi, as is the case with Moshi, Shadrack Nsajigwa, and others, bowed out of football early because of the country's environ-

I believe they could have played longer if they had opted to play abroad.

At the moment local soccer fanatics can all but welcome Iddi who is now a football coach.

Football followers look forward to seeing what the former midfielder can do for the country in coaching and strengthening junior soccer players' discipline. It will be a little funny but Life has also gone faster movic? How many 34-year- that is the change of life at

Mara basketball association leaders vouch for strategic promotion drive

By Guardian Correspondent

MARA Regional Basketball Association (MARBA) leadership has revealed it is out to revive the game in

The Lake Zone region is home to a host of Tanzania's popular basketball players that have excelled in the national team and various local clubs including Dar es Salaam's ABC, JKT, Vijana, and Savio.

Thomas Kamsululu, Mohamed Majura, Peter Benjamin, Alex Mbuya, Godfrey Mringo, Samwel Mahesa, Masatu, Paschal, Norasco Method, and Edward Peter are some of the ballers hailing from Mara.

Alloyce Renatus, MARBA Chairman, stated one of the strategies rolled out by his association is to conduct basketball training programs across schools.

"We have already begun teaching this game to five primary schools and three secondary schools," Renatus noted.

The official pointed out that his association focuses on strategic priorities necessary to move the body forward to serve through 2021-2024.

Renatus noted the plan was created through a series of strategic focus groups which consisted of consultants, members of the management team, players' representatives, stakeholders, along with contributions from the old peers.

The official disclosed: "A critical goal in developing this plan was to



Unguja women basketball squad's Sabrina Abdallah (R) negotiates her way past Jessica Lenga of Dodoma when the squads locked horns in this season's National Basketball Tournament, known as 'CRDB Taifa Cup' at Chinangali courts in Dodoma last year. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

ensure the strategic priorities rics document that outlines varipresented herein are an accurate representation of the vision under which MARBA was founded as well."

According to the official, while the strategic priorities are accompanied by action, it is anticipated that improvements will occur during implementation.

To that end, and to ensure that progress is monitored, such a plan will, the official revealed, be amplified by a strategic plan met- and aspirations.

ous elements.

Renatus noted that MARBA's

mission statement is to establish the association as an innovative, highly respected, financially stable, and self-supporting body that is well managed.

The official disclosed the approach will in turn provide a high quality of basketball and the opportunity for clubs to participate following the individuals' ability

According to the official, the coveted regional league is expected to begin after a year calendar is handed over to the association by Tanzania Basketball Federation.

Renatus mentioned teams that will participate in the showdown as Mwembeni, Fox, Young Vita, Bunda Dribblers, North Mara Gold Mine, Mwembeni Queens, Tanesco Queens, and Young Vita Queens.

England's crypto club takes plunge into the unknown

By STEVE DOUGLAS

SO, an American consortium has bought an English soccer team with the ultimate aim of winning the Premier League title.

Nothing especially new there, right?

Well, when it comes to the recent purchase of Crawley Town, an unheralded club located 28 miles (44 kilometers) south of London, there's a huge catch.

"The Dallas Cowboys of the NFL are America's Team – no matter where you live in America, there are always Dallas Cowboy fans," said Preston Johnson, one of the businessmen fronting WAGMI United's acquisition of the team which plays in England's fourth division. "We want it to be wherever you live, if you have an internet connection, you are a Crawley Town FC supporter."

That's because WAGMI United is a group of investors pledging to "shake up the status quo" by using the world of cryptocurrency and "Web 3" technology to fuel the rise of a sports team.

Cryptocurrency is a kind of digital money – bitcoin is the best-known example – that use decentralized databases known as "blockchains" to record encrypted transactions. Web 3 is a trendy technology term used to describe an idealistic goal for a more democratic internet enabled by the growing use of blockchains and blockchain-based items such as nonfungible tokens, known as NFTs.

Cryptocurrency's rising popularity – and meteoric increase in value – has been viewed with widespread skepticism because it is unregulated, making it ripe for wide-eyed speculation among unsophisticated investors and market manipulation by scam artists.

By purchasing Crawley Town, WAGMI United is among about a dozen American owners in English soccer but the group is believed to be the first from the crypto space to buy an entire professional sports team.

"That crypto, NFT, Web 3 audience ... doesn't have a sports team yet," Johnson told The Associated Press on a video call. "We can give the internet a team ... it's Crawley Town FC.

Innovation is at the heart of what's being described by some as an "experiment" on a 126-year-old club that has an average attendance of about 2,200 spectators and a reach that barely extends outside Crawley - a town of 114,000 best known for being the home of Gatwick Airport and rock band the Cure. It's also where England national team coach Gareth Southgate grew up.

The soccer team made the headlines in 2011 when, as a non-league team, it was drawn to play Manchester United in one of the biggest mismatches in the history of the FA Cup. After a pre-match controversy involving a Crawley fan who mocked the plane crash that killed much of the Man United team in 1958, United won 1-0 in a game between two teams nicknamed the "Red Devils."

Among the ideas of WAGMI United, whose range of investors and advisors includes Philadelphia 76ers general manager Daryl Morey and entrepreneur Gary Vaynerchuk, is using the sale of NFTs to generate extra revenue streams and give buyers voting rights and the chance to have a say on some of the decisions made about the club.

Johnson, a former sports betting analyst, and Eben Smith, a former derivatives trader who is the co-founder of WAGMI United, are targeting promotion to the third division within two years. In order to have full accountability, they say if that objective is not achieved, fans will be able to vote for a change of directors from among the

For Johnson, the plan is to invest in analytics, sports science, sports psychology and nutrition to get an edge on opponents. He also spoke of setting up a fan council.

Using the crypto world to expand the fan base and give supporters – local or digital – a greater attachment to the club is at the heart of WAGMI United's vision, how-

"This whole Web 3 movement is just a matter of time and it's going to exist," Johnson said. "It will be a part of everything, whether it's sport, the music industry, entertainment, as well as art, which we've seen in the last

"I think it's here to stay and we want to be the ones to help bridge crypto and NFTs with sport."

The first NFT drop is scheduled to happen some time this month and Johnson - the face of WAGMI United, at least when comes to Crawley – spoke about "paying homage to some of the NFT historical art of the past" by putting one of those designs on the front of the shirt instead of a traditional sponsor.

Johnson has just moved from his home in southern California to Crawley and will be there practically full time through at least the summer to take a hands-on role. It's that kind of openness and engagement that has been welcomed by the club's fans, even if there were and likely still are – concerns about having owners from

crypto space, which remains a mystery to so many. What might also be alarming is the price of bitcoin, the best-known cryptocurrency, falling sharply since April.

"The word 'experiment' has been used quite a lot," said Sam Jordan, chairman of the Crawley Town Supporters Alliance, "and that does scare a lot of fans, to be honest. But if the experiment pays off, then fantastic.

"It could go one of two ways. It was always going to happen at some point to a football club. We are the chosen football club."

Jordan said "apprehension is slowly turning into cautious optimism" about the buyout, despite knowing little about NFTs and crypto.

However, he did call for "someone with football experience" to help the consortium run the club and for assurances about what happens if the crypto "dries up."

"Does the club get pulled," Jordan asked, "and we just drop back down like a ton of bricks?"

Johnson was eager to stress that WAGMI United acquired Crawley in cash and there was a requirement for the consortium to "overcapitalize," covering expected losses for the next two years.

Amid Haaland hype, De Bruyne shows why he is Man City's key cog in Premier League title race

WOLVERHAMPTON, England

Нааland hasn't even officially signed yet, but Kevin De Bruyne wasted no time in reminding everyone that he is still the main man at Manchester City.

A little over 24 hours after the club announced they had agreed a deal with Borussia Dortmund to trigger the Norwegian striker's €60 million release clause, De Bruyne scored four times in an hour at Molineux. City's 5-1 win over Wolverhampton Wanderers on Wednesday keeps Liverpool at arm's length in the title race and means Pep Guardiola's side need just four points from their final two games to be sure of the trophy.

They travel to West Ham United this weekend, while Liverpool face Chelsea in the FA Cup final, and by the time Jurgen Klopp's team play again in the Premier League, they could be six points adrift and with an inferior goal difference. Guardiola won't admit it but it's time to put the champagne on ice after a sparkling performance from De Bruyne.

"What can I say?" said Guardiola when asked about De Bruyne's performance. "I am very pleased for him, scoring four goals in the decisive part of the league. I'm so pleased for the performance and the



right, after scoring his fourth goal during the English Premier League soccer match between Wolverhampton Wanderers and Manchester City at Molineux stadium in Wolverhampton, England, Wednesday, May 11, 2022. (AP Photo)

result and the goals.

"We could have scored much, much more. It was a brilliant performance from all the players. All of them. Important victory. We need four more points to be champions and we will try and reach the first three on Sunday.

"It was important to arrive in the last two games with it in our hands. We still have a job to do, Liver-

pool is going to do the six points, 100%, so we have to do our four.'

Haaland has got everyone talking about how good City could become in the future, but the present isn't bad either. Central to that is De Bruyne, who dismantled Wolves in a blistering display that will have had Klopp and his Liverpool players turning

ing last December, has pub-

licly questioned Bielsa's

training methods, com-

plained about American

coaches being compared

to comedy character Ted

Lasso and, prior to this

game, admitted to motivat-

ing his players with quotes

by historical figures includ-

ing Mahatma Gandhi and

In response, one Eng-

lish newspaper compared

Marsch to David Brent, the

Mother Teresa.

half an hour was on the clock. His first was a crisp finish with his left foot that skidded Jose Sa and into the far corner. His second hit the roof of the net after he followed in his own pass that nearly set up a chance

for Raheem Sterling. It was his third that was the best of the lot, with him squeezing between two Wolves defenders 25 yards from goal before skipping

forward and arrowing an- "The second part of the other left-foot strike into the bottom corner before a fourth from close range in the second half. His first three goals all came within 24 minutes of kick-off to make it the third fastest hat trick from the start of the game after Sadio Mane in 2015 and Dwight Yorke in

On completing his hat trick, De Bruyne -- who also hit the post -- raced over to the City fans in the corner and replicated Haaland's meditation goal celebra-

The 21-year-old's impending arrival might have a few City attackers worried for their place, but the Belgian midfielder won't be one of them. He's now got 19 goals in all competitions, his best return for a single season. He will be expected to lay on plenty of goals for Haaland next season, but he's found his own shooting boots at the right time this season.

Since the beginning of March, he's found the net 11 times to help City close in on a fourth title in five vears. Haaland will arrive at the Etihad Stadium in the summer keen to fulfil his undoubted promise and become one of the best players in the world. De Bruyne, though, is already there.

"I am disappointed for him because he missed the fifth goal and hit the post," Guardiola said jokingly.

league was beyond perfect.

"He is so generous he has the sense to make an assist, but this season he also has the sense to score goals. He has been scoring decisive goals, against Chelsea, Liverpool and Real Madrid.

"We spoke during the years, you have to arrive to the box, to be close to the box and to score. This is the year he has done better and better. I have the feeling now he is starting to enjoy scoring goals."

Since the heartbreaking Champions League defeat to Real Madrid, City have responded with two wins from two, 10 goals scored and one conceded.

For Guardiola, the only downside was watching his injury problems at the back worsen after Aymeric Laporte and Fernandinho were both forced off in the second half. Kyle Walker, Ruben Dias and John Stones have already been ruled out for the final two games against West Ham, and Aston Villa and City ended the game at Molineux with Rodri and a half-fit Nathan Ake at centre-back.

Guardiola said afterward it will be "difficult" for either Laporte or Fernandinho to be fit to face West Ham on Sunday, but while City might be limping toward the finish line, another Premier League title is in sight.

ESPN

Jesse Marsch's hopes of rescuing Leeds are unraveling after brutal Chelsea loss

JESSE Marsch walked into an impossible job when he became Leeds United manager at the end of February -- he just didn't know it at the time. But as Chelsea sent his team closer to relegation from the Premier League with a 3-0 win at Elland Road on Wednesday, the brutal reality of the challenge that Marsch accepted has surely set in.

Despite having an FA Cup final against Liverpool to play on Saturday, less than 72 hours after kick-off in this game, Chelsea were but we have to stay within still too strong for Marsch's wilting side as goals from Mason Mount, Christian Pulisic and Romelu Lukaku ended a threegame winless streak and edged Thomas Tuchel's team to the brink of Champions League qualification.

For Leeds, though, this was another damaging blow. They have now lost three on the bounce, conceding 9 goals along the way, and it won't get any easier: the first-half red card earned by Dan James for a shocking tackle on Mateo Kovacic means Leeds' £25 million recordsigning will be suspended for the remaining games of the season. James will join Luke Ayling on the clearly already set in, banned list, with the defender picking up a threematch ban for his own red card at Arsenal on Sunday.

"Two tackles in the last two games that are a little bit crossing the line and hurting the team," Marsch said. "I'm not going to blame or finger-point any of our players, they've months in his post as RB



boundaries in not jeopardising ourselves."

Throughout their recent tailspin, which has sent Leeds into the bottom three, Marsch has watched on from the sidelines, unable to stem the tide.

Leeds, promoted back to the top-flight in 2020 under Marcelo Bielsa after a 16-year absence, have been unravelling for much longer than Marsch has been in his position at the club. Bielsa was fired on Feb. 27 after a run of nine defeats 12 games, with his team's defensive inadequacies exposed by conceding 14 goals in his final three games in charge.

But while the rot had Marsch has seen his chances of halting Leeds' slide hit by injuries to key players, indiscipline and his unhelpful habit of saying the wrong thing at the wrong time.

The former York Red Bulls coach, who lasted less than six given everything they can, Leipzig coach before leavfrom The Office, while Ted of 11 points from 11 games is ers this season is a Premier Lasso began to trend on better than that of his pre- League record -- they have Twitter in the UK as Chelsea began to overrun Leeds on Wednesday.

It is unfair to use the Lasso comparison on Marsch, a coach who built a strong reputation during his two-year stint as FC Salzburg coach, but with Bob Bradley also suffering from ridicule during his brief -and unsuccessful -- spell in charge of Swansea City in 2016, Marsch's difficulties at Leeds are unlikely to help other American coaches land a Premier League job anytime soon.

But although he walked into a much tougher job than he could have imagined when agreeing to replace Bielsa, Marsch could have done better with Leeds.

They were 16th in the table when he arrived, two points above the bottom three, with Everton and Burnley both beneath them. Bielsa had taken 23 points from 26 games, but

Ricky Gervais character although Marsch's return cards issued to Leeds playdecessor, it is not enough to suggest he has made a meaningful difference.

"None of us have lived this," Marsch said. "In big games we make the exact same mistakes."

When Marsch walked through the door at Elland Road. Newcastle were two points ahead of Leeds. They are now 9 points clear of Leeds and safe from relegation thanks to the impact made by Eddie Howe since his midseason

Only bottom team Norwich, with 78 goals allowed, have conceded more than the 77 shipped by Leeds. Meanwhile the 97 yellow

hit 100 cards when you count the three reds they have received.

appointment as manager.

Under Marsch, Leeds have shown glimpses of a revival -- fighting back from 2-0 to win 3-2 at Wolves in March was a highpoint -but it has generally been the same story as under Bielsa in terms of too many bookings and too many goals conceded.

With two games left to play, at home to Brighton and away at Brentford, Leeds can still escape the relegation zone with Burnley on the same number of points and Everton only

two points clear. But Leeds have to show they can escape their nightmare, without key players and with a coach who is still struggling to get to grips with the Premier League. It's not a good combination.

"I believe we can still fight for every point left," Marsch said. "Until the red card there were a lot of good things. But now, our focus is totally on recovering and preparing for Sunday. We have six points to play for and we have to do everything we can to get them."

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Heat roll past 76ers 120-85 in

Game 5, take

3-2 series lead

SHOTS fell again for the Miami Heat. They kept Joel Embiid and James Harden in check. Their coach got an in-game massage from DJ Khaled. Yes, really.

It was that sort of night for the Heat, who – even without everyone getting shoulder rubs – are feeling pretty good about their playoff prospects again.

Jimmy Butler scored 23 points, Max Strus added 19 points and 10 rebounds, and the Heat moved one win away from a trip to the Eastern Conference finals by topping the Philadelphia 76ers 120-85 on Tuesday.

The 35-point margin of victory matched the biggest so far in this year's playoffs – Philadelphia beat Toronto by 35 in the series-clincher of that first-round matchup – and matched the second-largest in Heat postseason history.

"They were just more physical," 76ers coach Doc Rivers said. "We didn't run anything. We didn't run our stuff very well. We played at a snail's pace ... everything they did tonight was harder and better. Their stuff was better, their energy was better."

Victor Oladipo scored 13 for Miami, which got 12 from Bam Adebayo and 10 apiece from Tyler Herro and P.J. Tucker. The top-seeded Heat now lead the East semifinal series 3-2, and improved to an NBA-best 6-0 at home in these playoffs.

Joel Embiid scored 17 points for fourth-seeded Philadelphia, which got 14 from James Harden and 12 from Tobias Harris. The 76ers were down by 15 going into the fourth quarter, then gave up 12 consecutive points to open the period.

"Tonight, we weren't focused enough," Embiid said. Game 6 is in Philadelphia on Thursday, win-or-else for the 76ers, a chance to move on for the Heat.

"We're capable of it, if we get some stops," Butler said. "It's a hard place to play."

So is Miami.

Tyrese Maxey made a deep 3-pointer with 1.5 seconds left in the third to pull Philadelphia within 81-66. Whatever hope remained for the 76ers in that moment was short-lived.

A jumper from Herro and then five straight points from Strus were the start of Miami's game-sealing flurry that opened the fourth. A three-point play from Adebayo pushed the lead to 25, at which point Embiid checked out with the outcome clearly no longer in

"It's just one game," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "They know it. We know it."

It was a tough night all the way around for the Sixers, especially for Embiid – their best player, already wearing a mask to protect a facial fracture and dealing with a significant thumb injury.

Embiid got shaken up in the first quarter when he tried to dive into some baseline seats while attempting to save a loose ball. He doubled over shortly afterward, grabbing at his back.

Simba SC urged to keep on fighting despite experiencing injury crisis



NBC Premier League match against Ruvu Shooting played in Dar es Salaam on Sunday.

pile-up after midfielder, Jonas defensive midfield partnership Mkude, was forced off in the of Mkude and Kanoute will feature again this season.

Speaking in a post-match conference after Wednesday's night It is unclear whether the usual 2-0 victory over Kagera Sugar,

injury list amidst a tough run but insisted his players have to keep fighting.

The tactician noted: "It was a nice first half where we controlled the game the way we wanted. On the goals, we attacked the spaces and created the spaces we knew we could create. We understood the situation very well."

Martin stated: "We scored two goals but we could have scored two or three more but in the second half it is true also because of the tiredness we have, the games we are accumulating we decided to change a little bit the plan at least in defense to control the game in the middle block."

"We also knew we needed to keep the ball or at least to take advantage of the spaces they were going to leave in the counter-attacks.

"Our decision-making was not good, we were not fresh enough to play the way we wanted at least on the ball. We indeed felt more or less

Martin bemoaned the long uncomfortable in defending even if we were dominating."

> Martin noted: "They dominated the second half, it wasn't the second half I expected to play. I wanted to play much better and score more goals but they also play and they are a good team. You can see there is work done in Kagera Sugar."

> "I congratulate my players for another three points and to chin up and continue to fight for every single point."

> "It is not only a defensive midfielder but we are also missing probably our most decisive attacking players for the last few games."

"We are also missing some other important players... the injury list is long and this is what happened in the last weeks.'

"We cannot complain, we have to continue playing but it is tough to play with the same players every three days when the opponents always have much more time to prepare," the tactician said.

East and Central Africa Junior Athletics Championships postponed indefinitely

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

IMBA SC head coach Pab-

lo Franco Martin says he

would not use injuries as

an excuse, insisting the

club's status meant they were still

Midfielders Hassan Dilunga, Saido

Kanoute, Taddeo Lwanga, and

Clatous Chama are just a handful

of star names currently unavailable

Dilunga has been ruled out for

Simba SC was left bemoaning yet

another addition to their injury

the remainder of the current season

expected to fight.

for selection in the side.

due to a long-term injury.

THE East and Central Africa Junior Athletics Championships (EAAR), which were to begin at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Friday, have been postponed indefinitely.

Athletics Tanzania (AT) president Silas Isangi said the association decided to postpone the championships as the main sponsors, World Athletics (WA), did not release the money for the championships.

He, however, stopped short of mentioning the amount WA was to release for the two-day championships.

This is the second time that the EAAR Championships are postponed, the first was in April this year.

In the previous interview AT information officer, Rogath Stephen told The Guardian that the association needs more than 80m/- to successfully host

The official pointed Friday postponed."

the championships.

Isangi said AT through its secretariat has communicated to all EAAR member to postpone them as our main held in 2017 in Arusha. states and stakeholders about the postponement.

out: "Indeed, the EAAR Championships which were to take place on (today) and Mkapa Stadium have been



Junior runners participate in the recent East and Central Africa Junior Athletics Championships which took place in Dar es Salaam.

sponsor, WA, did not release the funding," he said.

He said once either the AT financial situation normalizes or WA and other stakeholders release the funds, the AT and EAAR secretariat will announce Saturday at Benjamin new dates for the championships.

The EAAR Championships were to happen after five years of "We had no choice but absence, the showdown was last

However, the postponement does not come as a surprise to many athletics fanatics as, up to Wednesday, AT had not unveiled the athletes to represent the country at the championships and coach for the team.

In an interview on Tuesday, Isangi said AT is banking on athletes who competed at Tulia Marathon in Mbeya to represent

the country at the EAAR Championships.

"We will on Wednesday unveil the U-17 and U-20 athletes which will represent the country and their coach, but the team will be made up of athletes who competed at the just ended Tulia Marathon,"

The AT leadership recently said it has put more emphasis on youth athletics as it is the only sure way

of having a new crop of athletes.

One of the association's officials disclosed: "We want athletics to grow in the country, we have put many measures which will see our young athletes graduate to the senior team after going through all the developmental structures."

"Currently, we are working closely with schools and centers which train athletics," the official

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